



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 27, 2023- 7:00 PM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

**MINUTES**

PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor  
Ray Mitchell Denmon, Councilman  
Al Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem  
Ed Moyer, Councilman  
Jackie Palazzolo, Councilwoman

ALSO: Paul Worley, City Administrator; Kyle Ellis, Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Tony Pyle, Police Chief; Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief.

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**  
**Welcome**  
Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.  
**Invocation**  
Mayor Pro Tem Edwards gave the invocation.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**  
Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. **Amendment or Approval of Proposed Agenda**  
Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the February 27, 2023 agenda as presented. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**  
Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of February 13, 2023. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Palmer welcomed members of the Youth Leadership Group from Gordon Central High School and Cumberland Academy.

6. **Public Hearing and Comments**

Announce at this time, public hearings will be held. The public will have the opportunity to make pro and con comments with a ten-minute maximum time limit for each side of the matter, with each person speaking having filed a financial disclosure statement five days prior to the hearing if required, with each person giving their name and address. An inquiry should be made to determine if any elected official has filed a disclosure statement regarding ownership or special interest in any of the agenda items. Zoning Land Use Maps on display in Council Chambers for Zoning Advisory Board and Council hearings.

A. Public hearing of a beer, wine and liquor pouring request at a location of 201 South Wall Street, by Brittney Bullock, dba The Sweet Table. Ms. Bullock is the owner and will also serve as the store manager.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments beginning with the applicant.
- There being none, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning alcohol request.
- Councilmember Palazzolo mad a motion to approve the alcohol pouring license. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

7. **Old Business:**

A. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a setback variance request, varying from 10 feet to 4 feet on the north side of the property for a detached garage, and varying from 10 feet to 2 feet on the south side of the property for a retaining wall, for .28 acres located at 500 Pisgah Way (C24-030), by Montana Etheridge. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held March 9<sup>th</sup> and the public hearing on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

8. **New Business:**

A. City Administrator Worley submitted the FY23 first quarter financial statements, reviewing all departments. He noted that revenues were up across the board and Local Option Sales Tax is already 33% of budgeted revenues, with \$4.2m total revenues collected for the quarter. Expenses were up from last year due to building the new records retention building, which was an unbudgeted item, and annual paving, which is done all together rather than spreading the expense over several months. Transfers in and out show a decrease of \$750k to fund balance for the quarter. The FY23 second quarter financial statements will be reviewed at the next meeting and will reflect property taxes, which should bring fund balance back up. We are pleased that the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax is already at 89%

budgeted for the year. Golf is at 37% in revenues and 30% expended, while solid waste is showing a net income of \$41k. Water and Sewer total revenues were \$7m for the quarter and operating expenses were \$4.1m, with a net income is \$1.8m. The electric department is at 29% revenues with \$11.6m, and \$10.7m expended for a net income of \$274k. Telecom had a net income of \$45k. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the financial statements as submitted. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

B. Mayor Palmer read a request from the Police Department to surplus the following items on GovDeals:

- a. Diesel Generator  
Serial# UZ00181(generator) 62M256 (motor)  
No longer needed at the old police department building.
- b. 1996 Coachman Miranda  
Mileage: 17,500  
Not used or needed by the department anymore.
- c. Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the surplus request.  
Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

C. Mayor Palmer request from the Public Works Department to surplus the following items on GovDeals:

- a. Three Weed eaters  
Serial # 512726888, 511961116, 506838803  
Parks Department  
Inoperable
- b. One hand Held Leaf Vacuum  
Serial #50722071  
Parks Department  
Has holes in the housing
- c. 2013 John Deere Riding Mower X300-42"  
Serial #1MOX300CLDM276117  
Parks Department  
Used for parts
- d. 2013 Snapper Pro Zero Turn Mower  
Serial #2016442159  
Cemetery  
Deck is bad
- e. 2011 Snapper Pro Zero Turn Mower  
Serial #2014013281  
Cemetery

Stuck engine valve

- f. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- D. Mayor Palmer read a request from the Fire Department to surplus the following items on GovDeals:
- a. 2008 Ford Ranger  
Mileage: 157,915  
Vin: 1FTYR14E98PA89509
  - b. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- E. Request from the Recreation Department to surplus the following items on GovDeals:
- a. 2000 Ford Ranger  
Mileage: 79,751  
Vin: 1FTYR10U31PA25467  
Needs a new motor  
Vehicle was removed from service.
  - c. Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- F. Request from the Water and Sewer Departments to surplus the following items:
- a. 2002 Ford F-150  
Vin # 1FTRF18W53NA53935  
Mileage unknown  
Not Operational. Vehicle was removed from service many years ago.
  - b. 2004 Ford F-150  
Vin # 2FTRF18234CA19495  
Mileage Unknown  
Not Operational. Vehicle was removed from service many years ago.
  - c. 2012 Ford F-150  
Vin# 1FTEX1EM1CFD01879  
Mileage unknown  
Not Operational. Vehicle was removed from service many years ago.
  - d. 2008 Ford F-150  
Vin# 1FTRF12W58KC02619

Mileage 263,980

Not Operational. Vehicle was removed from service many years ago.

e. 2015 Ford F-750 Flat Bed Dump

Vin# 3FRXF7FC5FV711199

Mileage 28,310

Hood was swapped to another truck that had a damaged hood. Engine still runs and drives but issues with dump mechanisms that make truck unsafe.

f. 2008 Ford F-750 Flat Bed Dump

Vin# 3FRXF75D58V696619

Mileage 55,022

Ran and operated when parked but has not been used in years.

g. 2008 Ford F-650 Service Truck

Vin# 3FRWF6FB1DV776481

Mileage 65,635

Runs & drives but has engine issues requiring expensive repairs

h. 2008 Ford F-650 Service Truck

Vin# 3FRWF65B48V696619

Mileage 82,323

Not Operational. Parts were removed to fix another truck that needed repairs.

i. 2006 Ford F-650 Service Truck

Vin# 3frwf65P66V240237

Mileage 86,908

Not Operational. Parts were removed to fix another truck that needed repairs.

j. 2013 Ford F-650 Service Truck

Vin# 3FRWF6FB5DV776483

Mileage 59,164

Ran and operated when parked; has transmission issues.

k. 1997 Sullivan Air Compressor

Vin# 16303A

Not operational. Was removed from service many years ago.

l. 1997 Sullivan Air Compressor

Vin# 16587A

Not Operational. Was removed from service many years ago.

m. Equipment Trailer (Year Unknown)

Vin # Unknown

Does not meet DOT requirements for use. Would cost too much to correct issues to pass DOT inspection.

- n. 2007 John Deere 310SG Backhoe  
Vin# T0310SG962295  
Not Operational
- o. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the request.  
Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

**9. Other written items not on the agenda:**

**10. Work Reports:**

- A. Paul Worley, City Administrator gave the January general cash report noting that the general fund operating account ended the month with a balance of \$6.5m, an increase from December, which was \$6.2m. Hotel motel revenues for November paid in January rebounded from last month's \$70k in collections, which was a 22% decrease. November collections were \$97k, which is an 8% increase above last years collections for the same month. Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the general cash report as presented. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- B. Kyle Ellis, Utilities Administrator addressed councilmembers requesting approval of a resolution and contract that would allow GDOT to lower manholes below grade and then raise them back for the milling and paving of Highway 53, at a cost of \$61,400. Allowing GDOT to do the work will permit better traffic control and safety measures during the resurfacing. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the resolution and contract. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Utilities Administrator Ellis gave the January utilities cash report noting that total operating revenues for the month were \$9,957,678.30 and total savings and reserves were \$22,478,190.62, for a grand total of \$32,435,868.92. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the utilities cash report as presented. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

- C. George Govignon, City Attorney, had nothing to report.

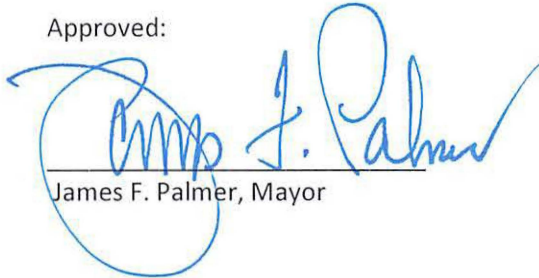
**11. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed:**

**12. Motion to return to General Session:**

**13. Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Denmon made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Sharon Nelson, City Clerk



