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City of Lake Park Regular Meeting
October 5, 2021
6:00 PM

Agenda

Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinance Text Update

Minutes – September 9th Regular Meeting, September 27th Call Meeting and Work Session

Financials – September

Citizens' Concerns

Department Report Updates

Fire

Maintenance

Police – tag reader

Service Delivery Agreement

Zoning Ordinance Text Update

Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment

MPO Citizens Advisory Committee Lake Park Representative Appointment

Main Street Light request – Dorothy Stewart

Ditch clean out

2022 LMIG Grant Project

Halloween Observance

Christmas Event

Executive/Admin Reports

Upcoming dates to remember:

Tuesday October 19th – Lake Park Municipal Court @ 6:00 PM

Monday October 25th – Work Session @ 6:00 PM

Tuesday November 2nd – Election Day

Tuesday November 2nd – Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM

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Mayor Pro Tem Ronald Carter welcomed everyone, 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, Fire Chief David Brown, Clerk Tabatha Fowler, and residents.

Pro Tem Carter opened the public hearing at 6:00 PM to review the Zoning Ordinance Text Update. He asked if there were anyone present to speak in favor or opposition of the text changes. Clerk Fowler stated that Council Member Yeomans requested that a duplicate sentence on page 4 section 2 definitions be removed. There were none, Public Hearing closed at 6:04 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter called for review of the minutes from September 9th Regular Meeting, September 27th Call Meeting and Work Session. Member Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Member Yeomans second, all in favor motion passed.

Pro Tem Carter called for review of the September financials. Member Taylor stated that due to an error he just received the financials and had not had time to review therefore didn't want to vote on the financials at this time. Member Barr stated that there had been a date error on the expense report but he had looked over the revision and felt as though they could vote on it. Member Barr made a motion to approve the financials as presented, Member Yeomans second, Member Taylor opposed, motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter called for Citizens' Concerns.

Ronnie Sauls – 1100 W Marion Ave – came to Council to ask why the Clerk refuses to give him a permit for an outbuilding. He further stated he was told that he could not have any more outbuildings because of the zoning. Clerk Fowler and Attorney Plumb addressed Mr. Sauls.

Ralph Romero – 305 East St – came forward to introduce himself as a candidate running for Council in November.

Oscar Griffith – 824 Sand Crane - came forward to introduce himself as a candidate running for Council in November.

Member Barr asked Mayor Pro Tem Carter if he could make a motion to move the Cemetery agenda item to be covered next, Carter agreed, Member Taylor second, all in favor motion passed.

Member Taylor began the Cemetery discussion and had distributed the information packets to those Cemetery Committee Members in attendance. He along with Attorney Plumb advised Council of the process being taken to correct some issues at the Cemetery regarding boundary lines, fencing, dangerous trees and tree limbs, and new signage. Member Taylor called on Carson McLane, Cemetery Committee Chairman, to give his thoughts. McLane stated he appreciated Council for their efforts in trying to straighten out the issues in the Cemetery. No action taken.

Pro Tem Carter called for department report updates.

Fire Chief/Maintenance David Brown came forward and advised Council that they had received smoked detectors from American Red Cross and free to citizens. Brown then covered some items with maintenance. He stated that he felt the city needed an agreement with the land owner at 511 Main Street. He further advised that in the past the city had cleaned out the ditch located on her property due to the lake drainage through the area, but he would like an agreement written up to protect the city from possible liabilities. He further advised that he had contact Georgia Power about the street light request and was awaiting a return call. Brown reported the bucket truck was having issues and would soon need to be serviced and/or repaired. He further stated he was evaluating materials and tools on hand and stated there was a need for tools. Brown ended with reporting that the backhoe was overdue for service, the last service was done in 2020.

Officer Eugene Benefield came forward to give the Police Department update. He stated that they wanted to advise citizens to keep a watch for suspicious people in the area. They have reports of prowlers trying to enter vehicles so be attentive in locking your vehicles. Benefield advised that they had met with the owners of Spray Properties and discussed concerns that the city had with tenants at the apartment unit. He concluded with the request for the additional tag reader.

Member Barr made a motion to authorize the purchase of an additional tag reader for the police department to be paid from the Technology Fund, Member Taylor second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter called for review of the Service Delivery Agreement. Attorney Plumb advised Council of the update to the agreement, pointing out water and sewer service as well as county roads. Member Taylor made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize Mayor Pro Tem Carter to sign for the city, Member Barr second, all in favor motion passed.

Pro Tem Carter called for Zoning Ordinance Text update. Member Taylor made a motion to approve the update, Member Yeomans second, all in favor motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter called for Board of Zoning Appeals appointment. Member Barr stated he had spoken to a possible candidate but had not gotten a confirmation. No action taken.

Pro Tem Carter called for MPO Citizens Advisory Committee Lake Park Representative appointment. No possibilities at this time, no action taken.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter called for review of the railroad crossing and golf cart paths. Member Taylor reported his communications with Mr. Miller from Norfolk Southern Corporation. Council decided that if further review of the closure request takes place that citizens in the affected areas should be notified by mail and a public hearing should be set up to allow them to voice their opinions. No action taken.

Main Street Light request and ditch clean out request from Dorothy Stewart covered during department reports.

Pro Tem Carter called for review of the 2022 LMIG Grant Project. Member Barr stated that he felt like Pine Circle and Oak Street should be at the top of the project list due to the condition of the street surface. Council will further discuss at the next work session.

Mayor Pro Tem Carter called for discussion of Halloween observance. With Halloween falling on a Sunday there have been many questions as to what day citizens should observe the holiday. Member Taylor made a motion the leave activities on October 31, Member Yeomans second, all in favor motion passed.

Christmas Event – No action taken.

Executive/Admin Reports

Member Barr stated that the city should host a Meet & Greet for the candidates running for City Council. Date set for October 14, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Council discussed City Marshall and Zoning Ordinance Agreement with Attorney Plumb. No action taken.

Member Barr asked Attorney Plumb for an update on the Futch property. Nothing noted.

Member Taylor mentioned the quotes for the Cemetery tree clearing and trimming. Item tabled to next month.

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

Upcoming dates to remember:

Read & approved: Jacqueline Fowler Date 11-2-21