

City of Live Oak
City Council Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2024

The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, June 11, 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 with the deletion of item 6-D, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch then proceeded to the next agenda item, approval of the May 14th regular monthly city council meeting minutes, May 21st emergency called city council meeting minutes, and the May 28th special called city council meeting minutes. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented which, Councilmember Owens 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:

Anda Chance with Suwannee Festival Committee spoke regarding the Heritage Fall Festival, All Aboard Festival, and the Wildflower Festival.

Patricia Evans (owner) at 215 Meadows Street spoke regarding the sewer backup damages.

Jennifer Hudson (renter) at 215 Meadows Street spoke regarding the loss of her belongings due to the sewer backup.

Robert Ford read Suwannee County Proclamation for June 19, 2024, recognizing Juneteeth.

Janice Atkins spoke regarding the right of way maintenance for the grass on 8th street.

Anita Williams spoke regarding crime in the city.

Captain Jason Roundtree responded to questions by Ms. Anita Williams regarding crimes in the city.

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

Council President Burch turned the floor over to Mayor Davis to discuss matters of the city. Mayor Davis reminded everyone of the Juneteeth events on June 19th and the Freedom Festival on July 4th.

Council President Burch moved on to Councilmember Ownes agenda item discussion with possible council action, regarding extending the CRA district. CRA Coordinator Nicholus Frigiola spoke stating that in order to extent the CRA district the city council would have to discuss and decide if there is a potential blight issue in a certain area. They would, then have to find a certain area that has blight issues, then hire a consulting company to conduct a study with the city funds to determine the results of the blighted area. The Council decided that they will hold a workshop to discuss and agree on a certain area.

Council President Burch proceeded to Councilmember Jefferson item on the agenda, discussion regarding downed phone and cable lines. Mr. Jefferson stated that he has called phone and cable companies to have the wires picked up. He also advised citizens to notify the city if any other lines are down.

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Council President Burch moved on to department reports with City Manager Larry Sessions, Mr. Sessions stated that all council members were satisfied with their reports with no further discussions.

Council President Burch moved on to discussion with possible council action, audit committee formation. Mr. Sessions stated that the names he received for the Audit Committee, are Matt Campbell, Linda Owens, and Jason Furry. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to accept the three names for the Audit Committee, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney Kennon advised that Councilmember Campbell will be the chairman of the committee. Finance Director Joanne Luther approached council asking if the chairman could have the authority to answer questions during the RFP process to avoid having a separate meeting to have bidders' questions answered. Councilmember Owens made a motion to allow Councilmember Campbell to formulate answers to questions that the bidders may have, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Luther also advised council they would have to select an employee to serve in an advisory capacity, Councilmember Owens made a motion to allow City Manager Larry Sessions to serve as an advisory employee to the Audit Committee, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council President Burch then moved on to discussion with possible council action on Resolution 2024-16, a resolution accepting a bid from Signcraft & More Inc out of Lake City, FL in the amount of \$73,904.00 related to the engineering and replacement of a 15' x 13' double sided monument LED sign for the city. City Attorney Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to accept the bid from Signcraft & More Inc, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch proceeded to discussion with possible council action, release of Code Enforcement lien on 1401 Ohio Ave South. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve the release on the code enforcement lien, 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