



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – JUDICIAL CENTER**  
**202 KELLEY STREET**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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**MAYOR/CITY COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT**

Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr	Councilmember Yamekia Robinson
Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary	Councilmember Wilhelmena W. Scott
Councilmember Richard Cook	Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby
Councilmember William Askins	

**STAFF**

William Hall	Teresa Benjamin	Rick Sims
Police Chief Joseph Cooper		

**OTHERS**

Press – None	TY Christian TV	
Harriett A. Rose	Emma Cooper	Makeeba Elmore
Mamie Elmore	Szari Williams	LaRue Alford
Margaret Robinson		

The City Council Meeting agenda was emailed on Friday, April 9, 2021 to members of the media and posted on the bulletin board at the Lake City Municipal Complex, as well on the city’s Facebook page and official website.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Anderson Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Anderson explained the protocol for the meeting with social-distancing measures in place.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Invocation was led by Councilmember Richard Cook and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary.

**POLLING OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS – A QUORUM WAS PRESENT**

City Clerk Teresa K. Benjamin polled City Councilmember and found there to be a quorum present.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA - APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

A motion to approve the Tuesday, April 13, 2021 Regular City Council agenda: Councilmember Yamekia Robinson; Seconded: Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Singletary; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Richard Cook, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember William Askins and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ITEMS WAS TABLED UNTIL NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

A motion to Table the minutes for Tuesday, March 9, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting, and a Budget Overview from March 27, 2021; revisions and corrections need to made so this historic record will be accurate and correct: Councilmember Yamekia Robinson; Seconded: Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Richard Cook, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember William Askins and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Notes on Comment Period: Comments are limited to two minutes per person and no personal or verbal attacks will be entertained – No Public Input**

**PRESENTATION – Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr presented a proclamation declaring the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.** Ms. Harriett Rose with the Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic Violence accepted the proclamation. Ms. Rose expressed sincere appreciation on behalf on her agency and encouraged everyone if you see something say something.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION - None**

**LEGISLATIVE**

**ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 2021.557 – Second and Final Reading**

An Ordinance for the City of Lake City, South Carolina annexing a parcel of land known as Florence County, South Carolina TMS# 00169-31-271 hereby changing the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, South Carolina Annexation; and other matters related thereto - Approved as presented.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2021.557 of the City of Lake City, South Carolina annexing a parcel of land known as Florence County, South Carolina TMS# 00169-31-

271 hereby changing the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, South Carolina Annexation; and other matters related thereto: Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott; Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary; Discussion: Councilmember Richard Cook asked if this property was contiguous to the City, and the interim Administrator William Hall responded, yes; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Councilmember Richard Cook, Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember William Askins and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).

**Ordinance 2021.557 – Second and Final Reading**

An Ordinance for the City of Lake City, South Carolina requesting to annex a parcel of land known as Florence County, South Carolina TMS# 00169-31-271 hereby changing the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, South Carolina Annexation; and other matters related thereto - Approved as presented.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2020.557 of the City of Lake City, South Carolina requesting to annex a parcel of land known as Florence County, South Carolina TMS# 00169-31-271 hereby changing the Corporate Limits of the City of Lake City, South Carolina Annexation; and other matters related thereto: Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott; Seconded: Councilmember Yamekia Robinson; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Councilmember Richard Cook, Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember William Askins and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).

**Ordinance 2021.558 – Second and Final Reading**

An Ordinance for the City of Lake City, South Carolina, for the approval of extending the guidelines set forth pursuant to Section 6 of Ordinance 2020.546 and extending Ordinance 2020.555 as to the extension of the Emergency term and the application of said Ordinances by additional sixty (60) days; and other matter related thereto - Approved as presented.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2020.557 of the City of Lake City, South Carolina for the approval of extending the guidelines set forth pursuant to Section 6 of Ordinance 2020.546 and extending Ordinance 2020.555 as to the extension of the Emergency term and the application of said Ordinances by additional sixty (60) days; and other matters related thereto: Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby; Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary; Discussion: Councilmember Richard posed the question, why only 60 (Sixty days), and interim Administrator Hall responded that per our legal counsel this is what the emergency statue states. Councilmember Yamekia Robinson asked for the dates that are within the 60 (Sixty day), and City Clerk Teresa K. Benjamin responded from April 9 through June 9, 2021; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Councilmember Richard Cook,

Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember William Askins and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2021.382 – Final Approval**

A Resolution for the City of Lake City, South Carolina authorizing the approval and adoption of the Fair Housing Month; and other matters related thereto - Approved as presented.

A motion to approve Resolution 2021.382 City of Lake City, South Carolina authorizing the approval and adoption of the Fair Housing Month: Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott; Seconded: Councilmember Richard Cook; Discussion – Interim Administrator Hall explained that by adopting Resolution 2021.382 was the part of the beginning steps to applying for grants to assist in getting affordable housing in our community; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Councilmember Richard Cook, Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember William Askins and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).

**Resolution 2021.383 – Final Reading**

A Resolution for the City of Lake City, South Carolina for the approval of establishing The Honorable Judge John R.Kirven as a part-time municipal judge for the City of Lake City; and other matters related thereto - Approved as presented.

A motion to approve Resolution 2021.383 City of Lake City, South Carolina for the approval of establishing The Honorable Judge John R.Kirven as a part-time municipal judge for the City of Lake City; and other matters related thereto: Councilmember Richard Cook; Seconded: Councilmember William Askins; Discussion: several Councilmembers requested to meet the incoming part-time judge. Interim Administrator Hall responded that he would arrange for them to meet him at the next City Council Meeting; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Councilmember Richard Cook, Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember William Askins and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).

**CITY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR WILLIAM HALL: MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – FISCAL YR 2021 PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2021.** The following is a summary of the City’s financial results for the major operating funds as of March 31, 2021. Fiscal year activity has been included as of April 9, 2021.

**GENERAL FUND:**

REVENUE - Budgeted: \$6,728,750; YTD Actual Collected = \$4,668,279, representing 69% of the current budget compared to the prior year actual collected = \$3,694,894. The Use of Fund Balance = \$470,741.

EXPENSES – Budgeted: \$7,199,491; YTD Actual Collected = \$5,600,600, representing 78% of the budget compared to the prior year actual = \$4,676,272.

REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES: YTD = (\$932,321); PRIOR YR ACTUAL = \$(981,378).

**WATER FUND:**

REVENUE – Budgeted: \$1,549,573; YTD Actual Collected: \$1,115,741 representing 72% of the budget compared to the prior year actual: \$1,201,029.

EXPENSES – Budgeted: \$1,549,573; YTD Actual Collected: \$948,780 representing 61% of the budget compared to the prior year actual: \$755,781.

REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES: YTD = \$166,961; PRIOR YR ACTUAL = \$445,248.

**SEWER FUND:**

REVENUE – Budgeted: \$2,758,350; YTD Actual Collected: \$2,240,102 representing 81% of the budget compared to the prior year = \$2,698,479.

EXPENSES – Budgeted: \$2,758,350; YTD Actual Collected: \$1,818,184 compared to the prior year actual = \$1,396,882 representing 66%.

REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES – Budgeted: \$0; YTD Actual Collected: \$421,918 compared to the prior year actual = \$1,301,597.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021** (page 27) – Approved Items 1 - 9 as presented.

A motion to approve the April 2021 Bill List items 1 – 9: Councilmember Richard Cook; Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Councilmember Richard Cook, Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember William Askins and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye).



**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

Lake City Police Chief Joseph Cooper provided Mayor and Council with updated information as the COVID-19 numbers in Florence County. Chief Cooper also read the response information for police and fire departments.

- The full report is included with these meeting minutes.
- Lake City Police Department responded between 300 – 296 service calls; a percentage of these calls were for property checks.
- Lake City Police cited 52 traffic violations and responded to 6 vandalism incidents.
- There is a change in the Lake City Police Department, Kimberly Shaw transferred over to the Judicial area assisting the Honorable Judge Gloria Washington.
- There has been an uptick in the number of Cadillac convertor (this part contains rare metals); the Lake City Police Department is working on some leads and reviewing the cameras in the area where these incidents are taking place. The recommendation is to keep all vehicles in a well-lit area. They are working with other agencies to put a stop to these crimes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – ENTERED AT 7:25 P.M**

A motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)(3) to discuss the possible purchase of property from Fuel 24 located at Tax Map# 80007-02-057 and the property located at the Checkered Board Well, the corner of Kelley and North Acline Street; and other matter related thereto: Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby; Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Councilmember Richard Cook, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember William Askins and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr): Motion Carried: Unanimously.

**ACTION AS NEEDED WITH RESPECT TO MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION – EXITED AT 7:34 P.M.**

A motion to exit Executive Session pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)(3) to discuss the possible purchase of property from Fuel 24 located at Tax Map# 80007-02-057 and the property located at the Checkered Board Well, the corner of Kelley and North Acline Street; and other matter related thereto: Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott; Second: Councilmember Richard Cook; Motion Carried Unanimously: All Ayes (Councilmember Richard Cook, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, Councilmember William Askins and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr).

**CITY COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS**

Councilmember Richard Cook – he thanked everyone for coming out; he also encouraged everyone to be safe and enjoy the springtime weather.

Councilmember Yamekia Robinson - she thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and was thankful to receive such vital information. Councilmember Robinson apologized about the cancellation of the District 4 Community Zoom meeting that was scheduled for April 11, 2021. She stated that she would reschedule this event at a later date. She asked everyone to continue being safe.

Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby – she thanked everyone for coming out and she wished all the mothers a very Happy Mother’s Day.

Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary - she thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and she hope to see everyone at next month City Council meeting.

Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott - she thanked everyone for coming out. She stated she attended a baseball/softball game at Blanding Street. She asked if something could be done about the bugs. Councilmember Scott thanked the Police Chief Joseph Cooper.

Councilmember William Askins – he thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** – he thanked everyone for coming out and voicing their concerns.


- A reminder about the Community Cleanup that began at 8 a.m. on April 17, 2021.
- A Special Meeting and Budget Workshop was held on April 20, 2021.
- A reminder of the ArtFields event that was held from April 23 – May 1, 2021. .
- A reminder of the Blood Drive sponsored by the Lake City Fire Department from 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Having heard all matters presented and having no citizens input, a Motion to Adjourn was made by Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby; Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary; Motion Carried: All Ayes (Councilmember Richard Cook, Councilmember Sondra Fleming-Crosby, Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Singletary, Councilmember Yamekia Robinson, Councilmember William Askins, Councilmember Wilhelmena Scott, and Mayor Lovith Anderson Jr all voted Aye): Motion Carried: Unanimously.

  
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Lovith Anderson Jr  
Mayor

Attest:

  
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Teresa K. Benjamin  
City Clerk