

FEBRUARY 17, 2026
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LAKE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
406 COURT STREET
LAKE CITY, AR

A regular council meeting of the City of Lake City was brought to order by the honorable Mayor Cameron Tate. The meeting opened with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

The roll called and the following council members answered their names: BRENDA HUTCHESON, KASEY EAKINS, HARMONY CASH, JAKE EMERY, JAY DAVIS. Jason Garner was not present. The meeting continued with the above members and the city clerk Lisa Sitz present.

GUESTS: Bryan & Kate Wells, Cole Winford, Rick & Michelle Davis, Daniel Haynes, Josh Barnes, Misty Cole, Chad Moody, Ted Qualls, Kenny Qualls, Aaron Bupp, Jerry Lamar, Lana Tate, Camden Tate.

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Davis to accept the minutes as written from last council meeting held January 19, 2026. Motion passed (5/0).

Mayor Tate discussed the financials and liabilities of the city.

Fire Chief Hunter Timms discussed with the council about onsite billing when the fire department works an accident. He had a representative from the company explain how it works. They are a 3rd party company who files with the insurance on any work the fire department does on the scene. Any monies collected, the company gets 17% and then they cut a check to the fire department for the remaining money. The Council wanted to get more information to help with making a final decision. The discussion was tabled.

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Emery to have city clerk read Ordinance No. 335-26 by title only. Motion passed (5/0).

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 329-25. An Ordinance providing for and Adopting for the City of Lake City, Arkansas, For the twelve (12) months beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025; provided for: Declaring an emergency to exist and for other purposes.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Lake City, Arkansas:

A motion by Councilmember Cash and seconded by Councilmember Eakins to adopt Ordinance No. 335-26. Motion passed (5/0).

The city received 3 bids for backhoes through Sourcewell. The council agreed to purchase 2026 John Deere 320 from Stribling Equipment to be purchased out of street department. A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Davis to purchase the John Deere 320. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Eakins to go into executive session to discuss police promotion. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Cash and seconded by Councilmember Emery to come out of executive session. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Emery to give Sgt. Jerrod Davis a \$3000.00 annual salary increase for his promotion to Sgt. Motion passed (5/0).

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Emery to add Larry Davis to the agenda. Motion passed (5/0).

Mayor Tate told the Council that Larry had been made full-time in January and draws Medicare benefits. Since the city can't add him to the city insurance, the city will reimburse him, his Medicare premium of \$202.90/month. A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Davis to reimburse his Medicare premium. Motion passed (5/0).

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

Cameron Tate, Mayor

Lisa Sitz, City Clerk/Treasurer