

Town of Lake View
Council Meeting
Minutes
4-16-2018
6:37p.m.

1. Call to Order – Paul A. Calhoun
 - a. Invocation – Daniel Griffin
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance - Everyone

2. Roll Call
 - Toni Braddy – yea
 - Nancy Ray – yea
 - Vivian Bean – yea
 - Brad Cook – yea
 - Jan D. Smith – yea
 - Paul A. Calhoun – yea

All present

3. Visitor to speak to the Town/Council:

Mike Simpson (candidate for Alabama House of Representatives, District 16) – Mr. Simpson spoke to the Council and the public. He introduced his platform which is Faith, Family and Fundamentals. Reminded everyone to vote on June 5, 2018.

Will Benton (candidate for Alabama House of Representatives, District 62) – Rescheduled until the May meeting.

4. Approval of the Consent Agenda **(DISCUSSED IN WORKSHOP)**

- a. DJ's Food Mart – Gasoline for Police Department \$40.40
- b. Reimbursement for Judge Dow – Municipal Court Practice & Procedure Class \$325.00 **(Municipal fund)**
- c. Town Visa – Mayor's trip for the Oklahoma Tornado Summit \$1,158.42
- d. B-tech – Technical support \$93.75
- e. Pit Stop Auto – Repairs to Chief Frederick's car (rear axle) \$515.39
- f. B-tech – Server back-up \$110.00
- g. Bains and Terry – Professional services (invoice for February and March) \$1,350.00
- h. HagerCo, LLC – Invoice from Town Engineer (meeting with Contractor, Mark and George. Review and Calculations for Septic Tank Application). \$825.00
- i. Reimbursement for George Pickle for training classes – CEU hours, (3/28 – 3/29 and 4/4 – 4/6) \$1,146.16

Jan stated that we needed to pay item "i". Nancy stated for George to bring to the Council earlier.

Motion by Paul A. Calhoun to approve the Consent Agenda, omitting items C, H and amending item G (paying \$500.00 for services on February 26th and March 8th).

Second by Toni Braddy.

- Toni Braddy – yea
- Nancy Ray – yea
- Vivian Bean – yea

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Brad Cook – yea
Jan D. Smith – yea
Paul A. Calhoun – yea
Motion Passed

5. Approval 3-08-2018 workshop/council meeting minutes.

Motion by Nancy Ray to approve the workshop and council minutes for 3-8-18.

Second by Vivian Bean

Toni Braddy – yea
Nancy Ray – yea
Vivian Bean – yea
Brad Cook – yea
Jan D. Smith – yea
Paul A. Calhoun – yea

Motion Passed

6. Approval of the Agenda and anything that needs to be added.

Motion by Paul A. Calhoun to approve the agenda.

Second by Jan D. Smith

Toni Braddy – yea
Nancy Ray – yea
Vivian Bean – yea
Brad Cook – yea
Jan D. Smith – yea
Paul A. Calhoun – yea

Motion Passed

7. Department Business

- a. Building Inspector – George gave his report
- b. Police Department – Eddie gave his report. Mayor stated that he has received complaints about a drone looking through someone's window at night, caught it on camera. Eddie will research about the laws on flying drones. Nancy asked about the officer's CEU's, Eddie stated they are getting them.
- c. Court – Carol gave her report, also encouraged the Council to look at using Five Points online payment system.
- d. Town Clerk – Cheryl gave her report, along with the six month money transfer spreadsheet.

Motion by Vivian Bean to transfer \$19,386.31 from the Municipal and Capital Improvement funds to the General fund.

Second by Jan D. Smith

Toni Braddy – yea
Nancy Ray – yea
Vivian Bean – yea
Brad Cook – yea
Jan D. Smith – yea
Paul A. Calhoun – yea

Motion Passed

e. Attorney

8. Old or Unfinished Business

- a. Truck for Building Inspector - **TABLED**
- b. Bids on room remodel for Chief Frederick - **TABLED**
- c. Ordinance 144-030818 – To adopt the International Building Codes (Ordinance attached)

Motion by Paul A. Calhoun to approve and adopt Ordinance 144-030818.

Second by Nancy Ray

Toni Braddy – yea

Nancy Ray – yea

Vivian Bean – yea

Brad Cook – yea

Jan D. Smith – yea

Paul A. Calhoun – yea

Motion Passed

- d. Sewage issue (Letter from Mr. Thornton) – Paul said we have an application made to Tuscaloosa County Health department. Brad said there had to be some revised calculations. Developers are working on the lots where the septic tanks are sitting now. Toni asked if we have the figures yet on connecting the Municipal buildings to the sewer verses the septic tank? Paul said no. Nancy said she will have that information by the next meeting. Paul said that we are under a sewer moratorium. Brad asked for some money to be set aside for Keith Hager and the application fee for the health department. Discussion was held about engineered septic systems verses traditional systems.

- At 7:12 p.m., Cheryl Ivey’s cell phone rang.

9. New Business (**DISCUSSED IN WORKSHOP**)

- a. George Pickle to address the council. – George stated he needs approval from the Council giving him the authority to give a “10 day notice to comply” of non-compliance, to revoke the business license. Then shut the job down. If shut down, the individuals will have to come and get their own business license. If the business license is revoked, the individual has the right to appeal to the Council.

Motion by Jan D. Smith granting the Building Inspector the authority to revoke a business license due to non-compliance, after 10 day notice.

Second by Vivian Bean

Toni Braddy – yea

Nancy Ray – yea

Vivian Ban – yea

Brad Cook – yea

Jan D. Smith – yea

Paul A. Calhoun – yea

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- b. Resolution 74-041218 – “Back to School Sales Tax Holiday” (July 20th – 22nd 2018) (Resolution Attached)

Motion by Nancy Ray to accept the Resolution 74-041218, Back to School Sales tax holiday.

Second by Paul A. Calhoun

Toni Braddy – yea

Nancy Ray – yea

Vivian Bean – yea

Brad Cook – yea

Jan D. Smith – yea

Paul A. Calhoun – yea

Motion Passed

- c. Town Attorney – Paul said he was not ready to make any recommendations at this time.
- d. Budget – Annette stated we are already at the half way point. Some items are of concern. Need to make some amendments to current budget. Next budget meeting will be April 24, 2018 at 5:45 p.m.
- e. GUSC – Jan spoke about GUSC in Alabama Code. Each Board of Director must live in the Town of Lake View. How did the GUSC change the Alabama Codes to elect the President, who is not even a “qualified elector” of the Town of Lake View (see attached hand out)? Jan said she has never been given a true answer as to whom the President was. She felt like she was not being told the truth and was blatantly lied to. According to Alabama State law, you have to abide by them. Jan asked Nancy if the GUSC was in compliance with state code. Nancy said the GUSC is in compliance and she will provide documentation including amended by-laws. Jan asked if their President lives in the Town of Lake View. The answer was no. Toni stated that three people on the GUSC Board are “voting members” do live in the Town of Lake View, Phillip Pierce, Mr. Hocutt and Ms. Ray. Jan stated “I feel like what they have done is not in accordance with the Alabama State Code and I think is illegal.” Paul asked what her title was. Nancy said she is the President of the GUSC, but a non-voting member. Daniel Griffin said he could shed some light on that, Paul said not right now, this is not Public comment at this time.

10. Reports of Special Committees and Boards of Council

- a. Planning and Zoning – Peggy said the meeting will be April 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- b. Budget and Finance – Meeting at April 24, 2018 at 5:45 p.m.
- c. GUSC Board – Nancy provided a report to the Council. Toni stated that she finally got a copy of the letter that she has asked four times now.
- d. Police Relation Committee – Meeting July 11, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
- e. Activities Committee – Nothing at this time.

11. Public Comment –

Mike Fisher – I would like to commend the Council for volunteering your time for the Town. Last month I heard some of you bragging on George, make sure you know what he is doing before you brag. You bragged on the last one who was not doing his job. Now, Mayor have you ever received any money from Mike White?
Paul – I’m not sure, but I will tell you this, when I was running for office, I was able to receive PAC money from business leaders in the community. If you know people in the community, then you could name five or six that could be on that list. I believe Mike White is probably one of those. But, Mike White has never given me money directly. I have heard the rumors and seen the things on the internet. When that money was offered to me, I made it clear to a number of people that were in the room, that I would accept the money with the understanding that it would “buy an ear”, I will listen to what someone has got to say and not influence me

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one way or the other. I know that money was offered to several people, I know who took it. It has never influenced my decision one way or the other from the decisions I make from this bench or that office back there. That is speaking for myself. But yes, I have taken money from Mike White in the form of a PAC.

Bill Bean- As far as the stuff on NextDoor about Mike White, I do not believe anyone has been "on the take." People contribute money to it. It did not come from an individual, it came from a PAC.

Daniel Griffin – On the GUSC statutes, I'm going to clear this up. Any corporation can have any officers. The law says the power must be vested in the Board. She has not been at any meetings since she was made president. Do you have an answer Nancy for the question I asked two months ago? Nancy stated she presented a report to the Council.

Cheryl Ivey – Earlier tonight, the gentleman running for State House, stated that if you are not going to work for the people then you are not helping the people. It is well documented that there are sewer issues in the Tannehill Preserve. One hundred percent did not vote the resolution and our bill was not seen in the Senate. I wonder if any of y'all would like to address why you did what you did in order to defeat our business.

Joanne Price – I have lived here a year, worked for eight years for another Mayor for another city. Three of you are working against us and that is not good.

Annette Jackson – Who is the Activities Committee director? Brad. Has the Council has approved a new member for B&F to replace Bill Gorman? Paul said he would get information to Annette. What can we do as a Preserve resident about a van parked at the pool? I was told it was private property and unless it was stolen, then they could not do anything. The car has been there for 10 day. Chief Frederick stated it is considered abandoned after 72 hours. HOA needs to post a notice for the vehicle to be removed, if not removed then it can be towed at the owners' expense.

Vivian Hunter – I have asked a number of times, no answers about the sewer issue. I would ask Toni, how are we to know if you are for the people? Have you ever taken any money from Mike White?

Toni – I am under no obligation to answer during public comment, but I will. I have never met or spoken with Mike White. I do not even know what he looks like. The only people I owe in are the people who are residents of Lake View – all of them, those in Tuscaloosa County and in Jefferson County, those on the sewer system and those who are not sewer customers. I sleep like a baby at night knowing my integrity is way up there.

Vivian Hunter– This is not relevant.

Toni – You asked me, and I am answering. I feel we all want the same things, but see different paths for getting there. No, I don't owe anybody any money, I am not indebted to anyone and my integrity is not for sale.

Vivian – My intention was not to question your integrity. What do you do to represent us? What is the alternative for us?

Toni – Your three minutes are up and I will tell you what I tell others: Let's meet for coffee, let's talk. I will not go on NextDoor to put my platform.

Vivian Hunter – Are you working for the people and not Mike White? It's obvious that you are not working for the people.

Toni – I have answered your questions. I appreciate the opportunity to speak with people. I will meet with anyone to talk about this stuff, but this is not the place for this discussion.

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Paul – To clarify, public comment is public comment and not for question and answer and it is up to the representative whether they answer or not.

Toni – Council meetings are for the purpose of doing Council business, like paying bills and buying chairs. If you want “question and answer,” let’s talk about Town Hall meetings or a different type of meeting.

12. Mayor and Council Member’s Business

- a. Jan D. Smith – Thank you for your thoughts and prayers and cards for the last month.
- b. Toni Braddy – The last few months have been challenging. We are very independent people that have independent ideas and hope we can get back on track. The only way you are going to show people you have their best interest is to prove it.
- c. Nancy Ray - Nothing
- d. Brad Cook - nothing
- e. Vivian Bean – Thank everyone for coming. We take everything to heart. But we are working for the people. Give us a chance, quit bad mouthing us.
- f. Paul A. Calhoun – Maybe a Town Hall meeting may be in order. Less Town business and more of a Q & A. A moderator would be necessary. I thank everyone despite the differences. I appreciate Mr. Fisher for asking me instead of putting it on a scuttle butt out there. I am not ashamed for taking money from a PAC. I will be available to talk to anyone after this meeting. Good night everybody.

13. Next Meetings


Council	May 10, 2018 @ 6:30p.m.	Workshop @ 5:30p.m.
Court	April 17, 2018 @5:00 p.m.	
Planning Commission	April 23, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.	
Budget and Finance	April 24, 2018 @ 5:45 p.m.	
Police Relation Committee	July 11, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.	
GUSC Board		


**** Ordinance 145**

**** Resolution 75**

Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Approval Date: May 10, 2018

Certification: 
Paul A. Calhoun, Mayor

Attest: 
Cheryl Self, Town Clerk

