

November 20, 2023
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 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 answered to their names: KATE WELLS, TOMMY EAKINS, HARMONY CASH, JAKE EMERY, JAY DAVIS, Brenda Hutcheson was absent. The meeting continued with the above members and the city clerk Lisa Sitz present.

GUESTS: Aaron & Ashley Bupp, Misty Cole, Daniel Haynes, Lana Tate, Chris Walker, Bryan Wells.

A motion by Councilmember Cash and seconded by Councilmember Wells to approve the minutes from the last council meeting held Oct 19, 2023. Motion passed (5/0).

Mayor Tate discussed the financial statements and the liabilities of the city.

The city hired Brett Pilgrim as the new police officer. A motion by councilmember Cash and seconded by Councilmember Emery to set the new police officer salary at \$38,000, after being certified, the salary will go to \$38,500. Motion passed (5/0).

The city received a bid /proposal from Paragould Communication to outfit and install equipment on a new police truck for \$7630.00. A motion by Councilmember Wells and seconded by Councilmember Eakins to accept the bid of \$7630.00 from Paragould Communications to do the installation. Motion passed (5/0).

Mayor Tate discussed with the council the Narcan policy for the police department. A motion by Councilmember Cash and seconded by Councilmember Emery to adopt Intranasal Naloxone (Narcan) policy 66 to be added to our policy and procedure manual. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Emery and seconded by Councilmember Wells to accept the 2024 proposed budget. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Cash and seconded by Councilmember Emery to suspend the rule of reading an ordinance on three (3) different days and that the Ordinance be placed on its first reading by title only. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Cash and seconded by Councilmember Emery to have second reading of the Ordinance by title only. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Cash and seconded by Councilmember Emery to have 3rd reading of the Ordinance read by title only. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Wells and seconded by Councilmember Cash to adopt Ordinance No. 321-23. Motion passed (5/0).

Ordinance No 321-23 – “AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, ARKANSAS ON THE QUESTION OF ISSUING BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COST OF SEWER IMPROVEMENTS; LEVYING A ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIRING SUCH BONDS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.”

A motion by Councilmember Cash and seconded by Councilmember Emery to pay 65% of the preliminary designs for sewer project to CEA Engineering Associates, LLC. In the amount of \$68,970.00, to be paid out of the General Fund. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Emery and seconded by Councilmember Wells to purchase the 2023 Dodge Ram 1500 classic from Red River Dodge for \$38,054.00. Motion passed (5/0).

Councilmember Tommy Eakins announced his resignation from the city council. He has served for many years, and we appreciate his service. We will be accepting new applicants for Ward 2, Position 2.

At 6:05, A motion was made by Councilmember Eakins and seconded by Councilmember Davis to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

CAMERON TATE, MAYOR

LISA SITZ, CITY CLERK/TREASURER