

SEPTEMBER 20, 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 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, JAKE EMERY, AND DANNY DUNIGAN. Harmony Cash was not present. The meeting continued with the above members and the City Clerk Lisa Sitz present. (5/0).

Guests: Kenny Qualls, Bryan Wells, Daniel Haynes, Kevin Hall, Chad & Valerie Moody, Misty Cole, Blake Barber, Edgar T. Daniels, Lana Tate.

A motion made by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Wells to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held August 16, 2021. Motion passed (5/0).

Mayor Cameron Tate discussed the financial statements.

Kevin Hall addressed the council with concerns about the trees around the ballpark and school on the east side of Rebel Drive. The trees are getting 30 plus feet tall and beginning to interfere with 3 of the Entergy light poles. Entergy crews are on schedule to be cutting the trees back. In order to keep the beautification and esthetics of Rebel Dr., Kevin has spoken with the engineer and also Darin Owens who is the landowner of the property on the west side of Rebel Drive who has given permission to have the 3 light poles moved to the west side of Rebel Drive. Mr. Priest talked with the school board and the school was on board with paying half of the cost of moving the poles. Kevin asked the Council if they would consider paying the other half of the cost. The cost for the city would be \$3100.00 and the school pay the other half plus any other charges. Councilmember Dunigan suggest the city needs some type of guidelines and legal input. Mayor Cameron Tate tabled the project until next council meeting after he obtains legal input from our city Attorney Arlon Woodruff.

City Clerk Lisa Sitz read the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 314-21, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 183-01 (INATTENTIVE DRIVING) BY PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN FINES IN LAKE CITY, ARKANSAS. A motion was made by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Wells to amend Ordinance No. 183-01, to be Ordinance No. 314-21. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion was made by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Emery to accept Ordinance No. 314-21. Motion passed (5/0). A motion by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Emery to read the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance No. 314-21 by title only. Motion passed (5/0). A motion by Councilmember Wells and seconded by Councilmember Emery to accept the

2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance No. 314-21. Motion passed (5/0). Councilmember Dunigan made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 314-21 and was seconded by Councilmember Wells. Motion passed (5/0).

Mayor Cameron Tate ask the council to increase the meal allowance from \$35.00 per day to \$55.00 per day when an employee has to go to meetings or conventions. A motion was made by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Eakins to increase meal allowance to \$55.00 per day. Motion passed (4/0) Kate Wells abstained.

Mayor Tate talked with the council about the Burnside Property on Cottonwood. The city has sent a certified letter to Mr. Burnside asking what his plans were for the property, with no response. A motion by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Wells to turn over to the City Attorney Arlon Woodruff for legal action. Motion passed (5/0).

The city received an application from Devon Payne who is wanting to become a volunteer fireman. The council reviewed his application. A motion by Councilmember Eakins and seconded by Councilmember Hutcheson to accept Devon Payne as a Lake City Volunteer Fireman. Motion passed (5/0).

Councilmember Jake Emery brought up the discussion for the City Council to consider the City of Lake City being declared a pro-life city. Kenny Qualls shared his thoughts on the idea. A motion was made to table the pro-life resolution until next council meeting in October.

A motion by Councilmember Dunigan and seconded by Councilmember Eakins to sell a chevy pick-up bed to Kenny Qualls for \$400.00. Motion passed (5/0).

Next council meeting will be October 16, 2021, at 5:30pm.

At 6:40pm, a motion by Councilmember Eakins and seconded by Councilmember Hutcheson to adjourn. Motion passed by all members present.

CAMERON TATE, MAYOR

LISA SITZ, CITY CLERK/TREASURER