

City of Live Oak  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2024

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The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, February 13, 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 Jefferson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch then proceeded to the next agenda item, approval of the January 9<sup>th</sup> regular monthly city council meeting minutes, the January 23<sup>rd</sup> special called council meeting minutes and the January 23<sup>rd</sup> city council workshop minutes. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, which Councilmember Campbell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch opened the floor for public comments to those who wished to speak now or wait until the item is presented on the agenda. The following spoke at this time:

Cheryl Pruitt spoke against having fluoridation in the city's water.

Keith Broaders spoke against having fluoridation in the city's water.

With no other speakers, Council President Burch closed public comments.

Council President Burch turned the floor over to Mayor Frank Davis to discuss matters of the city. Mayor Davis stated that he received a number of complaints about trains stopping and closing off the crossings for a prolonged period of time. He will speak with the Police Chief and reach out to the railroad on how the matter can be resolved.

Council President Burch then proceeded to Councilmember Jefferson's item, discussion with possible action on land purchase for retention pond located at King Street and Anna Ave. Councilmember Jefferson stated the owner of the property is experiencing bad flooding when it rains and is not able to add dirt to the land because it will flood other homes. Councilmember Jefferson advised making a retention pond to eliminate the flooding for the entire block. The city manager will have to speak with water management in order to see what can be done.

Council President Burch moved to Councilmember Campbell's discussion item on an update from city manager concerning the city's code enforcement and newly hired and trained code enforcement officer. Councilmember Campbell stated that he has received calls regarding code enforcement issues in Maynor Manor and Sherwood subdivisions. Code Enforcement Jaime Fisher explained that he has 50 open cases and assured that each case will be addressed, also he gave an update about a burned structure on Shelby Street.

Council President Burch moved to City Manager Larry Sessions' agenda item, department reports and updates. Mr. Sessions stated that he is working on getting a new fire truck as well as 2 police vehicles. He spoke with water management about retention ponds and is working on drainage issues in the city.

Mr. Sessions recognized Mr. Jason Furry with parks and recreation to give his update. Mr. Furry stated there are new park projects, improvements at John Hale Park, the Douglas Center and one park in Branford. He stated there was vandalism to a couple parks but he has worked it out with the Police Chief.

Council President Burch proceeded to discussion with possible council action regarding Land Development Regulations requirements for commercial property fencing. Mr. Curtis explained the ordinance for protective measure fences can include barb wire fences. Mr. Curtis advised there would need to be small changes made to the ordinance/LDR to allow a company to have barb wire fencing.

Council President Burch moved to the agenda item on discussion with possible council action to continue or discontinue treating the city's potable water with fluoride.

Council President Burch opened the floor for public comments on fluoridation in the city water.

The following individuals spoke:

John Palmisano spoke against having fluoridation in the city's water.

Steve Fantana spoke against having fluoridation in the city's water.

Kerry Waldron spoke in support of keeping fluoridation in the city's water.

Carol Fontana spoke against having fluoridation in the city's water.

Moses Clepper spoke against having fluoridation in the city's water.

Kevin Philpott spoke against having fluoridation in the city's water.

Donna Long spoke against having fluoridation in the city's water.

Linda Palmisano spoke against having fluoridation in the city's water.

With no other comments, Council President Burch closed public comments.

At this time, Councilmember Campbell made a motion to discontinue fluoridation in the city's water, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion failed with 3 to continue fluoridation and 2 to stop fluoridation the city's water.

Council President Burch then moved to discussion with possible council action on the first reading of Ordinance 1507. An Ordinance voluntarily annexing certain real property into the city limits and redefining the boundary lines of the municipality to include said property (subject property is 139.85 acres bounded on the north side by current city limits, east side by US highway 129, south side by Bass Road, and west side by 121<sup>st</sup> Road). City Attorney Todd Kennon read the title into record.

Council President Burch opened the floor for public comments.

The following individuals spoke:

Melissa Mapp Francisco spoke against Ordinance 1507.

Stephanie Mapp spoke against Ordinance 1507.

Moses Clepper spoke against Ordinance 1507.

Adam Collins spoke against Ordinance 1507.

Jeff Bradford spoke in support regarding Ordinance 1507.

Lance Jones with Jones Engineering spoke in support regarding Ordinance 1507.

Marvin Puryear Senior Broker with SVN real estate spoke in support regarding Ordinance 1507.

Ricki Gamble spoke regarding Ordinance 1507.

Council President Burch closed public comment.

Councilmember Owens made the motion to deny the approval of Ordinance 1507 on its first reading which Councilmember Campbell seconded. A roll call vote was taken on the motion with Councilmember Owens and Councilmember Campbell voting yes for the denial and Councilmember Allen, Burch, and Jefferson against the denial. The motion failed with no other action taken.

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Council President Burch proceeded to discussion with possible council action for the appointment of Jessie Philpot Jr. to serve for the remaining term of Seat #7 and the subsequent term of the Planning and Zoning Board, Local Planning Agency, Board of Adjustment, and Historic Preservation Agency. The term for seat #7 will run through August of 2024 with the subsequent term to run from August 2024 through to August 2027. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve the appointment, which Councilmember Allen 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