

December 18, 2023  
5:30 pm  
Lake City Hall Council Chambers  
406 Court Street  
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 council members answered their names: BRENDA HUTCHESON, KATE WELLS, HARMONY CASH, JAKE EMERY, JAY DAVIS. The meeting continued with the above members and the city clerk Lisa Sitz present.

GUESTS: Randall & Lori Talley, Daniel Haynes, Justin & Misty Cole, Josh Barnes, Aaron & Ashley Bupp, Lana Tate, Jon Milligan, Chris Walker, Rick Davis, Daniel & Kasey Eakins, Chris Snyder, Jera Cobb, Bryan Wells, Hunter Timms, Ron Nunnally, Kayla Sain.

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Wells to approve the minutes from the last council meeting held November 20, 2023. Motion passed (5/0).

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

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Emery to approve the Craighead County Landfill 2024 Budget. Motion passed (5/0).

Jera Cobb addressed the council about approving an in-home barber shop. After discussion, a motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Emery to refer the issue to the Planning and Zoning to discuss and make a decision. The city would have to amend the ordinance. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Cash and seconded by Councilmember Hutcheson to go in executive session to discuss promotion and the salary of police chief Aaron Bupp. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Davis to come back in regular session. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Davis to set police chief Aaron Bupp salary at \$48,000. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Wells to declare Ward 2, Position 1 council seat vacant. Motion passed (5/0).

The city had 3 candidates for the vacant council seat. Josh Barnes, Kasey Eakins, Rick Davis each addressed the council and give a little bit of their background and reasoning for wanting to be on the

council. The council tabled it until next council meeting in January 2024 and the position will be appointed.

A motion by councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Cash to except bid from Arkansas Municipal Equipment for \$129,000 to purchase Kenworth garbage truck. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Cash to pass Resolution No. 2023-12-18 as read by the city Clerk. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LAKE CITY TO ENTER INTO A CONSENT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT, DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ). Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Cash to except the employee raises for 2024 as recommended by Mayor Tate to also include the Mayor and the City Clerk. Motion passed (4/0) Kate Wells abstained.

Also, a motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Cash to give a pay differential of .33 cents to employees with the family plan insurance since premiums increased for 2024. The difference will drop off if employees no longer carry the family plan. Motion passed (4/0). Kate Wells abstained.

Mayor Tate gives updates on the police department.

At 6:40, a motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded Councilmember Emery to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

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CAMERON TATE, MAYOR

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LISA SITZ, CITY CLERK/TREASURER