BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023, 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL. LAKELAND. TENNESSEE 38002

I. **CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Josh Roman at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2023.

II. **INVOCATION:** Offered by Mayor Josh Roman.

III. **PLEDGE:** Mayor Josh Roman led the pledge to the flag.

IV. **ROLL CALL BY RECORDER:** Mayor Josh Roman, Vice-Mayor Wesley Wright, Commissioner Jim Atkinson, Commissioner Michele Dial were present. Commissioner Connie McCarter was absent.

Staff personnel in attendance were City Manager Michael Walker, Planning Director Paul Luker, City Planner Alex Barthol, City Engineer Emily Harrell, Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Fisher, City Recorder Cheyenne Carter, and City Attorney Will Patterson.

V. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

VI. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**
No treasurer's report was presented.

VII. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS & OTHER OFFICERS:**

- City Manager's Report – City Manager Michael Walker:
  - October:
    - Provided departmental updates
    - Awarded Katrina Shields the October City Staff Superstar
  - November:
    - Awarded Sue Lipscomb the November City Staff Superstar
- Commissioner's Report:
  - Community Advisory Board – Commissioner Dial:
    - Prior to the CAB update, Commissioner Dial provided an update on the Parks and Recreation Board trip to the YMCA.
    - Commissioner Dial provided an update on the CAB meeting from October.
    - Mayor Roman suggested to consider allowing the CAB a budget for various projects needed in the community to bring to the next meeting.

VIII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
No comments heard.

IX. **SEWERAGE COMMISSION BUSINESS:**

X. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

For the record: The order of business was changed to combine regular agenda items number 1, 2 and 3 and to table regular agenda item number 5 with no objection.

XI. REGULAR AGENDA:

1. **Approval of regular meeting minutes – September 21, 2023**
2. **Approval of special called meeting minutes – September 29, 2023**
3. **Approval of regular meeting minutes – October 5, 2023**

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor seconded by Vice Mayor Wright.

When the question was called the minutes passed as presented, voice vote, 4 in favor 0 against (4-0).

4. **Resolution – authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to draft an agreement for use of City property at 0 Huff N Puff Road by the Refuge Church**

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice Mayor Wright.

Discussion ensued.

The Board invited a representative from the church to speak on the need for the parking lot.

Discussion ensued.

For the record: Mayor Roman granted City Staff permission to work with the Refuge Church on a solution for use of the parking lot with no objections/ No vote taken.

6. **Resolution – approving the Equestria Planned Development outline plan.**

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

Planning Director Paul Luker provided an overview of the outline plan.

Discussion ensued.

For the record: Public comment was heard with no objection from Michael Scott of the 4000 block of Maple Walk Drive.

Discussion ensued.

The Equestria applicant provided additional information for the project.

Discussion ensued.

A resident from the existing neighborhood provided a viewpoint to the Board requested by Commissioner Atkinson.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Roman motioned to defer this item to a later date, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

When the question was called the resolution was deferred, voice vote, 4 in favor 0 against (4-0).

7. **Discussion and Possible Action - changing the effective date of the July 1, 2023 sewer rate increase.**

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor seconded by Vice Mayor Wright.

City Manager Michael Walker provided an explanation on this item.

Discussion ensued.

For the record: Mayor Roman introduced an Ordinance for first reading without objection as follows:

a. **Ordinance – First Reading** – amending ordinance O-7-2023 establishing sewer rates and sewer charge adjustments.

When the question was called the first reading of the ordinance passed, voice vote, 4 in favor 0 against (4-0).

8. **Resolution – amending resolutions R-134-2022, R-25-2023, R-70-119-2023 and the calendar year 2023 City of Lakeland meeting calendar.**

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

Discussion ensued.

When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, voice vote, 4 in favor 0 against (4-0).

XII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Lakeland Education Foundation representative Amy Foster extended an invitation to the Board and City Staff for their grant award ceremony.

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business on which to act, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:13 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2023.

These minutes were approved on November 16, 2023.

Josh Roman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cheyenne Carter

Cheyenne Carter
City Recorder