

City of Live Oak  
Special Called City Council Meeting  
July 21, 2020

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The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 101 SE White Ave., Live Oak, Florida 32064. The following officials were present: Mayor Frank Davis, Councilmember Robintina Reed, Councilmember David Burch, Council President Mark Stewart, Councilmember Don Allen, Councilmember Lynda Owens, City Manager Ron Williams, and City Clerk John Gill. Attorney Fred Koberlein Jr. Via Zoom.

Council President Stewart called the meeting to order.

Council President Stewart proceeded with the first item on the agenda, City Manager replacement process. Council President Stewart began with asking each Councilmember their preference of how they would like for the process to go forward. All 5 Councilmembers agreed that they would like to go forward using an employment firm hired by the City to manage the process and present qualified applicants to be interviewed by the City Council. Mr. Williams was asked his opinion and he agreed that hiring a firm would be the best way to go for the City, but that it would come at a high price to the City as well.

Council President Stewart stated that with Mr. Williams and City Clerk Mr. Gill working together that the Council should be able to find a firm in a decent amount of time. Council President Stewart asked Mr. Koberlein if he had any advice for the Council, at which time Mr. Koberlein stated that the City would be wise in hiring a firm to search for a new City Manager.

Councilmember Burch moved to approve hiring an employment firm in searching for a new City Manager, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Stewart then proceeded to the next item on the agenda regarding current year 2020 budget. Ms. Joanne Luther, Finance Director stated that the Departments had stayed within the 2020 budget and the City is on track.

Council President Stewart then proceeded to the next item on the agenda regarding next year 2021 budget. Council President Stewart asked if anyone had any thing they would like to discuss, at which time Mr. Williams asked to be heard.

Mr. Williams stated that the City was in need of getting a CDBG Board established, the Board already has 2 members and it needs to have 5. Council President Stewart asked that the other 3 Council members have their candidate picked by the August meeting.

Mr. Williams also stated that he would like to meet with each Council member separately and discuss a sewer rate increase for the upcoming budget year.

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

Councilmember Mark Stewart  
City Council President

Attest:  
Mr. John Gill  
City Clerk