

City of Live Oak  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2025

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The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 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: Council President Matt Campbell, Councilmember Tommie Jefferson, Councilmember Vanessa Robinson, Councilmember Gladys Owens, Councilmember David Alford, Mayor Frank Davis, City Clerk John Gill, City Manager Larry Sessions, and City Attorney Todd Kennon.

Council President Campbell called the meeting to order.

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

Council President Campbell proceeded to the first agenda item, approval of the agenda with any additions, deletions or changes. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, which Councilmember Robinson seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell proceeded to the approval of the December 10<sup>th</sup>, regular monthly city council meeting minutes and the December 19<sup>th</sup> emergency called city council meeting minutes. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell then opened the floor to public comments for those who wished to speak now or wait until the agenda item is presented.

Requel Copler spoke regarding flood related challenges.

Virginia Smith gave update on American Patriots events.

Wayne Hannaka spoke regarding events in the city and encouraged council involvement.

Katherine Allen spoke regarding the All-Aboard event.

With no other comments, the floor was closed to public comments.

Council President Campbell proceeded to Mayor Davis with matters regarding the city. Mayor Davis stated that the City of Live Oak received special recognition, a plaque from the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Mayor Davis also explained that the city has been a purple heart city for the last 8 years. Mayor Davis turned the floor over to Councilmember Jefferson who then encourage everyone to participate in the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. parade on Monday January 20, 2025.

Council President Campbell proceed with Councilmember Owens agenda item, discussion regarding street lights. Councilmember Owens stated there needs to be more lightning downtown and around town. Mr. Bob Flinn gave his comment regarding more street lights.

Council President Campbell proceeded to the City Managers item, discussion with possible council action Resolution 2025-01. A Resolution authorizing the city to renew its contract for Management Services with Larry Sessions. City Attorney Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for those who wish to speak on the following items. Mr. Ken Weaver spoke favorable regarding the renewal of the contract. Council President Campbell closed the floor to public comments. Councilmember Alford made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-01, which Councilmember Ownes second. The motion carried unanimously.

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Council President Campbell proceeded to discussion with possible council action, Resolution 2025-02. A Resolution adopting a policy for the appointment of members to the Planning and Zoning Board. City Attorney Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for those who deferred to speak on the following item. Ms. Alicia Redish spoke regarding the vacancy. Ms. Murdine Williams also spoke regarding the vacant seat. Development Manager George Curtis explained the qualifications and duties for the vacant seat. Council President Campbell closed the floor to public comments. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-02, which Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion regarding city wide flood prevention program. Council President Campbell opened the floor for those who wish to speak on the following item. Mr. Vince Smith spoke regarding flood issues in the city. Mr. Sessions explained plans to improve the flooding issues within the city of Live Oak. Mr. Sessions along with Public Works Director Jerald Lee will continually find ways to resolve the flood issues. Council President Campbell allowed resident Martha Branch to speak regarding the flood issues.

Council President Campbell moved to discussion with possible council action, first reading of Ordinance 1528, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Live Oak, Florida adjusting utility rates as provided in Chapter 34, Article I and II, solid waste collection and disposal of the code of ordinance. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Campbell opened the floor for public hearing. Mr. Lee spoke and explained the process of having new garbage cans and replacements along with the price and replacements of the garbage cans. Council President Campbell allowed the following to speak regarding the new garbage cans: Ms. Murdine Williams, Ms. Lynda Williams, and Mr. Jeff Bradford. With no other comments Council President Campbell closed the floor to public comments. Councilmember Robinson questioned the additional fees for a second garbage can and disagreed with the proposed rates. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 1528, which Councilmember Alford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilmember Matt Campbell  
City Council President

Attest:  
Mr. John Gill  
City Clerk