

City of Live Oak
City Council Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2023

The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 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 Matt Campbell, Councilmember Tommie Jefferson, Council President David Burch, Councilmember Lynda Brown-Owens, Councilmember Tesie Allen, City Attorney Todd Kennon, City Clerk John Gill, & City Manager Larry Sessions.

Council President Burch called the meeting to order.

Mayor Frank 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. City Clerk John Gill advised council that agenda item 4A, nomination and election of City Council President and Council Pro-tem, the item was inadvertently placed on the agenda. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of item 4A, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch proceeded to the next agenda item, the approval of the July 11th regular monthly city council meeting minutes. Councilmember Jefferson made the motion to approve the regular monthly city council meeting minutes, which Councilmember Owens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch then opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Terry McCoy from Silvershears Salon spoke about his water being cut off without notice.

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

Council President Burch turned the floor over to Mayor Frank Davis for discussion with possible council action, appointment to seat#6 of the City of Live Oak Community Redevelopment Agency Board, term of 7-1-23 thru 6-30-27. Councilmember Owens made a motion to interview applicants that were Present, which Council member Jefferson seconded. The motion passed 3 to 2 with Council President Burch and Councilmember Campbell against. Councilmember Owens then makes a motion to set the interview time to 3 minutes, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion passed 3 to 2 with Council President and Councilmember Campbell against. The First applicant, Cindy Robinson spoke and explained her experience on the CRA Board. The seconded applicant Aleshia Reddish spoke about what she would bring to the CRA Board. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to appoint Mrs. Cindy Robinson to the CRA Board, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion passed 3 to 2 with Councilmember Owens and Councilmember Jefferson against.

Council President Burch proceeded with Councilmember Jefferson agenda item, discussion regarding budgeting for sidewalks. Mr. Jefferson stated he would like to see in the budget a plan to have \$35,000 for each district for sidewalks.

Council President Burch proceeded with Councilmember Owens agenda item, discussion regarding downtown parking. Councilmember Owens stated that there needs to be more parking, the cars parked on the street is a distraction from the stores and shops downtown. Mr. Sessions stated that he has a meeting with DOT about added more signage to the area.

Council President Burch moved on with the City Manager's next agenda item, discussion with possible action, resolution 2023-13, a resolution authorizing the appropriation of utility reverse funds in the amount of \$37,000 for payment of new utility infrastructure. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve resolution 2023-13, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions proceeded with discussion with possible council action, resolution 2023-14, a resolution authorizing Suwannee Parks & Recreation to submit an application for a FRDAP grant for Heritage Park & Gardens for reimbursement of funds not to exceed \$200,000. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve resolution 2023-14, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions had a few more remarks, he would like to propose that developers who come to the City of Live Oak would have a special payment plan that would allow 2 payments for the Tap & Impact fee.

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

Councilmember David Burch
City Council President

Attest: City Clerk John Gill

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