



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2022- 7:00 PM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

MINUTES

PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Ray Mitchell Denmon, Councilmember
Al Edwards, Councilmember
Ed Moyer, Councilmember
Jacqueline Palazzolo, Councilmember

ALSO: Paul Worley, City Administrator; Kyle Ellis, Assistant Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief; and Todd Holbert, Battalion Chief.

1. Council Meeting Called to Order

Welcome

Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Invocation

Mayor Palmer 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 Palmer stated that there was a need to amend the agenda to include A1 Grocery and the GEM Theatre in the 2023 alcohol renewals under New Business. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the December 19, 2022 agenda as amended. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

4. Amendment or Approval of Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 12, 2022. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments:**

- A. Mayor Palmer stated that Calhoun city offices will be closed Monday, December 26th and Tuesday, December 27th in observance of Christmas, and January 2nd to observe the new year.

6. **Public Hearing and Comments:**

7. **Old Business:**

A. **Annexation – Jose Hernandez**

Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of annexation and zoning request from County Residential to R1-B for .74 acre, at a location of 106 Cherry Street SW (027-213), by Jose Hernandez. The zoning advisory board meeting is scheduled for January 5th and the public hearing January 9th.

B. **Beer Package – 90 Donde, Inc.**

Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a beer package license request at a location of 90 East May Street, by 90 Donde, Inc. Cassandra Davenport, owner of the business will also serve as the store manager. The public hearing will be held January 9th.

C. **Beer & Wine Package – Ginger Grocery**

Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a beer and wine package license request at a location of 1600 Dews Pond Road, by Azaan & Jannat, Inc dba Ginger Grocery. Iftikhar Husain, owner of the business, will also serve as the store manager. The public hearing will be held January 9th.

D. **Beer & Wine Package - Rocket**

Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a beer and wine package license request at a location of 101 Newtown Road NE, by Jay Purushottam, Inc. dba Rocket. Tejashkumar Patel, owner of the business, will also serve as the store manager. The public hearing will be held January 9th.

8. **New Business:**

A. **Manager Change Request – CDP USA, LLC**

Mayor Palmer read a manager change request at a location of 1531 Dews Pond Road, by CDP USA LLC. The prior manager was Jyotshanaben Patel and the proposed new manager is Amin Somani. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

B. **MEAG Power Purchase Contract Amendment**

Mayor Palmer stated a motion was needed regarding the first amendment to the power purchase contract between Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia and its participants which increases the price per MWh from \$25.91 to \$29.06 and reduces the term from 20 years to 15 years. Utilities Administrator Ellis stated that this was a solar agreement for purchase of solar, which will also provide solar power for Walmart. The solar project is under construction and is not expected to come online until fall 2024. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the contract

amendment. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

C. **Sale of Excess Reserve Capacity to City of Grantville**

Mayor Palmer stated a motion was needed regarding an agreement between MEAG Power, City of Calhoun, and City of Grantville, for the sale of certain excess reserve capacity to Grantville pursuant to Section 312 of the Power Sales contract between MEAG Power and Calhoun. Utilities Administrator Ellis stated the contract will begin January, 2023 and end December, 2023 and is excess capacity not used by the city at this time. Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the sale of reserve capacity to the City of Grantville. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

D. **Sale of Excess Supplemental Capacity to City of Grantville**

Mayor Palmer stated a motion was needed regarding an agreement between MEAG Power, City of Calhoun, and City of Grantville, for the sale of certain excess supplemental capacity to Grantville pursuant to Section 312 of the Power Sales contract between MEAG Power and Calhoun. Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the sale of supplemental capacity to the City of Grantville. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

E. **2023 Meeting & Holiday Schedule**

Mayor Palmer stated a motion was needed regarding the 2023 proposed council meeting and holiday schedule. Councilmember Moyer made a motion to approve the schedule as submitted. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

F. **2023 Alcohol License Renewals**

Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the following taxi license renewals. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Taxi

- Taxi Express
- Taxi Latino

Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the following beer package renewals. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Beer Package

- 1133 Enterprise Inc
- Lucky 7 Lotto
- A1 Grocery

Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the following beer, wine and liquor pouring renewals. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Beer, Wine, Liquor Pouring

- Duke's
- Trackside Pizza

Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the following beer and wine pouring for small multi-purpose theaters. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye.

Beer & Wine Pouring-Small Multi-Purpose Theater

- Gem Theater

9. Other Written Items Not on the Agenda

10. Work Reports

- A. Paul Worley, City Administrator stated that Utilities Administrator Vickery would be retiring effective January 2nd and recommended Kyle Ellis, Assistant Utilities Administrator as his replacement. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to appoint Kyle Ellis as the new Utilities Administrator. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye.

City Administrator Worley gave the general cash report for November noting that the general fund ended the month with a balance of \$4,222,509.24, up from \$3.7m last month. ARPA funds were down this month due to the planned purchase of a 100-foot ladder truck which is on order and paid in full. The Revolving Loan Fund has a balance of \$516,369.02. We have received a new application for a loan of \$500,000; if approved, this will drop the balance low enough that we will start building it again before another loan can be approved. Hotel Motel revenues for September, paid in November, were \$85,792.53 which is up from \$74k last year, resulting in a 15% increase. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards 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 gave the utilities cash report for November noting that the total operating revenues were \$8,270,507.49 and total reserves were \$11,992,985.82, for a grand total of \$20,263,493.31. Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the utilities cash report as presented. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

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

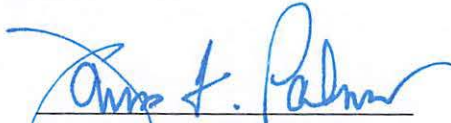
11. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

12. Motion to return to General Session

13. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Palazzolo 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.

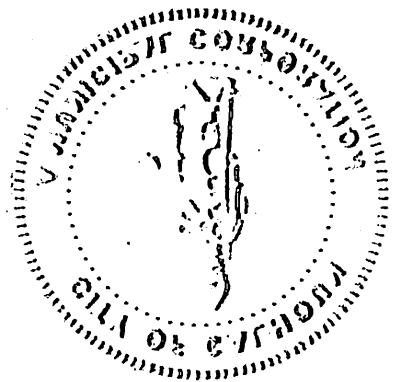
Approved:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:


Sharon Nelson, City Clerk





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