

## **Lake City Council Proceedings**

### **Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

The City Council of Lake City, Iowa met in special session at 6:00pm with Mayor Schleisman presiding. The following Council members were present: Vogt (attended remotely via Google Meet), Wilson, Gorden, and Bruns. Daniel was absent. CA Matthews and Chief of Police Schaffer were also present. Library Director Hardiman attended the meeting at 6:45pm.

Mayor Schleisman read a brief statement commending the City Council on the progress and success of the previous year and spoke in favor of the wage research conducted by CA Matthews. He left the meeting at 6:03pm to attend to a personal matter. Mayor Pro Tem Gorden assumed the presiding of the meeting.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by Bruns and seconded by Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following: Agenda. All Ayes. Nays-None. MC.

**Citizens to Address the Council:** No members of the public addressed the Council.

### **Budget Workshop Part III**

The third budget workshop was held. Council reviewed and discussed the proposed FY24/25 budget prepared by CA Matthews. CA Matthews discussed the fund transfer resolution with Council. Council provided CA Matthews with final direction for budget preparation. Council directed CA Matthews to budget for a 5% raise for employees to ensure Lake City's wages remains competitive. CA Matthews indicated he would bring a wage resolution to Council for the 2/19/2023 meeting and Council was agreeable to that. Council directed CA Matthews to note in the wage resolution that one employee's raise in public works was contingent upon the completion of his CDL and directed CA Matthews to make sure the employee was aware of this before the next regular Council meeting.

Economic development was also discussed during the budget workshop and the need for the city to become better prepared for opportunities. Council discussed the need to inquire with existing businesses if they have any expansion plans. Council directed CA Matthews to speak with Betterment about Councilperson Bruns attending each Betterment meeting as a non-voting member in the role of a liaison between the City and Betterment. The intended outcome of this is to increase the collaboration and flow of information between the City and Betterment and synergize our efforts to promote Lake City.

During the budget workshop Council directed that the proposed budget be modified slightly; \$30,000 from LOST will not be allocated to capital projects in the community building. Council directed CA Matthews to work with an Engineer to ensure the balcony of the community building is structurally sound. Council directed CA Matthews to review the Franchise Fee ordinance and 2015 Resolutions to ensure the proposed budgeted uses for the Franchise Fees are in line with ordinance and resolutions of the City. Council asked CA Matthews to inquire if it made sense to look at moving the new Blair Workshop into a TIF district and CA Matthews indicated he would ask Dorsey about this. A certain building was discussed that may come into the city's possession

because the owner potentially wishes to donate it to the city. Council directed CA Matthews to inquire how that could impact the city's insurance rates.

CA Matthews noted during the economic development discussion he was working with Jim Thompson with the Iowa Economic Development Authority and with Betterment to set up a workshop in the summer to explain the Catalyst Grant as there are buildings in Lake City that would qualify for it.

**Council Agenda:** No Action was taken.

**Adjourn:** With no further business, Bruns motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Vogt. All Ayes. Nays-None. MC. The meeting adjourned at 7:48pm. The next scheduled regular meeting of Council will be Monday February 19, 2024 at 6PM.

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Mike Schleisman, Mayor

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Jacob Matthews, City Administrator/Clerk