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City of Lake Park
Called Council Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2025
9:00 am

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

Staff Present: City Clerk Lisa Johnson

Appointed Members Present: City Attorney Drew Parrish-Bennett

Mayor Jena Sandlin called the meeting to order.

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Mayor Jena Sandlin stated that the purpose of the meeting was to vote on the SPLOST IX Agreement and the Resolution to Call for a Special Election to fill the Council seat vacated by Carl Spano. City Clerk Lisa Johnson explained the purpose of SPLOST IX, and City Attorney Drew Parrish-Bennett explained that the only changes since the last time Council had addressed this in meeting were in the distribution amounts, which had been recalculated and showed an increase in amounts to each jurisdiction in the County. Council Member Michelle Lane made a motion to approve the SPLOST IX Agreement as received. Council Member Busby Courson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

City Clerk Lisa Johnson read into the record the Resolution to Call for a Special Election to fill the seat vacated by Carl Spano's resignation, to be held in conjunction with the General Municipal Election on November 4, 2025. Council Member Busby Courson made a motion to approve the Resolution and issue the Call for Special Election. Council Member Michelle Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

City Attorney Drew Parrish-Bennett asked to speak to Council in Executive Session. Mayor Sandlin called for a motion. Council Member Michelle Lane made a motion to enter Executive Session. Council Member Busby Courson seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1, with Council Member Griffith casting no vote.

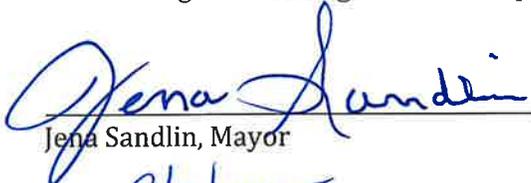
From the audience, resident Rob Alger asked for permission to ask a question. Mayor Sandlin granted and he asked questions pertaining to the upcoming elections; City Clerk Lisa Johnson explained that the Qualifying for the seats upcoming, Mr. Griffith's and Ms. Lane's, and now including the seat vacated by Carl Spano, would be held at the elections office in Valdosta, and the election itself would be held in November. The Lowndes County Elections Supervisor handles advertising for the Qualifying dates. Mayor Sandlin reminded everyone

that Council needed to enter Executive Session, and residents with remaining questions were invited to call the City Clerk and she would be happy to answer any further questions.

Council entered into Executive Session at 9:13 am. Council Member Michelle Lane made a motion to reenter Regular Session. Council Member Busby Courson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0. Council reentered Open Session at 9:18 am.

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

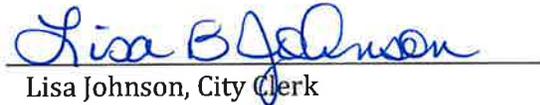
The next regular meeting will be on September 2, 2025, at 6:00 pm.



Jena Sandlin, Mayor

Date

9/2/2025



Lisa Johnson, City Clerk

Date

September 2, 2025

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