

APRIL 19, 2021
5:30 PM
LAKE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
406 COURT ST.
LAKE CITY, AR

At 5:30 pm, a public hearing meeting was brought to order by the honorable Mayor Cameron Tate. The public hearing was to discuss the ordinance on increasing sewer rates for sewer services rendered.

A regular council meeting of the Lake City Council was brought to order at 6:00 pm by the honorable Mayor Cameron Tate.

The meeting was opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll having been called and the following councilmembers answered to their names: BRENDA HUTCHESON, KATE WELLS, TOMMY EAKINS, HARMONY CASH, DANNY DUNIGAN. The meeting continued with the above members and the City Clerk, Lisa Sitz present.

Guests: Daniel Haynes, Jason Sitz, John Selig, Bryan Wells, Lana Tate, Arlon Woodruff, Chad and Valary Moody.

A motion made by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Wells to accept the minutes from our regular council meeting held March 15, 2021. Motion passed (5/0)

Mayor Cameron Tate discussed the financial statements.

A motion was made by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Hutcheson for the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance No. 311-21, AN ORDINANCE INCREASING RATES FOR SEWER SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO, to be read by title only. Motion passed (5/0)

A motion made by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Cash to adopt Ordinance No. 311-21 by title only. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Cash to accept Ordinance No. 311-21 by title only. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Wells for the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance No. 312-21 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF

BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEWER FACILITIES OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, ARKANSAS; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BOND FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE BOND; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO, to be read by title only. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Cash to adopt Ordinance No. 312-21 by title only. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion made by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Cash to accept Ordinance No. 312-21 by title only. Motion passed (5/0)

A motion by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Cash to accept the resignation from Jeffery Wisham as Councilmember Ward 2, Position 2. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Cash to declare council seat vacant and accept written applications for Ward 2, Position 2. Applications must be turned in to the Clerk's office by Friday May 14, 2021 and applicants must be present at the Councilmeeting on May 17th, at 5:30pm to be considered. Motion passed (5/0)

Mayor Tate discussed with the council about the paving of Jackson. A motion was made by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Cash to pave Jackson from Lake Street to 80 Jackson- 960 feet. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Cash to approve the purchase of a new city truck, 2021 Ram 1500 Quad Cab 2WD for \$19347.00 Motion passed (5/0)

A motion made by Councilmember Eakins and seconded by Councilmember Hutcheson to have Mayor Tate to talk with April Spencer about her property on 123 Stone St. and send a letter giving her 60 days to show improvement to the exterior of the property. Motion failed (2/3).

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson to extend another 30 days to April Spencer. Motion died for lack of 2nd.

A motion by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Wells to give Mayor Tate authority to spend up to \$14000.00 to install 1 siren and move the telemetry from the school to the shop. Motion passed (5/0)

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Wells to go in to executive session to discuss employment. Motion passed (5/0)

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Cash for city council to return to regular session. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Hutcheson to add admin position salary for the Fire Chief at \$500 per month. Motion passed (5/0).

Motion made by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Wells to amend employee handbook stating all City employees can live within a 15 mile radius, excluding police department. City council will revisit police department when 24/7 shifts exist. Motion passed (5/0)

A motion was made by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Cash to increase the Code Enforcement salary from \$183.00 /month to \$250.00/month. Motion passed (5/0).

Councilmember Dunigan made a motion and was seconded by Councilmember Wells to allow Mayor Tate to offer water/sewer superintendent applicant's salary at step 9 in the pay schedule \$43250.00 Motion passed (5/0)

A motion by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Hutcheson to give City Clerk Lisa Sitz a \$1250/year raise to be retroactive back to January 1, 2021, and also give Mayor Cameron Tate a \$2500/ year raise. Motion passed (5/0).

Lake City Museum committee appreciates the support of the Lake City employees for their help during the flood at the museum.

Next Council meeting will be May 17, 2021 , 5:30pm

Motion by Councilmember Eakins and seconded by Councilmember Hutcheson to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously (5/0).

CAMERON TATE, MAYOR

LISA SITZ, CITY CLERK/TREASURER