

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE ALFRED
CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020
CITY HALL**

Call to Order: Mayor Nancy Daley

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Police Chief Art Bodenheimer

Roll Call: Those in attendance were Mayor Nancy Daley, Vice Mayor Jack Dearmin, and Commissioner Brent Eden.

Absent: Commissioner Albertus Maultsby and Commissioner Charles Lake.

Vice Mayor Dearmin moved to excuse **Commissioner Maultsby** and **Commissioner Lake** seconded by Commissioner Eden. A unanimous voice call vote approved the motion.

Staff in attendance: City Manager Ryan Leavengood, Assistant City Attorney Seth Claytor, City Clerk Amée Bailey, Public Works Director John Deaton, Finance Director Amber Deaton (via Zoom), Fire Chief Wallace Nix (via Zoom), Police Chief Art Bodenheimer, and Parks and Recreation Director Richard Weed (via Zoom).

Recognition of Citizens:

Artavis Pierce stated he has lived in Lake Alfred for twelve years, and played for the Lake Alfred Raiders. They were like a family. He entered the 2020 NFL draft and has signed with the Chicago Bears. He presented the City with an autographed picture of his draft photo as a way of saying thanks.

Consent Agenda:

Vice Mayor Dearmin moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by **Commissioner Eden**. A unanimous voice call vote approved the motion.

Agenda:

1.) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant 2019/2020

City Manager Leavengood stated Florida Administrative Code requires that the units of government in each county reach consensus concerning the expenditure of these funds, including the projects to be implemented. To verify this consensus, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement requires each applicant to obtain a letter of support from at least 51% of the local units of government, representing at least 51% of the county population.

Staff recommended approval for the Mayor to sign the fund distribution for Polk County and a letter of acceptance to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Police Chief Bodenheimer stated as a reminder; the Commissioners will not be voting on the Lake Alfred amount; the vote is for Polk County as a whole. There is a requirement of 51% of the Cities and Counties approvals to pass the grant.

Mayor Daley opened the public hearing, seeing no one closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Dearmin moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the fund distribution for Polk County and a letter of acceptance to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, seconded by **Commissioner Eden**. A unanimous voice call vote approved the motion.

City Manager Leavengood praised Chief Bodenheimer for staying on top of the funding processes, stating that regardless of the size of the grant, the paperwork is the same.

2.) BIDS: DOCK REPLACEMENT

City Manager Leavengood stated as a part of the Capital Improvements Program (CIP), the City has budgeted funding each year for dock replacement throughout the City. The existing docks are at the end of their service life and are being replaced with the aluminum frame and pilings with composite planks that will resist wear and have much longer life spans than traditional wooden docks.

The current budget includes \$35,000 for dock replacement with the planned replacements being for the northern Lake Echo dock. The City advertised the project in the Ledger and on the online procurement platform Demand Star and received the following sealed bids for the project:

- John Carver: \$31,000
- STAG Industries \$44,060
- Turnbull Environmental \$44,500
- Razorback \$85,000

John Carver has performed the dock replacements for the Lake Echo (south dock), Lake Rochelle, Twin Lake, Lake Swoope, and Lake Haines dock, and the City has been very satisfied with the work. The Lake Alfred dock was completed by the City working with the Canal Commission.

The Echo Lake north dock is the final dock to go to the new aluminum and composite format, and its replacement represents the completion of a four-year process to replace and upgrade all of the wood docks on city facilities. He mentioned the Lake Rochelle canoe launch, which would be replaced as a repair line item.

Mayor Daley asked if Mr. Carver would be able to start on the dock soon.

City Manager Leavengood stated to have the construction on the dock start and be complete in a timely manner it was decided to include the item on tonight's agenda.

Staff recommended approval of the Lake Echo Dock replacement bid from John Carver for \$31,000.

Commissioner Eden asked if the City has heard anything from the Federal Government on subsidizing the states.

City Manager Leavengood stated he attended a workshop last week with Governor DeSantis, where the focus was on the stimulus bill going forward. Cities will definitely require assistance. We have \$60,000 that is budgeted every year for miscellaneous capital. To date, that is still intact in the budget.

Commissioner Eden stated he is looking forward to finding out more about the allocations from the Federal Government.

Mayor Daley stated she was on a conference call with Governor DeSantis Monday and quoted him saying Lake Alfred's allotment would be \$2.8 million if the bill passes.

Mayor Daley opened the public hearing, seeing no one closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Eden moved to approve the Lake Echo Dock replacement bid from John Carver for \$31,000, seconded by **Vice Mayor Dearmin**. A unanimous voice call vote approved the motion.

Commissioner Questions and Comments:

Mayor Daley stated she received a call from Congressman Soto asking about setting up a Central Florida Health Care mobile testing system in Lake Alfred at the Highlands Community Center. She also asked if the City was still promoting the Census survey.

City Manager Leavengood stated the City residents are doing well turning in their census information, but staff will look for other ways to spread the message.

Commissioner Eden stated he hopes everyone's family is safe in the changing environment and asked if the next Commission meeting will be June 1st. There was a truck fire, and the LAFD was on top of the situation and commended the Fire Department.

City Manager Leavengood stated the next meeting would be June 1st.

Vice Mayor Dearmin thanked the City staff for the work and dedication they have shown through all the changes due to the virus.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mamie Drane
Deputy City Clerk

Reviewed by,



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City Clerk