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City of Lake Park
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2024
6:00 pm

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

Staff Present: City Clerk Lisa Johnson, Fire Chief Matt Ryan, Chief Ed Yarbrough.

Mayor Jena Sandlin called the meeting to order.

Mayor Pro-Tem Oscar Griffith led the invocation.

Mayor Jena Sandlin led the pledge.

Minutes: Mayor Sandlin called for the review and approval of the Minutes of the January 2, 2024 Council Meeting. Council Member Michelle Lane made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 2, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. Council Member Oscar Griffith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Mayor Sandlin then called for Citizens who have concerns they would like to bring to the Council's attention.

Citizen Concerns:

- Bob Wilbers – 360 Back Forty Dr – addressed the Council and expressed his appreciation for the work Maintenance Tech Billy Jones and Art Gardner had done to clear limbs that had fallen into Tom's Pond. **Mr. Wilbers volunteered his time to pull these limbs out of the pond.*

REPORTS OF OFFICERS/DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Fire Department: Matt Ryan – see attached report

Chief Ryan reviewed his Capital Budget requests. Council Member Carl Spano requested more information from Chief Ryan in advance of approvals, some of which has been previously requested: a listing of grants applied for, fund raisers held and those planned, and a call-out report for the year. Chief Ryan notified Council that he had supplied the Call-Out Report to Council Member Lane before the meeting.

Police Department: Officer Ed Yarbrough – see attached report

- Chief Yarbrough reported that in the course of the department's inventory, he has discovered that the Police Department does not have the gear that they thought they had as far as vests and personal protective equipment. He is working through this with the Clerk.
- Council Member Oscar Griffith asked the Chief for a local contact for DNR
- Mayor Sandlin asked for an update on the speed sign; Chief Yarbrough responded that the sign had been put up the previous Friday and the data would be evaluated for 30 days.

Water/Public Works Department: City Clerk Lisa Johnson – see attached report

- Mrs. Johnson presented an update on past projects and a list of items that needed consideration for the upcoming year.
- Council Member Carl Spano made a motion to select the resurfacing of Savilla Springs Rd as the FY24 LMIG project. Council Member Michelle Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Administration: City Clerk Lisa Johnson – see attached report

Financial Reports: City Clerk Lisa Johnson – see attached report

- Mrs. Johnson notified the Council that in next month's Financials they would note an expenditure for Purchased Water in the amount of \$4,200; this was the cost of Water purchased from the County when the motor on the pump went out.
- Notified Council that some calculation errors had been caught in the spreadsheets used to present the FY24 Budgets and presented proposed corrections that she and Council Member Spano had calculated. Council Member Carl Spano made a motion to apply corrections to the FY24 Budgets. Council Member Busby Courson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.
- Council considered bids for a fountain at Tom's Pond to discourage growth of aquatic vegetation. Council Member Carl Spano made a motion to approve a bid from Thomas Aquatics in the amount of \$21,635.00 for fountains, to be paid from SPLOST VIII: Parks and Recreation. Council Member Oscar Griffith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.
- Council Member Griffith requested a Called Meeting to review and vote on repairs to the septic tank and drain field at City Hall, to allow time for more quotes to be received. Council set the date for a Called Meeting as February 15th at 6:00 pm.

Executive Session: Council Member Michelle Lane made a motion to enter Executive Session to review applicants for the Maintenance Supervisor's position. Council Member Oscar Griffith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. Council entered Executive Session at 7:58 pm and reconvened at 8:29 pm.

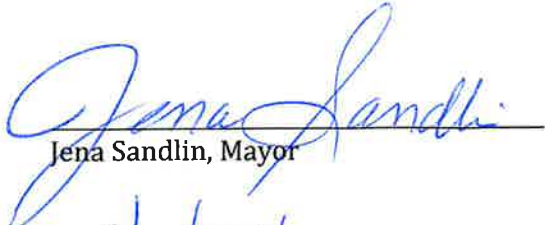
Council Member Oscar Griffith made a motion to offer Matthew Elwell the position of Maintenance Supervisor at \$20.00 per hour, to start no later than July 29. Following discussion, Council Member Griffith amended the motion to offer Matthew Elwell the position of Maintenance Supervisor at \$20.00 per hour, to start between July 1 and July 15, 2024. Council Member Busby Courson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0. Council Member Spano made a motion to approve Council Member Oscar Griffith's application to serve as Chaplain for the Lake Park Police Department. Council Member Busby Courson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.


Council agreed on the date of February 15 at 6:00 pm to further discuss Capital Budgets. Council Member Oscar Griffith proposed that Council consider a Community Yard Sale. Council Member Carl Spano asked if

dirt that had been washed out of Council Member Griffith's yard as a result of hydrant flushing had been replaced, to which Council Member Griffith responded that it had.

Council Member Busby Courson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Carl Spano seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

The next regular meeting will be on March 5, 2024 at 6:00 pm.


Jena Sandlin, Mayor
3/11/2024
Date


Lisa Johnson, City Clerk
March 11, 2024
Date

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