

City of Lumpkin
532 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Lumpkin, GA 31815
Council Meeting
October 7, 2019
6:00 p.m.

The City Council and Mayor of Lumpkin met for a regular meeting on Monday, October 7, 2019 at the above address with the following members present: Mayor Jimmy Babb, Mayor Pro-tem Barbara Cullefer, Council members - Flossie Brown, Billie Ann Mallory & Nikita Seay. Council member – Mitzi House was absent. City Manager David Davis was present. City Clerk Anne Holloway was present to take minutes.

Mayor Jimmy Babb called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by the roll call.

Agenda & Minute Approval – Mayor Babb called for the approval of the agenda.

Motion by: Barbara Cullefer	to approve the agenda with changes. (Mona Hubbard and September 30, 2019 minutes.)
Second by: Flossie Brown	
Motion Carried – 4-0	

Mayor Babb asked for an approval of the minutes for August 26th, September 3rd and September 30, 2019. Billie Ann Mallory- stated that the minutes does not reflect the three raises motion that was made and didn't get second so it died. Also, need to correct the date from August to September.

Motion by: Barbara Cullefer	approval of the minutes August 26th, September 3 rd and 30 th
Second by: Flossie Brown	with correction September 3 rd (correct the date and raises)
Motion Carried – 4-0	

Public Appearances – Mona Hubbard – Asked the Council if we could close Surles Street on October 26th from 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. for a Community Block Party.

Motion by: Barbara Cullefer	To Close Surles Street for Community Block Party
Second by: Flossie Brown	
Motion Carried – 4-0	

Reports from Department Heads –

City Clerk Anne Holloway – Ask to attend training on October 31, 2019 in Albany, Georgia. I have been speaking with Mr. Jack Reed in reference to the LMIG grant. Once the audits are complete, we will be receiving the funds. Our audits should be completed soon. Mrs. Jones and I will be attending training on November 7th and 8th in Albany, Georgia.

Motion by: Barbara Cullefer
Second by: Flossie Brown

To allow Clerk and Deputy Clerk to attend training
on November 7 & 8 in Albany, Georgia.

Motion Carried – 4-0

- A discussion followed between Mayor Babb, Ms. Mallory, Ms. Holloway, Ms. Brown and Ms. Cullefer. Councilman Seay did not participate. (See attachment.)

Mr. David Davis – Beautiful day to be alive. Let's all join hands on one accord. That's my text. Billie Anne Mallory – We need a sermon after that. David Davis – September 24, 2019 two of my employees in the Public Service Department went to Ground Water Source Development for Public Water Systems sponsored by Georgia Rural Water Association in Perry, Georgia. When anyone goes some where they are to come back and let you know.

Willie G. Clark – Let me tell you about the water. You should have a permit number. You should never put septic tank next to the water. You have to read and keep the chemicals correct. It is important when a class comes up you should always let us go because there is always changes in each class. Water is very important to each and every one of us. You all just don't know what it takes to run water. I have everyone drinking water in my hands. David Davis – In other words what he told you is we have safe drinking water in Lumpkin but not just here, all over the County. The backhoe has been out of commission for about two weeks. But we have it back up and running – it is working us pretty well. We are still having problems with our sewage treatment plant on Green Grove Road. Our team and Mark Majors with Majors Electric from Albany, Georgia are working hard to get things back in control out there. We don't have anything to worry about because our man who is in charge- I just spoke with him a little while ago. He said everything was ok. Dave Alexander is still on his way. We have a problem with the Post Office. The City is relatively clean. The guys are working hard. We have received a \$5000.00 grant from Sumter Electric.

Chief Jackson – Everything is going well. We have a couple issued we're having to deal with currently. The School is going to have a parade on October 24, 2019. David Davis – They do have an application but we didn't receive a copy of liability insurance. So, we had to get wavier signed by the Superintendent. F. Brown – Is it ok for an animal to be on a chain? Chief Jackson – Yes, it is ok to have them on a chain but if it's dangerous you have to have liability insurance. Mayor – Please reiterate to your Police Officers – We do want to respond outside the City if an emergency when someone calls for help. But if it's not an emergency their responsibility is Lumpkin Georgia. Billie Ann Mallory – So we are fully staffed? Chief Jackson – We have three guys besides myself.

Chief Stewart - Absent

New Business: Trunk or Treat – 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. around Courthouse Square.

Old Business:

DPS Recovery – Billie Ann Mallory – it doesn't cost us nothing so I think it's a good idea. Chief Jackson – The department has 12 months to collect if not collected can get an additional 12 months but after that we can't collect. This agency can go further back to collect.

Motion by: Billie Ann Mallory
Second by: Barbara Cullefer

To accept DPS Recovery and whatever else they offer.

Motion carried- 4-0

Harp Associate and City Service - We would like to switch from Harp Associate to City Service. Mayor Babb – Mr. Davis you recommend to go with City Service? Mr. Davis – Yes, I would.

Motion by: Barbara Cullefer
Second by: Flossie Brown

To go with City Service

Motion Carried – 4-0

Council input -

F. Brown – Dogs running around town but we have talked about that already.

B. Mallory – Mr. Moore update about the house. Barbara Cullefer – Not going to have it. What is in the folder is it something need to look at 2019-20 Budget? Mayor – That is what we have in the budget on the left side and what has been spent in August and September. Ms. Mallory – Left side is what in the budget for the year.

B. Cullefer – None

N. Seay – None

Adjourn –

Motion by: Flossie Brown
Second by: Nikita Seay

To adjourn the meeting

Motion Carried - 4-0

Jimmy Babb Mayor Jimmy Babb Date 11/4/2019
Flossie Brown
Billie Mallory
Barbara Cullefer
Anne Holloway City Clerk, Anne Holloway

- (Attachment)
- Billie Ann Mallory – It not correction it was omitted. Mayor – What you vote on is only thing that has to be put in the minutes. Billie Ann Mallory – Is the raise still in effect, Mrs. Holloway? Holloway – Yes, they are still in effect. Billie Ann Mallory – The motion fell and the raises are still going on. Barbara Cullefer – We adopted the budget the raises were in the budget. You had weeks to look over the draft of the budget. You voted to give them a raise when you voted for the budget. Billie Ann Mallory – We voted on the budget – not the raise. Barbara Cullefer – The raises were in the budget. Billie Ann Mallory – It was in the budget but in order to give a raise you have to vote on the raise. We voted on the budget. The budget means the money is assessable. Barbara Cullefer – What did the attorney say Mrs. Holloway? Billie Ann Mallory – We need to hear from the attorney. Send to us in writing – send to me in writing. No body lets us know anything that is going on. Ms. Cullefer says do this it is done – It doesn't come to the Council. Flossie Brown – May I make a statement? Previously when I first came on the City Council, we did our budget and everyone raises was in the budget. We have gotten out of compliance giving people raises – here, there and beyond. Raises was only given when we did the budget. Everyone that got a raise was in the budget. We did all at once. How we jumped from here to there to give raises - we have never done it like that. Mayor – There was no budget – that's how it got away from us – no budget. Billie Ann Mallory – Simply saying we vote on it. It was not voted on. Ms. Cullefer says go ahead start it on August 1st – that's it. It doesn't come through the City Council. And as far as viewing the budget all those weeks that we had it. It was not all those weeks. But I had two different ones – one said one thing and one said another thing. I brought it up in Council. So there was a discrepancy. I brought that up. So, if I am going to have all those weeks to review it – let's get it right. Mayor – So noted – Mr. Davis, What do you have? Holloway- Your Finance report and Budget review are in your folders. Billie Ann Mallory – If I could go back to that so will the raises still be in effect? Or will we follow procedures? Mayor – It according to which you consider procedures. She has already told you that the Budget is the Budget. Billie Ann Mallory – The only reason we voted on them because did not have a budget for them to be in. But she was saying that it would be in the budget but you would not start – you would not start the raises. Mayor – That is not what she said. Flossie Brown – No – what I said was that we put it in the budget and when we got ready to vote the raises was in the budget. Billie Ann Mallory - When they got ready to vote but we never voted. Flossie Brown – Yes, we did. We voted on it. When we voted on the budget that was the time to call on it right then and there. In other words, If we was not going to give these three people a raise it should have been noted right then and there. Everybody up here voted except Mitzi House on it. Billie Ann Mallory – Voted on the budget right. I had one that had a raise for Mrs. Jones. Flossie Brown – She got one prior. Billie Ann Mallory – But then the others – well that's alright. When looking at the monthly finance at that time there was \$20,000 in the checking account. I see we have more. Flossie Brown – Next year when the budget is voted on if you have a nay that is the time. When voting on it and got a second and you want to question it that would be your time. But we have already did that. Billie Ann Mallory – Everybody is agreed for the raises to start. I voted for the budget.