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City of Lake Park
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2024
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, 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.

Oaths of Office:

- Council Member Carl Spano was sworn in by City Clerk Lisa Johnson
- Eddie Yarbrough was sworn in as Chief of Police by Judge James Council

Mayor Sandlin called for the review and approval of the Minutes of the December 5, 2023 Council Meeting. Council Member Michelle Lane made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting with correction. Council Member Oscar Griffith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0. Council Member Carl Spano abstained due to not being at the December meeting.

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

Citizen Concerns:

- Oscar Griffith 824 Sand Crane Circle requested cleanup at his property where the Hydrant Flushing has created a gully. Council Member Carl Spano made the motion to approve the city replenishing eroded dirt, Council Member Busby Courson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.
- Busby Courson 1004 Cotton Ave reported power lines down on Cotton Ave, power lines had already been reported to Ga Power.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS/DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Fire Department: Matt Ryan

Estimated \$500 to repair air lines. The airlines will be replaced in house.

Council Member Carl Spano informed Fire Chief that according to the purchasing policy the fire department will not need permission to replace the airlines.

Police Department: Officer Ed Yarbrough

- > Council Member Busby Courson questioned if the theft was commercial or residential; Chief Yarbrough answered that it was residential, and the thief took a couple of rakes and hoe.
- ➤ Chief Yarbrough introduced the new full time officer Mathew Colson. Council Member Carl Spano made the motion to approve hiring Officer Mathew Colson. Council Member Busby Courson seconded the motion to approve. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.
- Council Member Carl Spano made the motion to accept Lance Morris resignation effective 1/2/24. Council Member Busby Courson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Water/Public Works Department: City Clerk Lisa Johnson

- FEMA Debris disposal quotes need more clarity.
- Categorical exclusion was received from EPD and was sent to newspaper, report says it would run on 29th of Dec when we received the tear sheet it ran on the 22nd. We forwarded the tear sheet to EPD for publication on website, they will post for 30 days and then a determination to issue SERP letter.

Administration: City Clerk Lisa Johnson

- LMIG application Due Feb 1st 2024
- Mauldin and Jenkins are scheduled to be at the City Hall on January 29 to begin the FY23 audit.
- Door codes are being changed to City Hall and Police Department.
- Need nomination for Board Appointment for Committee

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

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Lisa Johnson, City Clerk

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