



MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – JUDICIAL CENTER
202 KELLEY STREET
7:00 P.M.

MAYOR/CITY COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT

Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr	Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary
Councilmember Yamekia Robinson	Councilmember Wilhelmena W. Scott
Councilmember William Askins	Councilmember Richard Cook
Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby	

STAFF

William Hall	Teresa Benjamin	LaToya Miller
Police Chief Joseph Cooper	City Attorney Charlie Ipock	Cynthia Mallette

OTHERS

Press – None		
Paula Morris	Janice Williams	Dollie Fulmore

The City Council Regular City Council Meeting agenda acknowledgment was publicized on the City's Facebook and website on Friday, August 6, 2021. The agenda was emailed on Friday, August 6, 2021 to members of the media and posted on the bulletin board at the Lake City Municipal Complex, as well on the city's Facebook page and official website.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Anderson Jr read aloud the protocol for the meeting and asked everyone to silence their phones.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was led by Councilmember Richard Cook, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Singletary.

POLLING OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS – A QUORUM WAS PRESENT

City Clerk Teresa K. Benjamin polled City Councilmembers and found there to be a quorum present.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – APPROVED AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE IN SECTION VI. LEGISLATIVE, SECTION B. RESOLUTIONS ITEM NUMBER 4 – RESOLUTION 2021.393

A motion to amend the agenda to include in section VI. Legislative, Section B. Resolution item number 4 – Resolution 2021.393 for the successful awarding of funding to the construction group that will be working on the Wastewater Treatment Upgrade; Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Singletary; Seconded: Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Councilmember Richard Cook, Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember William Askins, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr voted all Aye)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APPROVED AS PRESENTED

A motion to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, July 13, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting and Tuesday, August 3, 2021, Special-Called Meeting: Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby; Seconded Councilmember Yamekia Robinson; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Councilmember Richard Cook, Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember William Askins, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr voted all Aye).

PRESENTATION – A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING AUGUST 8-14, 2021 AS NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr presented a Proclamation recognizing August 8-14, 2021, as National Health Week Center. This, to Kimberly Johnson (Hope Health Director of Engagement) and Donna Tracy (Hope Health Communications Coordinator). It was presented in the Lake City Judicial Center on August 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at which time Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr read the Proclamation aloud for the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Notes on Comment Period: Citizens were asked to submit their question(s) or concern(s) to the Interim City Administrator at whall@cityoflakecity.org or administration@cityoflakecity.org.

Roosevelt Bryant (roosevelt.bryant08@gmail.com) submitted a comment 24 hours in advance pertaining to the following: “I have concerns about how the Council is trying to take the recreation facilities upgrade funding from the old Florence Darlington Tech Building”. Interim City Administrator William Hall stated that he received a number of phone calls directing him to a post Roosevelt Bryant placed on Facebook expressing the same concerns. Several citizens commented on the post, and there were others who wanted to remain anonymous but agreed with what he had stated.

LEGISLATIVE**ORDINANCES****ORDINANCE 2021.563 – SECOND AND FINAL READING**

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, SOUTH CAROLINA SEEKING THE APPROVAL TO PROVIDE FOR ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,175,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES 2021 OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO- APPROVED AS PRESENTED

A motion to approve Ordinance 2021.563, seeking the approval to provide for issuance and sale of not exceeding One Million One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (1,175,000) General Obligation Bond, Series 2021 of the City of Lake City, South Carolina, to prescribe the purpose for which the proceeds shall be expended, to provide for the payment thereof, and other matters related thereto: Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott; Seconded: Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby; Discussion – Councilmember Yamekia Robinson asked Interim City Administrator William Hall to elaborate for the public to have a better understanding of what the process entailed. Interim City Administrator William Hall reflected back that in May 2021, Council voted to approve the original budget of 36.00 mill, but more research would need to be conducted with legal counsel. The recommendation was received that the city should move forward in this direction. The recommendation would give a more precise timeline and breakdown showing two parts. The mileage (9.86) that will expire after this year and pay out the landfill, and mileage (17.6) will be spread out over a period of five years. As the population rotates in and out, this allow the opportunity to share the debt and mileage; it will ensure that the City's obligations are being met as laid out in the audit results. Those results points to the ordinance the city signed agreeing to contribute to the Fund Balance; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Councilmember Richard Cook, Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember William Askins, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr voted all Aye).

ORDINANCE 2021.564 – FIRST READING

An ordinance of the City of Lake City, South Carolina, seeking approval related to the recovery of collection costs as a part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act; and other matters related thereto.

A motion to approve ordinance 2021.564, seeking approval related to the recovery of collection costs as a part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act; and other matters related thereto: Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott; Seconded: Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole

Singletary; Discussion – This Ordinance is specifically for the Water Department. The process will setoff debt in the amount of One Hundred, One Thousand Six Hundred – Eighty-Seven Dollars and Sixty-One Cents (101,678) when taxes are filled. It is a decrease from previous setoff debt. In the past setoff debt was up to four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) a year. The city implemented a new program called Customer Care designed to assist our customers get their accounts back on track. The Customer Care Manager Nekeycha Izzard notifies our customers with outstanding accounts of their delinquencies, along with blue letters being sent out with payment plans. This program has our number of delinquent accounts at its lowest point in fifteen years; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Councilmember Richard Cook, Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember William Askins, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr voted all Aye).

ORDINANCE 2021.565 – FIRST READING

An ordinance of the City of Lake City, South Carolina, seeking approval related to the recovery of collection costs as a part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act for the Judicial Department; and other matters related thereto.

A motion to approve ordinance 2021.565, seeking approval related to the recovery of collection costs as a part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act for the Judicial Department; and other matters related thereto: Councilmember Yamekia Robinson; Seconded: Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott; Discussion- This will be the second year the Judicial Department has utilized submitting setoff debts process, as a way of recovering some of the outstanding fines and legal costs. The first year went better than anticipated, because money was collected when taxes were filed. The amount of outstanding judicial debts was in the amount of \$371, 056 (Three Hundred, Seventy-One Thousand, Fifty-Six Dollars. Due to Covid-19 Pandemic, the Judicial System was shut down. There was no court, so the outstanding fines/fees was collected: no warrants were issued or arrests for non-payment of tickets. This was the ramification of court not being held. It is lower than it was last year, the Judicial Department being reorganized, and the numbers should go down. Motion Carried: All Ayes (Councilmember Richard Cook, Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember William Askins, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr voted all Ayes).

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2021.390 FOR APPROVAL

A Resolution of the City of Lake City, South Carolina authorizing the City of Lake City, to sell surplus equipment from the Lake City Fire Department on GOV.DEALS; and other matters related thereto.

A motion to approve Resolution 2021.390 to sell surplus equipment from the Lake City Fire Department on GOV.DEALS; and other matters related thereto: Councilmember Richard Cook; Seconded: Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Councilmember Richard Cook, Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember William Askins, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr voted all ayes).

RESOLUTION 2021.391 FOR APPROVAL

A Resolution for the City of Lake City, South Carolina to approve the waiving of the Water and Sewer tap fees for the new housing development London Pointe. This is customary as the City of Lake City will own the lines when developers have completed the project; and other matters related thereto.

A motion to approve Resolution 2021.391 waiving of the Water and Sewer tap fees for the new housing development London Pointe. This is customary for the City of Lake City because the City will own the lines when developers have completed the project; and other matters related thereto: Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott; Seconded: Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Singletary; Discussion - The Homes will be located on Graham Road and London Avenue. This will be a private housing development for the City of Lake City and will consist of fifteen (15) new homes. The homes will range from \$170,000 (One Hundred, Seventy Thousand Dollars) to \$190,000 (One Hundred, Ninety Thousand Dollars). Approving this Resolution will help them to begin the process and construction. This property will be an increase value for the City of Lake City in approx. \$2,550,000 (Two Million, Five Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars) and roughly \$19,000 (Nineteen Thousand Dollars) to \$20,000 (Twenty -Thousand Dollars) each year in tax revenue. Increase annual base rate \$1,692 (One Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-Two Dollars) in water and \$3,800 (Three Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars) in sewer and \$3,500 (Three Thousand Five Hundred) in solid waste. It would also be a good attraction for the community. Motion Carried: All Ayes (Councilmember Richard Cook, Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember William Askins, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr voted all Aye).

RESOLUTION 2021.392 FOR APPROVAL

A Resolution of the City of Lake City, South Carolina seeking the approval to implement an initiative, in accordance with the law, to encourage employees to get their COVID-19 vaccination; and other matters related thereto.

A motion to approve Resolution 2021.392 seeking the approval to implement an initiative, in accordance with the law, to encourage employees to get their COVID-19 vaccination; and other matters related thereto: Councilmember Yamekia Robinson; Seconded Wilhelmena Scott; Discussion – If an employee is completely vaccinated and they contract the COVID-19 virus, the

city of Lake City will pay the employee up to ten (10) days while they are recuperating. Proof of vaccination will be required along with a positive COVID-19 test result; if the result is negative, the employee will need to return to work the following day. Employees who have not been fully vaccinated can take their personal sick and vacation time. As of August 11, 2021, the City of Lake City will begin an incentive to encourage employees to get vaccinated; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Councilmember Richard Cook, Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember William Askins, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr voted all Aye).

RESOLUTION 2021.393 FOR APPROVAL

A Resolution for the City of Lake City, South Carolina to award the State Revolving Fund portion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade project to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder - BRW Construction Group, LLC of Savannah, GA in the base bid amount of \$579,743.00 (Five Hundred, Seventy-Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty-Three Dollars).

A motion to approve Resolution 2021.393 to award the State Revolving Fund portion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade project to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder - BRW Construction Group, LLC of Savannah, GA in the base bid amount of \$579,743.00 (Five Hundred, Seventy-Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty-Three Dollars): Councilmember Yamekia Robinson; Seconded Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Singletary; Discussion – Interim City Administrator William A. Hall explained that this project was approved in its entirety by Mayor and Council. It was the lowest bid in conjunction with the 600,000 for this fund. All the companies who submitted a packet for this project had to show that they were capable, professional, and had all the proper licensing to complete this project. DHEC has stringent guidelines and specific specifications in place, in conjunction with the federal government (we will receive federal funds for this project) specification. Everything was taken into consideration when compiling the requirements to bid out this project. BRW Construction Group had the lowest bid, and show the capability needed to complete this project; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Councilmember Richard Cook, Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember William Askins, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr voted all Aye).

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Interim City Administrator William A. Hall – Thanked the staff for their service in ensuring the City operates properly on a daily with no complaining and in all weather conditions. Interim Administrator Hall stated, he wants to give all the staff a heartfelt gratitude and an applause for all they do for the City of Lake City. He made everyone aware, there will be a work session scheduled regarding the former Florence-Darlington Technical Building located on Cole Road for Tuesday, August 31st. Interim Administrator Hall also announced that the City would begin a new concert series, called Around the Town. The first group to perform will be “Jus Tru Blac” Concert on West Main Street on Friday, September 10, 2021 (rescheduled due to the weather condition). He also stated that there will be a work

session scheduled in the coming month. A reminder that the audit is scheduled for November 8th, 2021. This is also a new accomplishment for the Finance Department in fifteen years this is the earliest the city has ever had their audit completed. He also gave special thanks and recognition to the Finance Department.

INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR WILLIAM HALL: MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – FISCAL YR 2021 PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 2021. The following is a summary of the City's financial results for the major operating funds as of July 31, 2021. Fiscal year activity has been included as of August 6, 2021.

GENERAL FUND:

REVENUE - BUDGETED: \$7,566,989; YTD Actual Collected = \$232,220, representing 3% of the current budget compared to the prior year actual collected = \$138,375. Fund Balance-None

EXPENSES – Budgeted: \$7,566,989; YTD Actual Collected = \$450,275, representing 6% of the budget compared to the prior year actual = \$482,803.

REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES: YTD = (\$218,055); PRIOR YR ACTUAL = \$(344,428). Account is still reflecting positive even with the cost of items for the Sanitation Department.

WATER FUND:

REVENUE – Budgeted: \$1,584,743; YTD Actual Collected: \$125,366 representing 8% of the budget compared to the prior year actual: \$132,319.

EXPENSES – Budgeted: \$1,584,743; YTD Actual Collected: \$94,706 representing 6% of the budget compared to the prior year actual: \$43,816.

REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES: YTD = \$30,660; PRIOR YR ACTUAL = \$88,503.

SEWER FUND:

REVENUE – Budgeted: \$2,910,554; YTD Actual Collected: \$325,910 representing 11% of the budget compared to the prior year = \$283,149.

EXPENSES – Budgeted: \$2,910,554; YTD Actual Collected: \$134,436 compared to the prior year actual = \$78,483 representing 5%.

REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES – Budgeted: \$0; YTD Actual Collected: \$191,474 compared to the prior year actual = \$204,666.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2021 (page 76) – Approved
Items 1 - 9 as presented.

A motion to approve the August 2021 Bill List items 1 – 9: Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott; Seconded: Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Singletary; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember William Askins, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Richard Cook and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS – LAKE CITY POLICE CHIEF JOSEPH COOPER

Lake City Police Chief Joseph Cooper provided Mayor and Council with Report 2021~001; as the City of Lake City Police Department continue to uphold the spirit of the community policing and professionalism, and integrity with the citizens. The Lake City Police Department Officers has sworn to protect and serve our community. A standard of conduct to which the Lake City Police Department has adopted, as to be a consistent model of police service and behavior can be established to ensure impartially and transparency to its citizens and elected officials.

A motion to approve Report 2021~001; Councilmember Richard Cook; Seconded Wilhelmena Scott; Discussion - Police Chief Joseph Cooper explained, this is a Code of Conduct to be upheld by all Lake City Police Officers. This Code of Conduct was approved by the Municipal Association with changes made by The City of Lake City's legal counsel. This is a standard that does not remove officers from any liability from the states statute and what governs them by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. It is a standard of conduct to which the Lake City Police will follow. There are over 40 rules in the Lake City Police Department Code of Conduct that keeps the officer transparent and will help with any decisions that need to be made regarding employment with the Lake City Police Department. This Code of Conduct is part of the Lake City Police Department beginning to update its personnel policy. Annually these policies needed to be reviewed and updated for necessary changes; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember William Askins, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Richard Cook and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).

LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

- Service Calls – 102
- Reports – 60
- Adult Arrests – 25
- Citations Issued – 53
- Juveniles Detained – 2
- Crisis Assists – 2
- Major Crimes – 0

Police Joseph Cooper addressed the issue for citizens in the community who were concerned about the legal age for Vaping (electronic cigarettes). SC Code of Law 16-17-501 states you must be twenty-one (21) years of age to vape or inhale any tobacco or nicotine products. Individuals eighteen (18) years of age and older can sell tobacco products. Proper identification should always be required; if an adult looks like they are purchasing tobacco products for someone underage a merchant can refuse the sale. Chief Cooper explained, one concern was reported by a parent who believed their underage child was sold a vape in Lake City and another one from a citizen who witnessed an underage sale. Discussion - Councilmember Yamekia Robinson asked what steps are being taken to warn these establishments that it has been reported that they are in violation with the law. Chief Joseph Cooper replied, a visit will be made to the establishment in hopes of speaking with the merchant, and to encourage the owner to contact Circle Park. Circle Park Services offers retail training and education programs to train and educate merchants on how to properly card individuals. Random checks are done periodically to ensure the establishment complies, if not a citation will be issued. Lake City Police Department will send individuals in that establishment who appear to be underage and should be asked for identification; if they do not comply a citation is issued to that merchant. Councilmember Yamekia then asked how many citations are issued before something else is done. His response, three (3) for different individuals and/or if it is the same person who has been issued three (3) citations, that individual is fined, and the owner will be notified to make them aware of violations. When owners and merchants are made aware of the training and education available, they usually comply. Chief Joseph Cooper stated, he has never written three citations to an establishment in Lake City for this violation and the individual who made the sell receives the violation and SLED is notified. Councilmember Sondra Crosby-Fleming asked, is it fair that the merchant got the citation and not the owner? She stated it is a job for the employee and it is the owner's responsibility to make sure the employee gets the proper training not to be in violation with the law. Chief Joseph Cooper stated it is South Carolina Law. Richard Cook then added employees should be responsible for their actions and not need constant supervision; the merchant and the owner should be fined. Chief Joseph Driggers added

as of August 15, 2021 any individual with a Concealed Weapons Permit (CWP) will be allowed to carry open or concealed unless prohibited by a private property owner. Information will be posted on the City of Lake City website and the Lake City Police Department Facebook Page. Visit website www.sled.sc.gov for restrictions and any questions or concerns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE HELD

ACTION AS NEEDED WITH RESPECT TO MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE HELD.

CITY COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS

Councilmember William Askins – He stated with the new Delta Variant of the COVID-19, if you have not been vaccinated, please get vaccinated. This new one is not a joke. Hopefully everyone will get vaccinated, so we can move past this.

Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott - She agreed with Councilman Askins, we should encourage more people to get vaccinated. She stated that with the new Delta Variant of the COVID-19; the ones who are already seriously ill are dying from this one more than the someone who is vaccinated. Young and old need to get vaccinated, a lot of young people think it is a joke until they get sick. We encourage the vaccine so we can get back to normal as possible. I also want to add on to what was said pertaining to tobacco and alcohol; years ago, my husband and I ran a store. During that time, you could sell loosies, I had a young worker who sold one to a younger person. They received a citation, and we were put under the gun to because they are our employee. They knew that was there was an age restriction, but they did not obey the rules. So, there are some laws that you must take up with legislative, to change laws. Those things are already written, and some young people will go to jail. Employers should have the laws/rules and what is expected of them to obey posted in the workplace.

Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary – She also agreed with Councilmember Askins, if you have not got vaccinated or know someone who has not, please encourage them to do so. Continue to be safe, continue to wear your mask and hopefully we will get back to normal as soon as possible.

Councilmember Sondra Fleming - Crosby- She agreed with the other Councilmembers as it pertains to encouraging everyone to get vaccinated. Reports has shown in reference to Covid-19 vaccine, it is safe and approved by the FDA. She wanted to thank everyone who called in to participate during the Council meeting. She acknowledged The City of Lake City’s August Featured employees: Mr. Tony Benjamin with the Sanitation Department; and employees with birthdays in the month of August. She welcomed all new employees to the City of Lake City and congratulated Officer Diaz on graduating the Police Academy. “To the person who does the Newsletter you do a marvelous job and keep up the good work”. She also added with school starting on August 16th if we could make sure the grass stays mowed on Carver Street, because some children have to walk to school and poses a safety issue for foot traffic.

Councilmember Yamekia Robinson – She wanted to thank everyone for the phone calls, texts, cards, and flowers during her recovery. “I will forever be grateful for your kindness”. She let everyone know about the Florence School District Three Back to School Jamboree on Saturday, August 13, 2021, beginning at 3 pm. A basketball game was a scheduled on the same day. She encouraged everyone to come out and support our youth. Donation was encouraged but not required. The football Jamboree was held on August 12, 2021, Friday at 6 pm. at Wards Football Stadium. A special request announcement from Janice Williams Fundraising Home. As an ALS Hero you are the reason we walk. Team is KIP (Knowledge is Power) team ALS. Event: Midlands Walk on Saturday, October 30, 2021. Location: You choose where you want to walk. Contact person Tara Stevenson to get more on this event at 864-502-2061. Councilwoman Yamekia Robinson congratulated herself for being one the graduates recognized at the conference in Hilton Head SC on July 23. She was one of the Municipal Elected Officials who graduated from the Institute of Government. “Yay to me, I will try my best to continue my training and receiving my knowledge”. Last Council meeting she mentioned plans to start a Youth Council for Lake City, due to her surgery the presentation will not be available until further notice. She encouraged everyone to please wear your mask and get the Covid 19 vaccine, the unvaccinated population is really getting attacked by the Delta Variant. She expresses how she wants children to be able to go to school in normal setting with no worries and we can enjoy family and friends. She thanked everyone who called in and voicing their concerns about our city.

Councilmember Richard Cook – He encouraged everyone to stay safe, he stated he feels the vaccine is just as important as a mask, and he doesn’t know how we will convince more people to get the vaccine, but we need to find a way. He thanked everyone who called in to the meeting.

MAYOR’S REPORT – He thanked everyone and let Councilmember Fleming-Crosby know that they will be out tomorrow, they were waiting because of all the rain. He assured her they he is aware of the issue, and it will be addressed. He thanked everyone for all they do and continue to interact with the citizens in the community about the seriousness of Covid 19. He stated he heard on TV that individuals who have survived Covid 19 tell other people if you know what I have been through you would get vaccinated. “Lead by example, you may not think that people are looking at you, they really are”. He thanked everyone who called in tonight.

ADJOURNMENT - Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Having heard all matters presented and having no citizens input, a Motion to Adjourn was made by Councilmember Richard Cook; Seconded: Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember William Askins, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Richard Cook and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye): Motion Carried: Unanimously.



Lovith Anderson Jr
Mayor

Attest:



Teresa K. Benjamin
City Clerk