

OCTOBER 18, 2021
5:30 PM
LAKE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
406 COURT ST.
LAKE CITY, AR

A regular council meeting of the Lake City Council was brought to order at 5:30 pm by the Honorable Mayor Cameron Tate.

The meeting 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, JAKE EMERY, DANNY DUNIGAN. The meeting continued with the above members and city Clerk Lisa Sitz present. (6//0)

Guests: Daniel Haynes, Julia Johnson, Valarie Moody, Nancy Robbins, Bryan Wells.

A motion by Councilmember Cash and seconded by Councilmember Wells to add Little League donations to the end of the agenda. Motion passed (6/0)

A motion by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Eakins to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held September 20, 2021. Motion passed (6/0).

Mayor Tate discussed the financial statements.

Nancy Robbins, a candidate for the position of Craighead County Clerk addressed the Council with information about herself and some of her background experience in county government. She also shared her goals she is wanting to achieve if elected to this position.

Mayor Tate asked the Council to adopt Resolution No. 2021-10-18. The city millage resolution to be passed every year in October. A motion was made by Councilmember Eakins and seconded by Councilmember Hutcheson to accept and adopt Resolution No. 2021-10-18, city millage tax to remain 1.6 mills for 2022. Motion passed (6/0)

Mayor Tate asked the council to consider giving end of year bonuses. After brief discussion, it was decided to give end of year bonuses. All full-time employees receive \$500.00, and all part-time employees receive \$250.00. A motion by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Hutcheson to give end of year bonuses with the amounts being full-time employees \$500.00 and part-time employees \$250.00. Motion passed (5/0) Kate Wells abstained.

Mayor Tate explained to the council the Resolution No. 2021-10-18B, a resolution adopting premium pay for certain municipal employees from the American Rescue Plan. Premium pay, not to exceed \$1500, for employees who continued working during the COVID pandemic. A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Emery to adopt Resolution No. 2021-10-18B. Motion passed (5/0) Kate Wells abstained.

A motion was then made by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Cash to pay a one-time maximum premium pay to all full- time employees through ARPA. Motion passed (5/0) Kate Wells abstained.

A motion by Councilmember Cash and seconded by Councilmember Hutcheson to pay Holly Gallapoo the one-time premium pay of \$375.00 for part-time employees through the ARPA. Motion passed (6/0).

The 2020 Legislative Audit has been completed with no findings. A motion by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Wells to accept the 2020 Legislative Audit for the City of Lake City. Motion passed (6/0)

At the last council meeting, Kevin Hall addressed the council with concerns of the trees and the Entergy poles at the school on Rebel Drive. The Entergy company is scheduled to cut the trees back that are in the electric lines. He asked the council to consider going in halves with the school for the cost of moving the poles. The Council tabled the idea until this meeting. Mayor Tate presented to the council an alternate plan. He explained installing conduit underground and running the electric lines through it for a bid price of \$5522.00. The mayor spoke with Mr. Jeff Priest -Superintendent for Riverside School District and he agrees to paying ½ of the total cost of \$5522.00 and the City pay the other ½ of the cost. A motion by councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Cash to install conduit for half the bid price of \$5522.00 and the other half to be paid by Riverside School. Motion passed (6/0).

The city owns the property at 810 Walker. Mayor Tate asked the council about taking bids on the property. A motion by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Hutcheson to take bids on the property at 810 Walker with a minimum bid of \$5,000. Motion passed (6/0).

Michael Pyburn passed his test for animal control, ACL Level 1 and the chemical capture. He is now certified. Mayor Tate asked the council to consider raising his hourly wage for being certified. A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Cash to increase Michael Pyburn's pay by \$1.00 per hour to make his hourly pay at \$13.70 effective immediately. Motion passed (6/0).

A motion by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Wells to accept the donation from Unico Bank in the amount of \$744.00 into the Little League Fund. Motion passed (6/0).

Motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Dunigan to adjourn. Motion passed by all members. (6/0).

CAMERON TATE, MAYOR

LISA SITZ, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

