

City of Live Oak  
City Council Meeting  
November 12, 2019

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The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 5:30 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 Bennie Thomas, Attorney Fred Koberlein Jr., 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 by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

The floor was then opened to public comment. The following individuals then addressed council with their topic of discussion:

Robert Ford: Presentation of Certificates  
Anita Williams: Street Right of Way

With no other public comment Council President Stewart proceeded to the next item regarding the approval of the October 8, 2019 City Council Meeting minutes and the Emergency Called Council meeting on October 25, 2019. Councilmember Allen moved to approve the minutes as presented, which Councilmember Burch seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Stewart then turned the floor over to Mayor Davis. Mayor Davis presented the 2020 Holiday schedule for Council approval. Councilmember Burch moved to approve the 2020 Holiday schedule, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Davis then presented a recommendation for Council approval, the nomination to appoint Clifford Kastor as Tenant Commissioner to the Board of Commissioners for the Live Oak Housing Authority. Councilmember Allen moved to approve the nomination to appoint Clifford Kastor, which Councilmember Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Stewart proceeded to the next item on the agenda, discussion regarding game room/ gaming business. Council President Stewart asked George Curtis to come forward and give an update on Internet Cafes that are opened and running in the City of Live Oak. Mr. Curtis stated that there are 9 Businesses in the City that are equipped with gaming machines, 5 of the 9 or solely Internet Cafes. Councilmember Thomas asked what the revenue is that the City receives from the Internet Cafes at which Mr. Curtis stated that in 2019 the Clerks office collected \$22,950.00 in Business Tax Receipts. Council President Stewart asked why Jacksonville has shut down all of their Internet Cafes and other surrounding counties have followed suit except the City? Mr. Williams stated that after in debt researching, staff found that Jacksonville and surrounding counties had a number of 911 disturbance calls to the businesses. Mr. Williams also stated he has confirmed that there have been zero calls from any of the Cafes in the City of Live Oak for disturbances.

Council President Stewart proceeded to the next item on the agenda, the **Final Reading** of Ordinance No. 1440. Mr. Gill then read Ordinance No. 1440.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1440**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 2-116, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF LIVE OAK, PROVIDING THAT THE SALARY OF THE CITY CLERK AND TREASURER SHALL BE ADJUSTED FROM \$51,188.80 TO \$56,000.00; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION: AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Burch moved to approve Ordinance No. 1440, which Councilmember Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Stewart then turned the floor over to Mr. Ron Williams, City Manager. Mr. Williams began with awarding of contract for RFQ 01-2019. Mr. Williams stated that he recommends adding Professional Engineering Services to the list of

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engineering services for the City of Live Oak to use for future developments. Councilmember Allen moved to approve the adding of Professional Engineering Services, which Councilmember Burch seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Williams proceeded to the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 19-20, a resolution encouraging the United States Postal Service to formally nominate the Live Oak Main Post Office, located at 400 Ohio Avenue/Dr. MLK Jr. Avenue South to The National Register of Historic Places.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-20**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO FORMALLY NOMINATE THE LIVE OAK MAIN POST OFFICE, LOCATED AT 400 OHIO AVENUE/DR. MLK JR. S. TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING SEVERALBILTIIY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE:

Councilmember Allen moved to approve Resolution No, 19-20, which Councilmember Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Williams proceeded to the next agenda item, Resolution No. 19-21, a resolution to remain in the negotiation class in The Federal Opioid Multi-District Litigation in The United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio. Mr. Williams turned the floor over to the City Attorney Fred Koberlein.

Mr. Koberlein explained that the resolution is in the best interest of the City, so that the City will remain in the negotiation class in the Federal Opioid litigation lawsuit in Ohio.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-21**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK TO REMAIN IN THE NEGOTIATION CLASS IN THE FEDERAL OPIOID MULIT-DISTRICT LITIGATION IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Thomas moved to approve Resolution No. 19-21, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Williams then proceeded to the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 19-22, a resolution declaring certain personal property owned by the City to be either surplus or obsolete and to be removed from the fixed assets of the City.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-22**

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA, TO BE EITHER SURPLUS TO ITS NEEDS AND SOLD AT A PUBLICLY NOTICED SALE OR DETERMINED TO BE OBSOLETE, NON-SERVICEABLE, OR BEYOND ECONOMIC REPAIR AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO REMOVE SUCH SURPLUS PROPERTY WHEN SOLD OR DISPOSED OF FROM THE FIXED ASSETS OF THE CITY.

Councilmember Thomas moved to approve Resolution No. 19-22, which Councilmember Burch 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