

City of Live Oak
City Council Meeting
August 13, 2019

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The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, August 13, 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.

Mr. Ryan Virmalya with First Baptist Church 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 Allen moved to pass the agenda as presented, which Councilmember Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Anita Williams: Public Works Contract

Len Stapleton: On behalf of the County to express his thanks for the City's help with Chief Somers funeral. Also, like to see the City and County build bridges and work together.

Samantha White: Utility bill Issues

Teria Hart: Utility bill Issues

Council President Stewart proceeded to the next item regarding the approval of the July 9, 2019 City Council Meeting minutes and July 23, 2019 Special called meeting minutes. Councilmember Burch moved to approve the minutes as presented, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Stewart then turned the floor over to Mayor Davis who proceeded to turn the floor over to Mr. Jimmy Norris. Mr. Norris then introduced Jennifer M. Pyle of the US Census Bureau who made a brief presentation regarding the upcoming census.

Mayor Davis then proceeded with the presentation of a proclamation to Chief Buddy Williams for his many years of service to the City of Live Oak in Law Enforcement.

Mayor Davis then proceeded with the next item on the agenda, the swearing in of the new Chief of Police. Judge Fina at this time swore in Captain Keith Davis as City of Live Oak Chief of Police.

Council President Stewart then turned the floor over to Councilmember Reed. Councilmember Reed proceeded to address the speed bump on Davis Street and the right-of-way on Perimeter Road. Councilmember Reed then carried out copies of a petition that residents on McGee St. signed in regards to having a speed bump placed on that street. The speeding is getting out of hand and the children in the neighborhood are at risk of getting hit. After some discussion with Council and City Manager Ron Williams, Council President Stewart recommended that Councilmember Reed read the current policy that the City goes by for speed bumps and work to change it.

Council President Stewart then turned the floor over to Mr. Ron Williams, who then turned the floor over to City Fire Chief Chad Croft. Chief Croft then talked about the recent Live Oak Fire Department ISO Rating, the City Fire Department received an ISO rating of 3, out of 40,829 Fire Districts only 3,490 are a 3 rating. Chief Croft explained that the better the ISO rating we have the cheaper the home owners insurance in our area will be.

Mr. Williams then proceeded to the next item on the agenda, Resolution No. 19-12, a resolution amending the City's Section 125 Plan, relating to employee benefit choices, flexible spending.

RESOLUTION NO.: 19-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CITY'S SECTION 125 PLAN RELATING TO EMPLOYEE BENEFIT CHOICES, FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS, AND THE CREATION OF A CASH OPT-OUT PROGRAM.

Councilmember Burch moved to approve Resolution No. 19-12, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Williams then proceeded to the next item, Resolution No. 19-13, a resolution authorizing the city to enter into a Lease-Purchase contract with Leasing 2, Inc., for the procurement of one Peterbuilt 520 Refuse Truck with a front loader.

RESOLUTION NO.: 19-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A LEASE-PURCHASE CONTRACT WITH LEASING 2, INC., FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ONE PETERBUILT 520 REFUSE TRUCK WITH A FRONT LOADER.

Councilmember Allen moved to approve Resolution No.: 19-13, which Councilmember Burch seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Williams proceeded to the next item, Resolution No. 19-14, a resolution authorizing the city to an agreement with Robert P. Kelley, Attorney at Law, to provide Special Magistrate Services to the City.

RESOLUTION NO.: 19-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT P. KELLEY, ATTORNEY AT LAW, TO PROVIDE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE SERVICES TO THE CITY.

Councilmember Allen moved to approve Resolution No, 19-14, which Councilmember Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Williams proceeded to the next item, Resolution No.: 19-15, a resolution authorizing an emergency purchase of a gas regulator station from Devtech Sales, Inc.: to procure services and project management from Florida Gas Utility for the installation of a new gas regulator station on Marymac Street S.W.: and abandon the inoperable valves and current regulator station at John & Church Streets for a total cost of \$113,705.00.

RESOLUTION NO.: 19-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF A GAS REGULATOR STATION FROM DEVTECH SALES, INC.: TO PROCURE SERVICES AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT FROM FLORIDA GAS UTILITY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW GAS REGULATOR STATION AT THE GATE STATION ON MARYMAC STREET SW; AND ABANDON THE INOPERABLE VALVES AND CURRENT REGULATOR STATION AT JOHN & CHURCH STREETS FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$113,705.00.

Councilmember Burch moved to approve Resolution No. 19-15, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously

At this time Mr. Williams turned the floor over to Planning & Zoning Director George Curtis. Mr. Curtis recommended the re-appointment of Board Members for Seat #3 (Jimmy McCullers), Seat #4 (Brantley Helvenston), & Seat #6 (Marisol Brown) of the Planning and Zoning Board, Local Planning Agency, Board of Adjustment and Historic Preservation Agency.

Councilmember Allen moved to approve the re-appointment of Board Members, which Councilmember Burch seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Marlene Williams came forward and asked how a citizen could get on the Planning and Zoning Board. Mr. Williams informed her that there is a process that the City goes thru in approving Board Members. Councilmember Allen suggested that Ms. Williams let her councilmember know that she is interested in being on the board and then her Councilmember could put her on the list.

Mr. Curtis then proceeded to the last item on the agenda, the first reading of Ordinance No. 1433. An Ordinance of the City of Live Oak, Florida, amending portions of Chapter 18, Article III.- Alcoholic Beverages, of the City of Live Oak Code of Ordinances; pertaining to Section 18-71 Regulations and Section 18-73 Sales, Service, or Consumption.

Ms. Marlene Williams and Ms. Marion Gross asked to speak for public comments in regards to Ordinance No. 1433.

At this time City Clerk John Gill read Ordinance No. 1433 for the record and then a roll call vote was taken. The motion carried 3 to 2 with Councilmember Burch and Councilmember Stewart dissenting.

Councilmember Allen had a few items he would like to present to the Council, first item was property on Industrial Ave. that is available for the City to purchase in hopes of one day moving the Public Works Department over there and also the old Suwannee Block building could be purchased for the same purpose. Councilmember Allen also wanted to discuss possibly hiring a lawn care crew to keep the retention ponds mowed in lieu of the conditions with Jacobs's contract not allowing them to keep them mowed as often as liked. Councilmember Allen pointed out one in particular on Anna Ave. Mr. Williams stated that they are working with Jacobs on terms of the contract.

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

Councilmember David Burch
City Council Pro-tem

Attest:
Mr. John Gill
City Clerk