OCTOBER 21, 2024 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 was called, and the following council members answered their names: BRENDA HUTCHESON, KATE WELLS, KASEY EAKINS, HARMONY CASH, JAKE EMERY. Jay Davis was not present. The meeting continued with the above members present and the city clerk Lisa Sitz.

GUESTS: Lana Tate, Daniel Haynes, Judge Marvin Day, Bryan Wells, Aaron & Ashley Bupp, State Rep Jon Milligan, Hunter & Chelsea Timms, Sarah Giammo, Attorney with Friday Law Firm.

A public hearing on sewer bond ordinances was held without opposition. Public hearing closed.

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Emery to accept the minutes as written from the last council meeting held September 16, 2024. Motion passed (5/0).

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

Sarah Giammo, Attorney with Friday Law Firm explained the two bond ordinances that the city needed to pass pertaining to the sewer plant project financing with USDA and ANRC.

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Eakins to suspend the rules and have city clerk read bond Ordinance No. 328-24A by title only. Motion passed (5/0).

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, ARKANSAS; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A SALES AND USE TAX AND WAER AND SEWER REVENUE BOND FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING A PORTION OF THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE BOND; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 312-21; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Emery to adopt Ordinance No. 328-24A. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Eakins to suspend the rules and have the city clerk read Ordinance No. 328-24B. Motion passed (5/0).

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, ARKANSAS; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A SALES AND USE TAX AND WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BOND FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING A PORTION OF THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE BOND; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

A motion by Councilmember Cash and seconded by Councilmember Wells to adopt Ordinance No. 328-24B. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Cash and seconded by Councilmember Hutcheson to pass Resolution No 2024-10-21A BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Lake City, Arkansas a resolution entitled: Lake City Cemetery Plot. Whereas the City Council of Lake City, Arkansas authorizes the sale of a burial plot for Sgt. Charles Beaty at a reduced sale of \$1 under special circumstances for POW/MIA in the Korean War with the remains being discovered in August of 2018.

Motion passed (5/0).

Fire Chief Hunter Timms gave updates on the Lake City Fire Dept. The department has added 10 new volunteers to the roster, making a total of 25 members. The city received an application from Drake Gibson. The application was presented to the council on the recommendation of the Fire Chief, for approval. A motion by Councilmember Eakins and seconded by Councilmember Wells to accept Drake Gibson to the Lake City Volunteer Fire Dept. Motion passed (5/0).

Fire Chief also made recommendations for the end of year bonuses for the following firemen: Hunter Timms-\$350, Bryan Wells-\$300, Cole Winford-\$250, Ron Nunnally-\$250, Joseph Conway-\$150, Adam Terrell-\$150. A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Emery to accept end of year bonuses as recommended. Motion passed (4/0). Kate Wells abstained.

The millage tax must be approved annually. A motion by councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Eakins to adopt Resolution No. 2024-10-21B. The city millage will remain at 1.6 mills on the dollar for the year 2025. Motion passed (5/0).

Mayor Tate discussed with the council the need for repairs to the walking track. A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Wells to have repairs made to the walking track by McNally's Asphalt Services for \$7500 plus tax. Motion passed (5/0).

Mayor Tate said it was time for the approval of the end of year bonuses. After a brief discussion, the council decided to give full-time employees \$600 and part-time employees \$300. A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Cash to set EOY bonuses as stated, to also include the Mayor and the City Clerk. Motion passed (4/0). Kate Wells abstained.

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Eakins to adjourn. Motion carried (5/0).

CAMERON TATE, MAYOR	LISA SITZ, CITY CLERK/TREASURER