

City of Live Oak
City Council Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2023

The Live Oak City Council met Tuesday, October 10, 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 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 Owens made a motion to approve agenda as presented, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch proceeded to the next agenda item, approval of the September 5th emergency called council meeting minutes, the September 12th regular monthly city council meeting minutes and the September 26th special called council meeting minutes. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Council President Burch turned the floor over to Mayor Frank Davis, who presented a proclamation to Mr. Greg Scott recognizing him for the Life Time Achievement Award he received from the Florida Recreation Parks Association.

Council President Burch opened the floor for public comments.

The following spoke on the agenda item related to gaming devices for non-profits:

Mr. Wayne Hannaka spoke against regarding electronic gambling.

Mr. John Dill with the Elks Lodge spoke in favor regarding gaming devices.

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

Council President Burch then proceeded with discussion regarding gaming devices for not-for-profit organizations Elks Lodge. City Attorney Kenon explained to council that Florida Statue 849.0931 regarding electronic bingo games and the requirements to operate these devices prohibits their use in the requested location.

Council President Burch moved to discussion regarding the City Manager contract. Councilmember Jefferson brought this item for discussion with the recommendation that Interim City Manager, Larry Sessions should be made permanent City Manager. Mr. Sessions responded stating that he would be available full time the 2nd of January should the Council wish to offer the position of City Manager. The City Attorney stated that he will begin negotiations with Mr. Sessions.

Councilmember Jefferson moved to his discussion item regarding street debris. Councilmember Jefferson stated that he spoke with Mr. Greg Scott County Administrator as well as the EOC Director and was able to get an update and the information he needed on debris picked up.

Council President Burch then turned the floor over to Mr. Sessions for discussion with possible council action on the first reading of Ordinance 1501, an ordinance implementing the States Statutory Mandate to prepare Business Impact Estimates prior to the adoption of proposed ordinance. City Attorney Todd Kennon read the title in to record. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve Ordinance 1501, which Councilmember

Jefferson seconded. Council President Burch opened the floor for public comment. None heard. Council President Burch closed public comments. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions moved to discussion with possible council action on Resolution 2023-25, a resolution offering certain tangible property as a donation to the Suwannee County School District for use, authorizing the removal of the tangible property from the fixed assets of the city. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-25, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions proceeded to discussion with possible council action on Resolution 2023-26, a resolution declaring certain personal property owned by the city to be either surplus to its needs and sold at a publicly noticed sale or determined to be obsolete, non-serviceable, or beyond economic repair and appropriately discarded providing for the authority to remove such surplus property when sold or disposed of from the fixed assets of the city. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-26, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions proceeded to discussion with possible council action, award bid for ITB-03-2023, Drainage Well Improvements (Haines Street, Houston Avenue, Irvin Avenue). Councilmember Campbell made a motion to award bid ITB-03-2023, to Curt's Construction, Incorporated, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions moved on to discussion with possible council action Resolution 2023-27, a resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Curt's Construction, Inc awarded ITB 01-03-2023 drainage well improvements. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve resolution 2023-27, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions proceeded to discussion with possible council action Resolution 2023-28, a resolution extending the Local State of Emergency for the City of Live Oak Hurricane Idalia, providing for waiver of procedures and formalities delegating authority. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-28, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The City Council agreed to hold special called meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 to extend the state of emergency another 7 days.

Mr. Sessions moved on to discussion with possible council action on the final reading of Ordinance 1492, an ordinance amending section 6-A of Ordinance 1274 of the Code of Ordinance, Substitute Firefighters Pension Trust Fund, to provide for a modification of the Qualifications of Board of Trustees. Mr. Kennon read title in to record. Council President Burch opened the floor for public comment. With none heard, Council President Burch closed public comments. Councilmember Campbell made a motion approve final reading of Ordinance 1492, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions moved to discussion with possible council action on the final reading of Ordinance 1498, and ordinance amending the future land use classification to fifty or fewer acres of land on the future land use plan map of the City of Live Oak comprehensive plan, pursuant an application, CPA 23-03 by the property owner and/or their authorized designated representative providing for a change in the land use classification of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Live Oak, Florida said area lying South of Cooper St. SE East of Railroad Ave. SE and West of Heritage Trail. Mr. Kennon read title into 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 final reading of Ordinance 1498, which Councilmember Jefferson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions proceeded to discussion with possible council action on the final reading of Ordinance 1499, LDR 23-03, an ordinance amending portions of the text of the City of Live Oak Land Development Regulations by amending reorganizing, renumbering and/or striking portions of text within article four zoning regulations section 4.18. Planned Residential Development. Mr. Kennon read the title into the record. Council President Burch opened the floor for public comments. With none herd, Council President closed public comments. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve final reading for Ordinance 1499, which Councilmember Campbell second. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions moved to discussion with possible council action first reading of Ordinance 1502, an ordinance amending the future land use classification to fifty or fewer acres of land on the future land use plan map of the City of Live Oak comprehensive plan pursuant to an application CPA23-04 by the property owner and/or their authorized, designated representative providing for a change in the assigned future land use classification from residential high density to industrial. Mr. Kennon read the title in to record. Council President Burch opened the floor for public comment. None herd. Council President Burch closed public comments. Councilmember Jefferson made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 1502, which Councilmember Campbell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions proceeded to discussion with possible council action first reading of Ordinance 1503, and ordinance amending the zoning district to 1.48 acres of land on the official zoning atlas of the City of Live Oak Land Development Regulations pursuant to an application LDR 23-05, by the property owner and/or their authorized designated representative providing for a change in the assigned zoned district from residential multiple family to industrial. Mr. Kennon read the title in to record. Council President Burch opened the floor for public comments. With none herd, Council President Burch closed public comments. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 1503, which Councilmember Allen second. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions proceeded to discussion with possible council action Resolution 2023-24, a resolution authorizing an amendment to the existing schedule of fees and charges related to planning and zoning department land use matter. Mr. Kennon read title in to record. Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-24, which Councilmember Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sessions requested that council allow a budget amendment at the end of the year if needed to purchase generators for the fire department. Councilmember Owens made a motion to approve the budget amendment, 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