

SEPTEMBER 16, 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 having been called and the following councilmembers answered with their names: BRENDA HUTCHESON, KATE WELLS, KASEY EAKINS, HARMONY CASH, JAKE EMERY, JAY DAVIS. The meeting continued with the above members and the city clerk Lisa Sitz present.

GUESTS: Daniel Haynes, Aaron & Ashley Bupp, Arlon Woodruff, Jeff Puckett, Mike Burnside, Clayton Burnside, Lana Tate.

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Wells to add water/sewer audit FYE 5/321/2024 to the agenda. Motion passed (6/0).

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Emery to accept minutes as written from the last council meeting held August 19, 2024. Motion passed (6/0).

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

City Attorney Arlon Woodruff discussed with the council the updates on the condemnations given to him and the process that it takes to condemn properties. The property on Cottonwood is one of the properties to be condemned. The owners (Mike Burnside) told the council that he was in the process of taking the building down to the concrete foundation. The Mayor and the Council agreed to give him 2 weeks to get it down and hauled off. October 1st is the deadline, if not completed, the city will continue with the condemnation.

A motion by Councilmember Cash and seconded by Councilmember Wells to condemn property at 92 Mead. Motion passed (6/0).

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Emery to pass the intergovernmental agreement between the City of Lake City and the county of Craighead for housing prisoners. Motion passed (6/0).

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Wells to have the city clerk read Resolution No. 2024-09-16. Motion passed (6/0).

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY'S 2024 BUDGETS AND ARPA GRANT BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE COSTS.
A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Wells to pass Resolution No. 2024-09-16, to move \$274,438.54 from the ARPA fund into the General fund for revenue replacement. Motion passed (6/0).

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Cash to allow the city clerk to read Ordinance No. 327-24 by emergency clause. An Ordinance authorizing the city council to do business with the City of Lake City. Motion passed (6/0). 2nd reading (6/0), 3rd reading (6/0).

Mayor Tate discussed with the council about exploring options for a park grant. The Nash Street Park at the ballpark needs some attention. The council agreed to allow Mayor Tate to explore options.

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Wells to accept the water/sewer audit FYE 5-31-2024 with no findings. Motion passed (6/0).

Councilmember Brenda Hutcheson spoke about information she had received about a soldier, Charles Beaty, who was originally from Lake City, killed in the Korean War was accounted for on April 5, 2024. He received several medals of honor. His remains have made it home and he will now receive the burial he deserves. Beaty will be buried in Lake City, AR on November 19, 2024.

A motion by Councilmember Hutcheson and seconded by Councilmember Emery to adjourn. Motion passed (6/0).

Next Council meeting will be October 21, 2024, at 5:30pm.

CAMERON TATE, MAYOR

LISA SITZ, CITY CLERK/TREASURER