

City of Live Oak
Virtual City Council Meeting
June 9, 2020

The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. via phone. The following officials called in to attend: Mayor Frank Davis, Councilmember Robintina Reed, Councilmember David Burch, Council President Mark Stewart, Councilmember Don Allen, Councilmember Bennie Thomas, Attorney Fred Koberlein Sr., City Manager Ron Williams, and City Clerk John Gill.

Council President Stewart called the meeting to order.

Mayor Frank Davis led the invocation, which was followed with a roll call by Council President Stewart with all Councilmembers acknowledging their attendance.

Council President Stewart then presented the agenda for any additions, deletions, or changes. Councilmember Allen moved to pass the agenda as presented, which Councilmember Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The floor was then opened to public comment. No one from the public spoke.

Council President Stewart proceeded to the next item regarding the approval of the May 12, 2020 City Council Meeting minutes. Councilmember Burch moved to approve May 12th, meeting minutes, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Stewart then turned the floor over to Mayor Davis. Mayor Davis thanked the Public Works department on all their hard work during the heavy rain fall and the flooding that occurred in downtown Live Oak over the weekend.

Council President Stewart then proceeded to the next item on the agenda, discussion with possible action regarding City Manager evaluation report. Councilmember Stewart asked Joann Luther, City Finance Director, to give the Council the figures on the evaluation. Ms. Luther stated that the evaluations came to an average of 45.8 out of 55. Council President Stewart then asked what percentage of a raise would that give Mr. Williams? Ms. Luther stated that by the contract it would be up to the Council. Ms. Luther noted that regular employees will receive up to 1% with their evaluations. Mr. Williams stated that a 1% would be acceptable for his raise. Councilmember Burch moved to approve a 1% increase for the City Manager, which Council President Stewart seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Stewart then proceeded to the next item on the agenda regarding sewer connections on Anna Street. Council President Stewart then turned the floor over to Councilmember Allen. Councilmember Allen wanted to know if there was any status change on installing the sewer connections on Anna Street. Mr. Williams stated that he has been working with staff on a budget for this project and a plan has been laid out, the City is just waiting to hear back from Mr. Wiggins (a resident on Anna Street) to see if the costs of the project is reasonable for the residents.

Council President Stewart then proceeded to the next item on the agenda regarding chickens inside the city, at which he turned the floor over to Councilmember Allen. Councilmember Allen stated that he has been contacted by several residents in his district concerning chickens, especially during this epidemic. Mr. Williams stated that he has spoken with Mr. George Curtis, Planning and Zoning Director concerning how to proceed with this matter. Mr. Curtis stated that this matter would have to go before Planning and Zoning Board to get passed, at which time it would have to go before the Council for two (2) readings to pass an Ordinance on the matter.

Councilmember Allen moved to have an Ordinance for allowing laying hens in the City limits, which Councilmember Reed seconded. The motion failed 2 to 3 with Councilmember Burch, Councilmember Stewart, and Councilmember Thomas voted against.

Council President Stewart then turned the floor over to Mr. Williams, at which time Mr. Williams reminded the Council of Hurricane Season approaching.

Mr. Williams then proceeded to the next item on the agenda, regarding Citizens Advisory Task Force for CDBG projects for the City. Mr. Williams asked the Council to recommend someone in their District for the Task Force so that they can

proceed forward with projects. Council President Steward moved to appoint Ms. Latavia Clayton to the CDBG Task Force, which Council Member Burch seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Williams turned the floor over to Mr. Andy Townsend, Public Works Director at which time Mr. Townsend went over Resolution 2020-11, a resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the State Highway Lighting, Maintenance, and Compensation Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, amending the annual compensation the city will receive from the State of Florida to \$40,050.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE HIGHWAY LIGHTING, MAINTENANCE, AND COMPENSATION AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AMENDING THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION THE CITY WILL RECEIVE FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO \$40,050.00.

Councilmember Allen moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-11, which Councilmember Burch seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Townsend then proceeded to Resolution No. 2020-12, a resolution authorizing city to execute and record a release and termination of City of Live Oak Code Enforcement Board lien recorded in official records book 2007, beginning at page 31, Public Records of Suwannee County, Florida.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION OF SEWER REPAIR RESERVE FUNDS.

Councilmember Burch moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-12, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Councilmember Mark Stewart
City Council President

Attest:
Mr. John Gill
City Clerk