

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE ALFRED
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY MAY 16, 2016
7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL**

Call to Order: Mayor Charles Lake

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Reverend Thacker

Vice Mayor Daley moved to excuse Commissioner Duncan; seconded by **Commissioner Dearmin**. The motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote.

MAYOR LAKE	AYE
VICE MAYOR DALEY	AYE
COMMISSIONER DEARMIN	AYE
COMMISSIONER MAULTSBY	AYE

Roll Call: Those in attendance were Mayor Charles Lake, Vice Mayor Nancy Daley, Commissioner Jack Dearmin, and Commissioner Albertus Maultsby.

Staff attendance: City Manager Ryan Leavengood, Assistant City Attorney Seth Claytor, City Clerk Ameé Bailey-Speck, Police Chief Art Bodenhiemer, Community Development Director Valerie Ferrell, Finance Director Amber Deaton, Parks and Recreation Director Richard Weed, Public Works Director John Deaton and Superintendent Terrence Macomber.

CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Leavengood stated the upcoming Lake Alfred Public Library events included computer classes, story time, teen advisory board, adult coloring, and Friends of the Library Book sale. Contact the Library for more information.

The Gardner House walk-through is scheduled for Monday, May 23rd at 9:00 am (275 N Rochelle Avenue).

The City will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on May 30th. As the City will be holding a brief ceremony for honoring and remembering Veterans at the Veterans Memorial (Franc C. Gardner Park) on Monday 10 am. The City has planted a tree and will be placing a wreath.

Mackay Gardens and Lakeside Preserve will host a free gardening workshop on Thursday June 2nd at 10 am. Contact the Parks and Recreation Department for more details.

The next Historical Building plaque dedication is scheduled for June 2nd. The dedication ceremony will be held at the Citrus Growers Association Building (W.E. Jones), 160 Haines Blvd at 9 am.

The City is currently accepting applications for summer camp which will run from June 20 through August 5 at the Lake Alfred Lions Club. Check the website to see the list of fieldtrips and the application.

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Announcements.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

Marty Garrett, 215 East Haines Blvd. spoke about fluoride in the public drinking water and the hazards. Many cities have stopped the practice of adding fluoride to public water supplies. He requested the City Commission review the use of fluoride in the City's water. He provided information on the harmful effects of fluoride such as mental defects.

The **City Commission** asked about the purpose of adding fluoride and the consequences of having too much in the water.

Staff responded that most Polk County communities add fluoride. There are studies for and against the use of fluoride. Staff provided the City Commission with the current fluoride readings from the report that accompanied the water bills this month. The maximum rate is 4.0 ppm and the City's highest rate last year was 0.81 ppm. The City adds on average 3 gallons a day into approximately 1 million gallons. Approximately 30-40 gallons of chlorine is added each day. Fluoride also naturally occurs in the water. The City can review the rate of application.

PROCLAMATION: TEACHER APPRECIATION

Mayor Lake read the entire proclamation to celebrate Teachers in May and express gratitude and deep appreciation for all that teachers contribute daily to their students, the school system and our community. He urged citizens to recognize and acknowledge the impact of teachers on their lives. Mayor Lake went on to recognize Brandi Clements from Lake Alfred-Addair Middle School as an example of going the extra steps to impact children. The Mayor stated he had received a citizen letter complimenting her.

Acting Principal Charlene Brinson from Lake Alfred-Addair Middle School accepted the proclamation. She thanked the City for the positive remarks and shared some of the accomplishments of the students and teachers from this school year.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: JOHN DEATON – 15 YEARS

City Manager Leavengood recognized the Public Works Director John Deaton for 15 years of service with the City of Lake Alfred. He stated that Mr. Deaton stated in 2001 and that he is one of the better Public Works Directors in the county. Approximately half of the City employees report to Public Works. Mr. Deaton provides the City Manager with daily updates on stormwater, utility lines, or other projects. He stated he is very creative with new ideas and ways to make improvements such as the geo-tech bags for solid waste disposal. **Mr. Deaton** stated that he enjoys his job and loves the City.

ICMA PRESENTATION: The International City and County Management Association (ICMA) presentation will be rescheduled due to a scheduling conflict.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Dearmin moved to approve the consent agenda; seconded by **Commissioner Maultsby**. The motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote.

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AGENDA

1.) DISCUSSION: CITY COMMISSION MEETING TIME

City Manager Leavengood stated City staff has been requested to present a discussion item related to the scheduled time of the City Commission meetings.

Section 2.08 of the City Charter requires that, "The commission shall meet regularly at least once in every month, at such times and places as the commission may prescribe by rule ...The commission shall determine its own rules of order and shall adopt said rules by resolution."

In 2010, the City Commission adopted Resolution 08-10 which established the rules of procedure for the preparation and conducting of business at Commission meetings. Within the resolution, a "Regular Meeting" is defined as, "a meeting of the City Commission held on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30 pm for the purpose of conducting and transacting the business of the City through voting on motions proposed by any member."

In a comparison of the other municipalities within Polk County: four cities had a meeting time of 6:00 pm; three cities had a meeting time of 6:30 pm; and six cities had a meeting time 7:00 pm. Lake Alfred had the latest meeting time at 7:30 pm. Polk County & Lakeland both had the earliest meeting times at 9:00 am, presumably to account for a higher number of action items and longer meetings due to the size of their organizations.

If the City Commission desires to change the meeting time, an amendment to Resolution 08-10 can be presented at a future meeting. Staff stated that the closer the time gets to 6 pm the more opportunity for conflicts with citizens getting home from work in time to attend the meetings. The schedule of the City Commission should take precedence.

The **City Commission** stated that citizens have asked why the City meets so late, that some Commissioners work, and if there was a compelling reason the time could be changed. Over the last six months the Commission was out by 8:30 pm 5 times, by 9:00 3 times, and after 9:30 3 times.

Staff recommended that the discussion item be tabled until Commissioner Duncan could participate.

Judy Ritsema 395 S. Ramona Ave. stated she remembered that a citizen had spoken about meeting at 7 pm and that is often discussed to the Mayor. She stated that 7 pm would be her preference also.

Mayor Lake moved to table the discussion until the next regularly scheduled City Commission meeting, seconded by **Commission Dearmin**. The motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote.

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There was no citizen comments.

COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner Dearmin stated he attended the Hurricane Expo in Auburndale, which was a good event with good information.

Commissioner Maultsby stated he attended the ethics meeting on Saturday and he thanked Code Enforcement for their recent work in maintaining overgrown lots.

Staff stated that if there is a violation, the property enters a repeat offender status and the City can send in a contractor to mow the lot.

Mayor Lake stated he noticed the house that Polk County built in Mr. Maultsby's neighborhood and that it was made of block rather than wood. He stated that the First Baptist Church held a dinner for the First Responders. He also attended the ethics on Saturday. He attended the Florida League of Mayors Conference, which was very informative. He met with the City Manager to discuss possible projects. The Monday Morning meetings have been interesting as they have been meeting with local candidates.

Vice Mayor Daley commented on damage to the bridge by vandals and asked about a reward or cameras. She also stated that Leo Longworth from the Ridge League of Cities (City of Bartow), is running for office with the Florida League of Cities.

Staff stated that the City had received a quote to restore the bridge. As part of the existing development agreement for Tract 4, the bridge is scheduled to be deeded to the City at substantial completion. The City will contact the owner to allow the City to repair the bridge now rather than later. The City also needs to maintain the bridge for access to the City property across the bridge. The previous quote was around \$6,000. Eventually there will be homes in the area which will prevent future damage. In the meantime staff will look into repair and security issues.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Lake adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ameé N. Bailey
City Clerk