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City of Lake Park Work Session  
January 25, 2021  
6:00 PM

Agenda

Department Report

Fire Department

Maintenance Department - quotes for installation of lights, decals and misc. for new vehicle, quote and plan for running water to new house being built on Essa Street, trimming of tree on Island Drive

Police Department - quotes for installation of lights, decals and misc. for new vehicle, update on print outs of officers time sheets

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:

Friday January 29 Safety Meeting @ 12  
Tuesday February 2 Regular Meeting @ 6  
Tuesday February 16 Lake Park Municipal Court @ 6  
Monday February 22 Work Session

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Mayor Keith Sandlin called the work session to order. Those present were as follows; Mayor Sandlin, Mayor Pro Tem Ronald Carter, Council Members Tom Barr, Carl Taylor, and June Yeomans. Also present was Attorney Rob Plumb and Clerk Tabatha Fowler.

Mayor called on Bill Powell, Georgia Rural Water, to come forward to present the business plan for the City of Lake Park water department. Mr. Powell reviewed the plan that he had presented in November and explained that there were some changes due to the updated consumption report he received last week. Given the change in consumption, he stated that the water rate schedule would need to be increased. He proposed that Council consider implementing his previous rate increase and revisit the additional increase next year. He further explained that these increases are extremely important for the water department to be able to operate effectively and be sustainable. No action taken at this time.

Mayor Sandlin called for department reports;

Fire Chief David Brown came forward to give his monthly fire report. No action taken.

Maintenance report was reviewed and discussed. Member Barr asked about the tree limbs on Island Street. No action taken.

Police report was reviewed and discussed. No action taken.

Mayor called for review of the Grand Oak Village Streets. Mike Killeen was unable to attend. No action taken at this time.

Mayor Sandlin called for Tom's Pond contract review. Member Taylor stated that as previously discussed the city should have some sort of contract for services to Tom's Pond. No action taken.

Mayor called for review of Tom's Pond Recreation Project.

Mayor stated that he would like to see the city install a fountain in Tom's Pond. He stated he would gather more information and will pass it out among the Council soon. He stated that the fountain could be installed and all they would have to do is wire it into a panel box possibly located at the jail. He said the cost would be approximately \$15,000 and he was advised by Clerk Fowler that the purchase could be made with SPLOST recreation project funds. No action taken.

Mayor stated that the jail is in need of repair and he would like to see the city have those repairs made. No action taken.

Mayor stated that the city needed to prepare for future parking at Tom's Pond. He explained that when the DOT completes the road project along the pond, there will be a need to provide parking for the pond, possibly on South Railroad. No action taken.

Mayor Sandlin called for review of the Original Intent Charter Elections. He stated he would like for the Mayor and Council to go back to 2 year terms and to be elected at the same time. No action taken.

Mayor called for review of the Council & Mayor Compensation. He stated that he would like for Council to consider increasing the Mayor and Council monthly compensation. No action taken.

Mayor Sandlin called for review of the street light installation that was requested by Ben Futch. No action taken.

Mayor called for review of Erosion Inspections for Lake Park. No action taken.

Mayor Sandlin stated water rates had already been covered. No action taken.

Mayor called for review of the Zoning Ordinance update. Member Yeomans stated that she was told that the county was currently reviewing their zoning around Long Pond. After discussing, Council agreed to postpone until Lowndes County completed their update.

Mayor Sandlin called for review of the employee time clock. Member Yeomans stated that she had spoken to Hahira and they do not use a time clock. Member Barr stated that none of the employees wanted the time clock but he still felt that it was a good tool to have for the city. No action taken.

Mayor called for review of the Vacation/Sick Pay. No action taken.

Mayor Sandlin called for review of the office flooring. Clerk Fowler stated that they had someone to come in and give a quote for the flooring but she was not able to locate it before the meeting. Member Taylor stated that Steve Hall would be contacting city hall within a few days to set up a time to come and give a quote as well. No action taken.

Mayor called for review of the Cemetery update. Member Taylor stated that he passed out some notes of items that need to be addressed to the Cemetery Committee. No action taken

Mayor Sandlin called for review of the Tyler Technology Update. Clerk Fowler stated that the city is now in live mode for all financials, payroll, and accounts payable. They are currently working on setting up training schedule for utility billing and the court system. No action taken.

#### Executive/Admin Reports

Member Taylor and Member Barr stated that the city is continuing to have trouble with building permits being issued by the City of Valdosta without Lake Park's knowledge. He stated that a recent review of permits issued for the city far outweighed the documented permit applications that were on hand with Lake Park. They suggested further review of the agreement for permitting with Valdosta.

Member Taylor stated that the city may want to consider outsourcing code enforcement.

Member Barr stated that he and Member Taylor had sent a proposal to Mr. Miller with CSX regarding the possible golf cart track and crossing.

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Being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Read & approved                     *Johanna Fowler*                     Date                     2-2-21