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City of Lake Park
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2023
6:00 pm

Members present were Mayor Jena Sandlin, Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Griffith, Council Member Michelle Lane, and Council Member Busby Courson

Staff Present: City Clerk Lisa Johnson, Fire Chief Matt Ryan, Deputy Clerk Belinda Stone, Deputy Clerk Melissa Morey, Police Chief Matt Bannister, Maintenance Jeff Patterson.

Mayor Jena Sandlin called the meeting to order.

Mayor Pro-Tem Oscar Griffith led the invocation.

Mayor Jena Sandlin led the pledge.

Mayor Sandlin called for the review and approval of the Minutes. Council Member Michelle Lane made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 3, 2023 Council Meeting. Council Member Busby Courson seconded the motion. Mayor Sandlin called for any further discussion. There being none, she called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Council heard from Jeff Spradley concerning plans for the City's Hallmark Christmas Event on December 9, beginning with the Christmas Parade at 1:00. Mr. Spradley noted that the event is expected at this point to go over budget and the Committee is seeking donations to offset additional costs.

CITIZENS CONCERNS:

Arthur Keckli – 314 4-H Club Rd – asked about the Speed Detection Radar Sign that was installed on 4-H Club Road, noting that the sign appears to be off. He stated that the sign helped when it was on, but as soon as it was off the speeding started up again. Police Chief Bannister stated that he had moved the sign, which collects data, and he will cover the sign's operation in his report. Mr. Keckli asked about Air BnBs in his neighborhood. Mayor Sandlin responded that the State had not enacted any legislation regarding Air BnB's to date. Zoning Board Chair Carl Spano noted that these are reviewed and allowed as zoned similar to hotels, motels and similar at the moment and that he felt these should have a Business License. Mr. Keckli asked when stop signs would be installed at the 4-way stop at newly graded roads, and the Mayor responded that when the construction was completed the signs would be installed.

Gloria Luke – 201 4-H Club Rd – reiterated Mr. Keckli's concerns and noted that there is a Ferrari that speeds through the neighborhood around 9:00-10:00 pm.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department: heard a report from Fire Chief Matt Ryan, attached.

Water/Public Works Department: heard a report from Jeff Patterson on the Water and Public Works Departments, status on damage from Idalia, and the status on the Bucket Truck, attached. He reported that the scheduled reservation for the lift has been delayed. Council approved the cost for repair of the Bucket Truck at a cost of \$4,925.00.

Police Department: Chief Matt Bannister presented the Police Report and gave a report on the Radar Sign, which were installed on October 4. He stated that even when the sign is not displaying the speeds it is collecting data, which can be used to determine the need for better speed bumps. Chief Bannister distributed to Council reports from the Radar Sign; Mrs. Johnson requested to file with the Minutes.

Administration: heard reports from City Clerk Lisa Johnson on FEMA activities, audit update, notice of road closure on Bellville Rd beginning December 4, and a request for LMIG projects.

Financial Reports: Council Member Michelle Lane made a motion to accept the unaudited Financial Reports for October, 2023. Council Member Busby Courson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

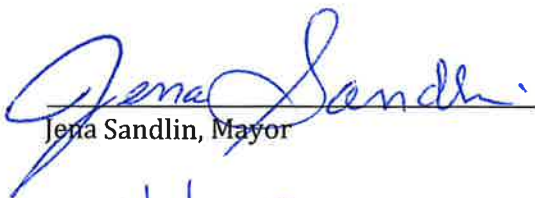
Budgets: Set a date of November 28th at 6:30 for a Budget Workshop.

Executive Session – Council Member Oscar Griffith made a motion to enter Executive Session to approve the Executive Session Minutes from October 3, 2023 and to discuss personnel. Council Member Michelle Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0. Council entered Executive Session at 7:33 pm. Council reconvened at 8:57 pm. Council Member Oscar Griffith made a motion to re-enter regular session. Council Member Busby Courson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Council Member Busby Courson made a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of October 3, 2023. Council Member Michelle Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0. Council Member Michelle Lane made a motion to accept the resignation of Police Chief Matt Bannister and his recommendation for Officer Ed Yarbrough to be promoted as a replacement, effective January 1, 2024, with a starting pay of \$26.00/hr. Council Member Busby Courson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Council Member Busby Courson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Michelle Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be on December 5, 2023, at 6:00 pm.


Jena Sandlin, Mayor

12/5/2023
Date


Lisa Johnson, City Clerk

12/5/2023
Date

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AFFIDAVIT OF PRESIDING OFFICIAL(S) FOR A CLOSED PUBLIC MEETING

While in Regular Session, the motion was made to enter into an Executive Session to discuss certain matters in a Closed Session.

- () To discuss with Council pending and/or potential litigation, settlement claims, administrative proceedings or other judicial actions, which is exempt from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2(1).
- () A meeting to discuss the purchase, disposal of, or lease of property; authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate; enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; or enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in subsequent public vote, which is excluded from the Open Meetings Act pursuant to Section 50-14-3(b)(1)(C).
- (X) A meeting discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee, which is excluded pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(b)(2).
- (X) Discussion in Executive Session of Records that are otherwise protected from disclosure under the Open Records Act as pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3(b)(4).

✓ The subject matter of the Executive Session of the Regular Meeting or Work Session was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law.

Because of events occurring during the closed session, I am unable to affirm the subject matter of the Executive Session of the Regular Meeting or Work Session was devoted to only matters within the exceptions provided by law.

Jena Sandlin
Jena Sandlin, Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of November, 2023.

Lisa B. Johnson
Notary Public

