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City of Lake Park
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 5, 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, City Attorney Rob Plumb, Fire Chief Matt Ryan, Deputy Clerk Belinda Stone, 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 of the August 1, 2023, Council Meeting, August 10, 2023, Called Meeting and the September 1, 2023. Council Member Michelle Lane made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 5, 2023, the August 10, 2023 and the September 1, 2023. Council Member Oscar Griffith seconded the motion. Mayor Sandlin called for any further discussion. There being none, she called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Citizens' Concerns:

- Glenn Carter – 823 S Broadway- Asked for smaller speed bumps on Broadway; the ones currently down are hard on motorcycles and shorter cars.
- Oscar Griffith- Sand Crane Circle- Has a food trailer, will be giving away lunch and water at 900 S Marion Ave, next to the Church of God, for residents who have been impacted by the storm. He stated his appreciation for donation from Second Baptist Church in Miami, FL as well as the Second Baptist Prayer Line and an NFL player. Mayor Sandlin thanked Mr. Griffith also for providing lunch for the DOT while they were working in Lake Park.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS/DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Fire Department: Matt Ryan

- Delivered the Fire Report for the preceding month, attached.
- Cotton is only road still closed; power lines are tangled in trees. These are still hot.
- Chief Ryan asked for permission to purchase inventory tracking software, PS Trax, which is used by the Valdosta Fire Department. Decision was tabled.

Water/Public Works Department: City Clerk Lisa Johnson

- Working on the Lead Line Inventory that is required by EPD; GEFA has offered a grant to help with the completion of this project and the City Clerk is working with the Water Supervisors to complete this.
- Council discussed the leak in the pump house roof and considered bids – tabled until October 3, 2023.
- City Clerk Lisa Johnson requested clarification on the source of the City's match for the Phase II Grant; previous Minutes indicated that the Council had decided to meet the match from a combination of Water Enterprise Funds and SPLOST VIII and repay from ARPA. State law prohibits "borrowing" from SPLOST. She asked which Fund the Council would like to use for the grant match, or if it should be split between the Funds. Council Member Michelle Lane made a motion to allocate the OPB grant match for the Phase II Water Improvement project from SPLOST VIII Water, as the ARPA funds are more flexible and may be needed to meet other needs. Council Member Oscar Griffith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.
- Reported that during the Phase II construction, it was discovered that there are several drainage pipes already in place along Cotton Ave, where business owners had reported having drainage problems. This is information for later, as the City has already been investigating solutions to those problems.

Police Department: City Clerk Lisa Johnson

- Presented the Police Department Report, attached.

Administration: City Clerk Lisa Johnson

- Vision Quest – Reported that the phones had been knocked out completely in a storm shortly before Idalia and could not be repaired as the system went out of production in 2012, and parts are no longer available for it. As had been reported to Council, Vision Quest technologies, who had submitted a bid for phone services previously, was called to replace the phone system, with the Mayor's approval, as they were the lowest bid for VOIP services. The City Clerk asked the Council to consider paying the initial cost for equipment replacement from SPLOST VIII Administration. - Council Member Oscar Griffith made a motion to approve paying for the initial cost of new phone equipment in the amount of \$1,624.99 from SPLOST VIII Administration. Council Member Michelle Lane 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 considered proposals for copier contracts to replace the expiring contract with Ricoh. The proposals include an option to purchase the machine and a cost for the copies as part of the maintenance contracts or to lease the machines and pay for the copies as part of the contract. Council Member Oscar Griffith made a motion to approve the purchase of a new copier from Ashleys at a cost of \$5,298 to be paid for from SPLOST VIII Administration, with maintenance to come from the General Fund budget. Council Member Michelle Lane seconded the motion. Mayor Sandlin called for any further discussion. There being none, she called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Financial Reports: City Clerk Lisa Johnson

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

Court Solicitor- Council heard the second reading September 5, 2023, and First reading August 5, 2023. Council Member Oscar Griffith made the motion to approve and Council Member Busby Courson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0

Close Public Ways - City Attorney Rob Plumb reported that he has received a request to close public ways on the City Property at City Hall. Mr. Langdale, representing Mr. Carter, believes City's fence will be over property line and will bear the cost of moving the fence and the survey.

Council Member Michelle Lane made a motion to approve with the stipulation that any necessary movement of the fence will be borne by Mr. Carter. Council Member Busby Courson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Idalia update - Julie Wilbers

- Thanks to Jeff Patterson spearheading clean-up.
- Not a great loss of homes
- Volunteer Fire Department staged and responded during storm, push crews, staged at power lines until Georgia Power could approve.
- Governor Kemp has declared disaster.
- GDOT has been on hand to help clean up.
- Debris is larger than what City staff and equipment can take care of.
- Will need to dispose of debris at Mike Killeen's where it is currently being taken.
- Currently no disaster declaration from President.
- Well and Tower are in good shape.
- FEMA reps will be here tomorrow morning.
- GDOT has moved 300 truckloads of debris.
- Maintenance Jeff Patterson asked Council to share expressions of appreciations to Billy Jones

Executive Session - Council Member Michelle Lane made a motion to enter Executive Session to hear the Minutes of the August 1 Executive Session. Council Member Oscar Griffith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Council entered Executive Session at 7:04 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 reconvened at 7:09 pm. Council Member Busby Courson made a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of August 1, 2023. Council Member Oscar Griffith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.


There being no further business, Council Member Michelle Lane made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Oscar Griffith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

The next regular meeting will be on October 3, 2023, at 6:00 pm.


Jena Sandlin, Mayor

Date

10/3/23


Lisa Johnson, City Clerk

Date

10/3/2023

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