

City of Live Oak
City Council Meeting Minutes
January 09, 2024

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The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, January 09, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, located at 101 SE White Ave., Live Oak, Florida 32064 for a regular monthly meeting. The following officials were present: Mayor Frank Davis, Councilmember Tommie Jefferson, Council President David Burch, Councilmember Lynda Brown-Owens, Councilmember Matt Campbell, Councilmember Tesie Allen, City Clerk John Gill, City Manager Larry Sessions, & City Attorney Todd Kennon.

Council President Burch called the meeting to order.

Mayor Davis led the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council President Burch presented the agenda for any additions, deletions, or changes. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch then proceeded to the next agenda item, approval of the December 12th regular monthly city council meeting minutes. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch opened the floor for public comments.

Gary Caldwell spoke about the street lights on Henry Street.

Nathan Smith gave updates with the Live Oak Housing Authority.

Kat Meeks Bass spoke regarding updates on grants for the city.

Council President Burch closed public comments.

Council President Burch proceeded with matters of the city and turned the floor over to Mayor Frank Davis. Mayor Davis proceeded with discussion about paving roads in the city and having workshops on having a plan to have the streets paved. Mayor Davis also reminded everyone that the Don Allen Cultural Center grand opening is January 18th. Also, Mayor Davis recognized Danielle Hampton as the new Executive Director for the Suwannee County Chambers and informed every one of the Chamber's Annual Gala is February 24th. In addition, Mayor Davis invited everyone to attend the MLK parade on Monday, January 15th.

Council President Burch then proceeded to discussion with possible action for Resolution 2024-03. A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Larry Sessions as City Manager and authorizing the city to enter into an employment agreement. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Mr. Kennon went through the high points of Mr. Sessions contract and pointing out his salary in the amount of \$98,500. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve resolution 2024-03, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch moved to Councilmember Jefferson discussion item regarding street lights in District 1. Councilmember Jefferson stated there need to be more lights in the area due to crime activities. Mr. Sessions stated that he will do more research on this item and get with council on how to get the area more lighting.

Council President Burch moved to Councilmember Allen discussion item regarding flooding of Helvenston Street and the maintenance of Lake Mary. Public Works Director Jerald Lee informed council that there is an ongoing investigation to solve the drainage issue and get them cleaned out and to find other areas to create new

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retention ponds. Mr. Lee also stated that he spoke with Suwannee Water River Management to help pay to extend the lake to help with the flow.

Council President Burch moved on to Department Reports, at which time Mr. Sessions stated he received reports from department head with full detailed information and can expand on any item that council would like to discuss. Officer Holman spoke for the police department updating council on a current arrest.

Council President Burch moved to discussion with possible council action on Resolution 2024-01. A resolution accepting a bid for the construction of a sidewalk on Manor Street. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Campbel made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch moved to discussion with possible council action on Resolution 2024-02. A resolution adopting a purchasing policy for the City of Live Oak. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch moved to discussion with possible council action on the final reading of Ordinance 1508. An Ordinance amending the future land use classification to 0.87 acres of land on the future land use plan map of the city of Live Oak comprehensive plan pursuant to an application CPA23-06 by the property owner and/or their authorized designated representatives providing for a change in the assigned future land use classification from Commercial to Residential Medium Density. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Burch opened the floor for public comment. With none heard, Council President Burch closed public comments. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve Ordinance 1508, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch proceeded to discussion with possible council action on the final reading of Ordinance 1509. An Ordinance amending the zoning district to 0.871 acres of land on the official zoning atlas of the City of Live Oak Land Development Regulations pursuant to an application LDR 23-07 by the property owner and/or their authorized designated providing for a change in the assigned zoning district from commercial general to residential office. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Burch opened the floor for public comments. With none heard, Council President Burch closed public comments. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve Ordinance 1509, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch proceeded to discussion with possible council action, schedule workshop regarding Ordinance 1507 annexation. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to have the workshop on January 23th at 6.00pm, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember David Burch
City Council President

Attest:
Mr. John Gill
City Clerk