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City of Lake Park Regular Meeting  
August 3rd, 2021  
6:00 PM

#### Agenda

Minutes – July 6 Regular Meeting, July 15 Call Meeting, and July 26 Work Session

Financials – July

Citizens' Concerns

Department Report Updates

Fire  
Maintenance  
Police

Zoning Ordinance Update

Cemetery Update – tree trimming quotes

Payroll Review

Golf Cart Path

Railroad Crossing

308 W Marion Ave driveway

2021 Millage Rate Discussion

Executive/Admin Reports

Upcoming dates to remember:

Tuesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM  
Friday August 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> GMA Convention Savannah  
Monday August 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> City Lake Park Qualifying Dates  
Tuesday August 17<sup>th</sup> – Lake Park Municipal Court @ 6:00 PM  
Monday August 30<sup>th</sup> – Work Session @ 6:00 PM

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Mayor Pro Tem Ronald Carter welcomed everyone then gave an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present for the meeting were as follows; Mayor Pro Tem Ronald Carter, Council Members Tom Barr, Carl Taylor, and June Yeomans. Also present were Attorney Rob Plumb, Police Chief David Kinsey, and Fire Chief David Brown, Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Patterson, Clerk Tabatha Fowler, and residents.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter called for review of the minutes from July 6 Regular Meeting, July 15 Call Meeting, and July 26 Work Session. Member Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Member Barr second, all in favor motion passed. Council noted that the July 26 28<sup>th</sup> Work Session was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Pro Tem Carter called for review of the July financials. Member Barr asked that all department heads should double check their budget percentages used and remaining. Council noted that the July 4<sup>th</sup> expense line needed correction, year to date expenses recorded to account code 531235 instead of 53124. Clerk Fowler stated she would get that corrected. Member Barr made a motion to approve the financials as presented, Member Yeomans second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter called for Citizens' Concerns, there were none.

Pro Tem Carter called for department report updates. Member Barr stated Council would like to commend Billy Jones for his hard work and dedication over the past 11 weeks. He worked hard to keep the city up and running and did a great job.

Fire Chief David Brown came forward to give his report which consisted of a report of fire calls, station needs, vehicle needs, grants, and 2022 budget suggestions. Chief Brown also asked for approval to attend a Fire Academy class in Savannah. Council requested quotes/estimates for upgrades to tanker 2 for the work session. After discussion, Member Barr made a motion to authorize Chief Brown to attend the Fire Academy training, Member Yeomans second, all in favor motion passed. Council also approved the sole bid for the fire department bay doors of \$300.

Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Patterson came forward to give his report. He stated he wanted to thank Mr. Billy and Fire Chief Brown for all their work in taking care of the city in his absence.

Police Chief David Kinsey came forward to give his report which included their calls for service, weapon needs, current weapons, and in car video and body worn cameras from Motorola. After discussion Member Taylor made a motion to approve the purchase of the 4 in car video and body worn cameras from Motorola in the amount of \$15,737 payable up front and \$10,272 annually for the next 4 years, to be paid from SPLOST VIII, Member Yeomans second, all in favor motion passed. Member Taylor then made a motion to approve the purchase of 7 - 9mm duty weapons, Glock 17 w/ night sight for a total (after sell of current weapons) of \$1,382 to be paid from SPLOST VIII, Member Barr second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter called for review of the Zoning Ordinance text update. Attorney advised that no advertisement was needed. Council would need to have their first reading of the changes and then they could vote on those changes at the next Regular Meeting.

Pro Tem Carter called for the Cemetery update. Council asked that Clerk contact surveyor for an update and asked that it be available for the Work Session. They requested at least a property line to go by so that the city can begin lining up work to be done at the cemetery.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter called for payroll review. Member Barr made a motion to approve a 2 1/2 percent raise across the board, full time, part time, and fire chief to be effective June 1, 2021. Department heads Fowler, Kinsey, and Patterson's will not go into effect until after employee reviews are complete with Mayor/Mayor Pro Tem, and at least one Council Member. Member Yeomans second the motion, all in favor motion passed.

Member Barr went on to make a motion to authorize COVID 19 relief payments of \$1,000 (grossed up) to all full time essential employees and \$200 (gross up) to all part time employees and fire volunteers, to be paid from the first payment of the COVID 19 ARAP funds. Member Yeomans second the motion, all in favor motion passed.

Golf Cart Path - postponed to August 30<sup>th</sup> Work Session

Railroad Crossing - - postponed to August 30th Work Session

Pro Tem Carter called for review of 308 W Marion Ave driveway. Attorney Plumb advised that it seemed to be the responsibility of the property owner. After discussion, Council asked that Maintenance Supervisor Patterson gather some quotes on replacing the current culvert drain with a larger one and bring to Council at the Work Session.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter called for 2021 millage rate discussion. Clerk Fowler advised that Lowndes County Tax Commissioners office recommend a 7.5040 rollback millage rate. Member Barr questioned why Lake Park's property values decreased when no other cities did, he questioned if it could be an error in numbers. Clerk was asked to contact tax office and report back to Council at the Call Meeting that will be held to adopt the 2021 millage rate. Date of meeting will be set once information is obtained from tax office.

Pro Tem Carter called for Executive/Admin Reports

Member Taylor stated that he would like Council to consider outsourcing the city Marshall services to Valdosta. Attorney Plumb was asked to draw up an agreement and present to Council.

Member Barr asked if we had any updates on the CBDG project from Arrow Engineering or South Georgia Regional Commission's Mike Jacobs. Clerk was asked to contact them and get any update and find out if the meeting to discuss the project cost would be rescheduled.

Julie Wilbers, EMA Liaison, came forward to give an update on Tropical Storm Elsa.

Clerk Fowler asked for Council to consider closing City Hall for the week of August 9-13 due to both Clerks having online training with Tyler Technology. Fowler explained that the part time clerk assistant was not available due to COVID and that this training was the last crucial training before the entire software goes live. Member Barr made a motion to approve city hall to be closed to the public for training purposes for August 9-13, Member Taylor second, all in favor motion passed.

Being no further business, Member Taylor made a motion to adjourn, Member Barr second, all in favor motion passed.

Read & approved

Jabatha Fowler

Date

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