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City of Lake Park Regular Meeting
February 2, 2021
6:00 PM
Agenda

Minutes – January 5th Regular Meeting, and January 25th Work Session

Financials – January

Citizens' Concerns

Department Report Updates

Fire
Maintenance
Police

Grand Oak Village Streets

Tom's Pond contract

Tom's Pond Recreation Project

Fountain
Jail Repair
Future parking

Original Intent Charter – Elections

Council & Mayor Compensation

Street Light – Futch

Erosion Inspections for Lake Park

Water Rates

Zoning Ordinance update discussion

Time Clock

Vacation/Sick Pay

Office Flooring

Cemetery Update- Reimbursement to payroll, signage, private section

Tyler Technology Update

Executive/Admin Reports

Upcoming dates to remember:

Tuesday February 16 Lake Park Municipal Court @ 6
Monday February 22 Work Session
Friday February 26 Safety Meeting

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Mayor Keith Sandlin welcomed everyone then gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor called for review of the minutes of the January 5th Regular Meeting, and January 25th Work Session. Member Carter made a motion to approve the minutes, Member Taylor seconded, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor Sandlin called for review of the financials of January 2021. Member Carter made a motion to approve, Member Barr second, all in favor motion passed.

Citizens' Concerns

Sam Spano Troop 416 came forward to ask for permission to do a project for the community playground. Council agreed to allow him to do the project.

Mrs. Debora, 3721 Tree Circle Valdosta, came forward along with 2 others to ask Council about a recent cat complaint. Mrs. Debora stated that they have worked hard to catch the cats, have had them spayed and neutered and said that they are not a nuisance to the community. Misty Melton, 120 N Lawrence St. Lake Park, further stated that they are living in the shed behind her home and they don't bother anyone. To begin with there were about 30 cats and now there are only about 12-15. Mrs. Debora stated that they had a lot of time and money invested in the cats and she doesn't think they are a nuisance at all. Mayor stated they had received complaints about them and if they continue to roam around and cause issues they will be trapped and taken off.

Mayor called for department reports and/or updates.

Police Chief David Kinsey came forward and reported an update to his department. He went on to ask for permission to make a donation to the Valdosta Lowndes Rotary's Annual LEAD Dinner. He stated that they would not be holding a dinner this year but they are still accepting donations. After discussion Member Barr made a motion to allow Chief Kinsey to make a \$500 donation to be paid for from his department budget, Member Yeomans sec, all in favor motion passed.

Member Taylor asked for an update on the recording of police time through patrol log in, and asked about the officers protective vests. Chief Kinsey stated that he is trying to get an answer on the log information from the county for this officers and that someone will be coming to city hall for measurements of the officers.

Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Patterson came forward to give his update. Council reviewed the bids submitted to equip new truck with lights and decals, one from McLaggan Communications for \$2886 and one from MCA Mobile Communications for \$2620. After discussing Council agreed to go with the business from Hahira verses the business that is operated out of Albany. Member Barr made a motion to accept the bid from McLaggan Communications and Radar Services for \$2886, Member Taylor second, all in favor motion passed.

Patterson also asked if Council would review the electrical bids for the generator from a few months ago. Council agreed to put it on the work session agenda.

Mayor Sandlin called for review of the Grand Oak Village Streets. Mayor asked that Clerk send a letter to Mike Killeen stating what the city expected to be completed for the city to accept the streets. No action taken.

Mayor called for review of the Tom's Pond contract. No action taken.

Mayor Sandlin called for review of the Tom's Pond Recreation Project ideas. Mayor first asked for a consensus from Council regarding the purchase of a fountain for Tom's Pond. Member Taylor stated he had some apprehension about purchases a fountain for the pond but would be open to reviewing quotes or bids. Member Carter stated that he believed that the Veteran's Memorial project should be completed first. Mayor said that since he had property adjoining and may be construed as a conflict of interest, he would like to appoint June Yeomans to handle gathering information and quotes on the fountain to bring back to Council. No action taken.

Mayor said that the old Jail building was in need of some repairs to the roof. There was discussion on the building possibly being a historical building. Mayor asked for Patterson to check with historical society and then get some bids on repairing the roof.

Mayor Sandlin stated that Council needed to be thinking about future parking possibilities for the pond when GDOT gets the road widened. They may have to consider moving some of the posts at the pond. No action taken.

Mayor called for review of the Original Intent Charter Elections. He stated he would like to see that the Council goes back to the same election cycle as before where all of Council and Mayor were on 2 year terms. He said that he has been approached by several citizens who say they believe it should go back to that. He encouraged council to meet and speak with people in the community and gather feedback to bring back to discuss. No action taken.

Mayor Sandlin called for review of Council & Mayor Compensation. Mayor stated that he would like Council to consider doubling the current pay. No action taken.

Mayor called for review of street light for Futch property. No action taken.

Mayor Sandlin called for review of Erosion Inspections for Lake Park. Clerk Fowler said she did not have any update to report. No action taken.

Mayor called for review of the water rates. Mayor called for a consensus from the Council as to who was for increasing water rates, 3 to 1 was in favor. Council discussed options of increases including what was proposed during the Georgia Rural Water plan. Council agreed to discuss further at the next work session.

Mayor Sandlin called for review of the Zoning Ordinance update. Council decided to hold off until Lowndes County completed their update.

Mayor called for review of the time clock. Member Barr made a motion to purchase a time clock, Member Taylor second, Members Carter and Yeomans opposed. Mayor declined to vote to split the tie, motion died.

Mayor Sandlin called for review of the Vacation/Sick time policy. Council agreed to discuss further at the next work session. No action taken.

Mayor called for review of the bid for office flooring. Council requested Clerk Fowler to contact flooring business and get a professional quote and from that establish a spec sheet so that the job could be quoted alike. No action taken.

Mayor Sandlin called for review of the Cemetery update, reimbursement to payroll, signage, and private section. After discussing, Member Taylor made a motion to have cemetery surveyed, Member Carter second, all in favor motion passed. Mayor asked that Clerk Fowler contact all Cemetery Committee members.

Mayor called for review of the Tyler Technology software. No action taken.

Mayor Sandlin called for review of Executive/Admin reports

Member Barr advised that he had met with Blanton and Griffin Insurance representative Jack Henry to review the city's renewal. After reviewing coverages, Member Barr stated that city may

want to increase coverage in some areas but for now he recommended to renew and make any needed changes later. Member Barr made a motion to accept the insurance renewal for \$20,506, Member Carter second, all in favor motion passed.

Member Taylor asked about the Veterans Memorial being an eligible project for the LMIG. Clerk Fowler stated that she had not gotten a confirmation on that information. No action taken.

Member Taylor stated they have made contact with Northern Southern about a possible golf cart path. No action taken.

Member Taylor stated that there seems to be a problem with the permitting process. There were a number of permits issued through Valdosta for city properties that were not initiated with the city as they are supposed to be. Mayor suggested that Member Taylor meet with Rick Medford to discuss. No action taken.

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

Read & approved Jakatha Fowler Date 3-2-21

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