

October 19, 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 answered to their names: BRENDA HUTCHESON, KATE WELLS, TOMMY EAKINS was absent, HARMONY CASH, JAKE EMERY, JAY DAVIS. The meeting continued with the above members and the city clerk Lisa Sitz present.

GUESTS: Bryan Wells, Chad & Valarie Moody, Ted Qualls, Misty Cole, Ashley Bupp, Aaron Bupp, Chris Walker, Winred Saffell.

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Wells to approve the minutes from the last council meetings held, September 11, and September 18, 2023. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Emery to add Bryan Wells-fire dept as #12 on the agenda. Motion passed (5/0).

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

The millage tax resolution must be approved annually. A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Cash to adopt Resolution No. 2023-10-19. The city millage will remain at 1.6 mills on the dollar for the year 2024. Motion passed (5/0).

The water/sewer audit for the year ending May 31, 2023, has been completed with no findings. A motion by Councilmember Cash and seconded by Councilmember Emery to accept the water/sewer audit FYE May 31, 2023. Motion passed (5/0).

Mayor Tate said it was time for the approval of the end of year bonuses. After a brief discussion, a motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Davis to approve EOY bonuses as follows: Full-time employees- \$600.00 and Part-time employees \$300.00, Motion passed (4/0) Kate Wells abstained.

Fire Chief Chris Snyder made recommendations for the following Lake City volunteer firemen- Ron Nunnally, Bryan Wells, Gunner Tyler, Cole Winford, Joseph Conway and Chris Snyder. A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Cash to approve giving end of year bonuses as follows: Chris Snyder-\$350, Bryan Wells-\$250, Ron Nunnally-\$250, Gunner Tyler-\$200, Cole Winford-\$125, Joseph Conway-\$125. Motion passed (4/0) Kate Wells abstained.

The city received 2 applications for the Lake City Volunteer Fire Dept. They were presented to the council for approval. The 2 applicants were Anthony Davis and Jon Cottingham. A motion by Councilmember Cash and seconded by Councilmember Wells to add Anthony Davis and Jon Cottingham to the Lake City Fire Dept. Motion passed (5/0).

The city hired Gunner Tyler as the new police officer pending psych test. The salary was discussed, and a motion was made by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Wells to set the new police officer salary at \$38,000 pending psych test. After being certified, the salary will go to \$38,500. Motion passed (5/0).

Bryan Wells presented to the council quotes for the purchase of a washer and dryer for the fire dept to wash their turnout gear. A motion by councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Cash to approve the city to spend up to \$17,000 to purchase a washer and dryer for washing the turnout gear. Motion passed (5/0).

At 6:10, a motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Emery to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be November 20, 2023, at 5:30pm

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CAMERON TATE, MAYOR

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LISA SITZ, CITY CLERK/TREASURER