

**City of Lumpkin**  
**532 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Lumpkin, GA 31815**  
**Workshop**  
**October 28, 2019**  
**6:00P.M.**

The City Council and Mayor of Lumpkin met for a workshop on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 6:02 p.m. at the above address with the following members present: Mayor Jimmy Babb, Mayor Pro-tem Barbara Cullefer, Councilwoman Billie Ann Mallory, Councilwoman Mitzi House. Absent were Councilman Nikita Seay and Councilwoman Flossie Brown. The City Manager, David Davis, was present. City Clerk Anne Holloway was present to take minutes.

Mayor Jimmy Babb called the workshop to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by the roll call.

Mayor Babb asked for review of the minutes to be approved at our next regular meeting.

**Public Appearances –**

Shirley Walker – Speak about the notice of the tax sale in the Stewart-Webster Journal. I submitted a records request to the City for delinquent taxes from 2011 – 2018. The report was incorrect. There were many discrepancies. There were people that were on the list not in the paper and in the paper not on the list. I informed Ms. Kim that the report was not correct. I received the email on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> that it was accurate - when I know in fact it was not. I am very familiar with the system. I have two questions if I can get permission from you all – 1. I would like to ask Anne Holloway who she spoke with stating it was correct? Billie Ann Mallory- Here is says that she spoke with the Software support. Mayor – I don't know who she spoke to. Mrs. Walker - I have many contacts with GSI and I contacted them myself. As of 11:00 am this morning they didn't have a call from Ms. Holloway requesting an open records report for delinquent taxes. My question to the Council is – Are the names in the paper all the people that owe delinquent taxes in the City? Mayor – I think the company that we hired to collect taxes for. Shirley Walker – The names have to be submitted to the company. Who submitted them? I am not trying to throw anyone under the bus I just want Council to be fair with their decision making and with the Citizens of Lumpkin. I know for a fact I am not here to throw Mrs. Holloway I know for a fact that she owed a whole lot of taxes. Mayor – Taxes were paid. My next records request will be I know for certain GSI has a summary of the taxes the date they were paid and by method. With all the inconsistent how can you post certain ones? Mitzi House – Did they just give you the information? Shirley Walker- What could GSI do? Does it have the capability to print a detailed ledger with all the citizens owing delinquent taxes? He said yes. I said I had submitted an open records request to the City of Lumpkin and the list that they printed out for me. It not a list I am familiar with after having worked on the GSI system. I asked can you tell me if you they had received an open records request for printed list of delinquent taxes. And they told me no. That was as of 11:00 this morning I spoke to Ray. Billie Ann Mallory – So Ms. Kim you are saying that Mrs. Holloway taxes are paid? Cause they have to be paid to you. Kim – They are not paid in full but most have been paid. Mayor – We will look into that.

Debbie Stone – Attended an RVRC meeting in Buena Vista, Ga. The Commission for primary health and safety. She spoke about the ageing in Georgia. Skip Henderson, Mayor of Columbus spoke about if there was anything that they could do let them know. They Mayor did add to the budget to tear down old buildings to clean up Columbus.

**Reports from Department Heads** – City Clerk Anne Holloway – We have gotten the Loin Club land that will have to be signed next week. Still working on getting a light at the intersection. Working with Georgia Power. AIMS company for all the repairs and paving on Broad Street. Workman Compensation Insurance is up for renewal at this time.

Mr. David Davis- Good Evening. Hello! I have a few things. I attended the Department of Community Services workshop in LaGrange for three days. I learned quiet a bit and went to serval of their session that the Community Affairs sponsored it. I have serval things to share but I don't have enough time to share it all. There quiet a few things that will help us with the development of the City. The Post Office is still having a problem with the sewage drain. Alexander construction is supposed to be coming back to repair it. One of the laterals is not hooked up right. Mayor – that will be on him. David Davis – We apologies to them for all the inconvenience it caused. The park on 27 we did water ran to it. Now we can start cleaning. We put more dirt on Oak Street and getting ready for the basketball court. We are still having problems out at the sewage pond two of our pumps are still out. Two of our helpers are working with it and Mark Majors has a pump but having to wait for a part. We are doing the best we can to keep causing a problem with EPD. We ordered some suits for the men to wear when working at the pond. They are in now. They are full body suits. Georgia Power installed three poles new poles on Cotton Street. We are in need for a water pump because when these pipes burst around here, we have a hose that can stick down in the hole to pump out the water. Ernie Brown has a pump for 1300.00. Willie G Clark – Need to see about the warranty on it. Billie Ann Mallory – You said it is in the shop, David Davis – It is in his shop. If we get it from him, he is going to throw in two new pipes with it. He told me that we are welcome to use his other pump at any time also. We had a pretty rough time at the Sheriff Department and on Florence Street. Mayor – Mrs. Holloway mentioned the Lion Club property down here. Will you and Willie George look at it so can get started on it this Winter cleaning it up. I have looked at it from the street. Is there a key for the lock on the gate? Mayor – Just cut it. Mitzi House – Is the building included? Are we going to keep it like it is for right now? Mayor – For right now. We would love to keep as much of the fence as we can. Willie G – There is that big oak tree that has already fell on it. Mayor – I don't know why we couldn't take something in there and bust the bottom where it wants hold water and fill that pool up. David Davis – That is what we did at Oak Street. We have had some complaints about insects and animals from that swimming pool down there anyway. Mayor – Yes, we have.

Chief Jackson – Good Evening. I hope all is well. The last two weeks the biggest thing has been with the club in Richland, hope they stay over there. The last couple of weekends they have had couple of shoot outs. I am working with the DA about a case they got on Dec 18<sup>th</sup> of last year. They got sixteen pounds of marijuana and a brand-new camera. I resubmitted the paperwork with the DA so I am trying to get that Camera. We can make a DARE car out of it. I had to trace it down – it at Leesburg County. We are going to try to go after that Camera. Had couple of complaints about the bull dogs and we are doing the best we can with those bull dogs. If pick them up we have to some where to house them. Mayor – How about the cat lady? Chief – She just left but she wasn't talking about cats. She said someone had entered her vehicle and stole her weapon. But it was stolen in Eufaula, Ala. We explained about the ordinance so we are just going to let her come to Court. David Davis – I am sorry but I didn't recognize what Mrs. Walker said about the Taxes and stuff. It is coming from my office. I want to assure you that we are going to do what we can to get it straighten out.

Chief Stewart - absent.

**New Business** – Trunk or Treat is planned for Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30p.m. all around the Courthouse Square.

**Old Business** -

**Council Input** –

Billie Ann Mallory – Talk about Christmas Decorations. Last year we said we were going to do a little bit more to dress it up. Barbara Cullefer – I think the County does it. Billie Anne Mallory – They do the Courthouse but what about the City? Mitzi

House – Mr. Davis is there any Christmas decoration anywhere? Mr. Davis – I haven't discussed it with anybody so far. I wasn't even thinking about Christmas before Thanksgiving. Billie Ann Mallory – People with the committee just put it around the Court house. Mr. Davis – If you all just come out with some ideas and we will work on it. Barbara Cullefer – I don't think the lights were working with lot of them. I got a big Christmas tree that is pre lit and has a remote control. The City is welcome to have it. I want to share with everyone – on last meeting we were discussing and Ms. Cullefer asked if I attended the Open meeting session. I contacted our lawyer because I was in question. Passed memo out in reference to Open Meeting. In my memo if you will allow me to read it: Good Morning Attorney Hooks. This is Billie Mallory, City of Lumpkin Council member. I need confirmation and clarification etc. On our regular meeting on Monday night Mayor Babb's made the statement If we don't vote on it it doesn't have to be in the minutes. Prior, to this a motion was made but no second therefore the motion died. This action was not included in the minutes of that minutes. Thank you. Attorney Hayden emailed back and said that I am coping a language from the Georgia Open minutes act – 50-14 -1(e). A summary of the subjects acted on those members present at a meeting of any agency shall be written and made available to the public for inspection within two business days of the adjournment of the meeting of any agency. The minutes of the meeting of any agency shall be promptly recorded and such records shall be open to public inspection once the approved as officials by the agency, but in no case later than immediately following the next regular meeting of the agency; provided, however, nothing contained in this chapter shall prohibit the earlier release of minutes, whether approved by the agency or not. Said minutes shall, as minimum, include the names of the members present at the meeting, a description of each motion or other proposal made, and a record of all votes. In the case of a roll-call vote the name of each person voting for or against a proposal shall be recorded and in all other cases it shall be presumed that the action taken was approved by each person in attendance unless the minutes reflect the name of the persons voting against the proposal or abstaining. Under the open meeting act, the minutes should show that a motion was made by whatever councilmember and then died for a lack of second. Mayor – I will precede that one but you put my name down there in quotation like it was a direct quote. I certainly did not say if we don't vote on it it don't have to be in the minutes. That is incorrect grammar and I would not say it do not have to be in the minutes. I think you miss quoted me as a direct quote down there. Billie Mallory – stated that we can listen to the tape. Mayor – we certainly can. I think you took me a little out of context what I was referring to is you don't have to put in the minutes that we discuss so and so. Billie Mallory – No, you made the statement after I made the statement that Mrs. Holloway omitted Ms. Cullefer made the motion. Mayor – Ok, I will precede that one Mrs. Holloway go back and correct the minutes. Mrs. Holloway – It is in the minutes. Billie Mallory – It is in the minutes now but I wanted to bring the documentation so that we will all be clarified so we will all be clear on it. There are still certain things that have to be in the minutes. Mayor – Alright. We appreciate you doing that.

Barbara Cullefer – None

Mitzi House – None

Mayor – I am concern about Trunk or Treat Thursday. I listen to the weather before I came up here and they said Thursday was going to be the best day for thunderstorms in the late afternoon. David Davis – It been approved and planned so let the weather dictate that.

Mayor – Do have a motion to adjourn?

Motion by - Barbara Cullefer

Second by – Mitzi House

To Adjourn

**Motion carried – 4-0**

**Adjourn –**

Jimmy Babb Mayor Jimmy Babb

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Barbara Culligan

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City Clerk, Anne Holloway