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City of Lake Park
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2026
6:00 pm

Members present were Mayor Jena Sandlin, Council Member Busby Courson, Council Member Arthur Keckley, and Council Member Blake McMillan

Staff Present: City Clerk Lisa Johnson, Deputy Clerk Laura Levesque, Police Chief Artavious Verdell, Volunteer Fire Chief Robert Tebedo, Volunteer Assistant Fire Chief Casey Russell, Volunteer Fire Member Stacy Zimmerman, Volunteer, and Interim Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Patterson.

Others Present: City Attorney Drew Parrish-Bennett

Mayor Jena Sandlin called the meeting to order.

Mayor Jena Sandlin gave the invocation.

Mayor Jena Sandlin led the pledge.

Mayor Jena Sandlin presented awards to Ms. Linda Hogan and Mr. Justin Sandlin (in absentia) for many years of hard work and dedication to the City of Lake Park by coordinating events, fairs, and festivals on behalf of the citizens.

Mayor Jena Sandlin requested a review of the meeting minutes for the August 4, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes. Council Member Arthur Keckley moved to accept the minutes of the August 4, 2026, Regular Meeting. Council Member Blake McMillan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

Mayor Jena Sandlin opened the forum for questions from the community.

- Carl Spano (805 Sand Crane Circle) requested the date of the Local Meet the Candidate event for the upcoming election cycle.
- Eli Johnson (111 S. Gordon Street) addressed the council on his concerns for both potential violation of privacy and data storage and access from the FLOCK camera system.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS/DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Fire Department: Chief Robert Tebedo

- Presented the activity report for August.
- The Volunteer Fire Department will be available and on-site for the September 11 event.
- Expressed his appreciation for the receipt of turnout gear.

Police Department: Chief Art Verdell

- Presented the activity report for August
- Chief Verdell states the Police Department will be available and on-site for the September 11 event.

Maintenance/Public Works Department: Interim Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Patterson

- Presented the activity report for August.
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Administration: City Clerk Lisa Johnson

- Presented the Administration report for August.
 - There are remaining committee vacancies. The Citizens' Advisory Committee (1) and the Board of Zoning and Appeals (2).

Financial Reports: City Clerk Lisa Johnson

- Presented the Financial Report for July.

Council Member Busby Courson made a motion to accept and approve the Financial Reports as presented. Council Member Blake McMillan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

Unfinished Business

- The second reading of the proposed amendment to the Water Ordinance was presented to remove the fee schedule from the ordinance and allow the fee schedule to be managed via policy.

Council Member Blake McMillan made a motion to adopt Amendment 15 of Ordinance Number 21 (Water Ordinance) effective September 1, 2026. Council Member Arthur Keckley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

- Adoption of Resolution to approve and adopt the Joint Comprehensive Plan.

Council Member Blake McMillan made a motion to approve and adopt the resolution of the Comprehensive Plan. Council Member Arthur Keckley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

New Business

- Presentation of proposal for refreshments of the Elected Officials Social scheduled for October 20, 2026. It is requested to approve a budget of approximately \$550, which breaks down to \$12 per person with an estimated 45 personnel in attendance.

Council Member Arthur Keckley made a motion to approve the refreshment budget for the Social. Council Member Busby Courson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

Council Member Blake McMillan made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Minutes of the previous Executive Session and Personnel. Council Member Arthur Keckley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0. Council entered Executive Session at 6:29 pm.

Candidate Burgess was called into Executive Session at 6:45 pm and excused at 6:51 pm.

Candidate Darrell Norris was called into Executive Session at 6:51 pm and excused at 6:58 pm.

Council Member Busby Courson made a motion to re-enter the regular session. Council Member Arthur Keckley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0. Council reconvened Regular Session at 7:23 pm.

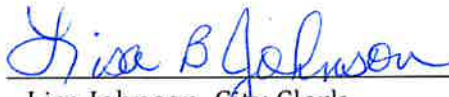
Council Member Blake McMillan made a motion to accept Mr. Norris as the Public Works Supervisor. Council Member Busby Courson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0

Council Member Blake McMillan made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes. Council Member Arthur Keckley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0

Council Member Blake McMillan moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Busby Courson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on October 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.


Jena Sandlin, Mayor


Lisa Johnson, City Clerk


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