



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 25, 2021- 7:00 PM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** James F. Palmer, Mayor  
George R. Crowley, Mayor Pro Tem  
Ray Mitchell Denmon, Councilman  
Al Edwards, Councilman  
Jacqueline Palazzolo, Councilwoman

**ALSO:** Paul Worley, City Administrator; Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Todd Holbert, Fire Department; and Tony Pyle, Police Chief.

**1. Council Meeting Called to Order**

**Welcome**

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

**Invocation**

Mayor Pro Tem Crowley 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**

Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the October 25, 2021 agenda as presented. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

**4. Amendment or Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of October 11, 2021. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

**5. Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Palmer extended sympathy to Councilman Edwards on the passing of his brother.

- A. October 29<sup>th</sup> is the last day of early voting.

- B. The General Election will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Polls open at 7:00 am and close at 7:00 pm. If needed, the runoff election will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- C. The City of Calhoun will observe Halloween on Sunday, October 31st from 5:00pm to 9:00pm for ages 12 and under. Also, Downtown Calhoun merchants and businesses will host Trick or Treat in Downtown Calhoun on Friday, October 29th from 4:00pm until 6:00pm. Mayor Palmer urged everyone to use caution on city streets during these events as there would be a lot of little ones out and about.

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 and wine pouring request at a location of 100 Peter Street, Suite 8, by Kristel Rivera d/b/a Boriken Restaurant. The owner 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.
- There being none, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning the alcohol request.
- Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the alcohol request. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

7. **Old Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an ordinance to amend, strike or change certain sections of Part II – Code of Ordinances, Appendix A – Zoning, Article VII – Use Requirements by District, Section 7-14, PRD, Planned Residential Development; to repeal all conflicting ordinances, to fix an effective date; and for other purposes. The public hearing will be held November 8<sup>th</sup>.

8. **New Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer read an alcohol manager change request at a location of 450 West Belmont Drive, by Walmart #1215. The prior store manager was Michael Boling and the proposed new manager is Tien Trinh. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the alcohol manager change request. Councilwoman 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 September General Cash and Hotel-Motel reports stating that the General Fund checking was lower than last month due to paying four months of billing from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The company was behind on their billing and the processing of these payments now brings the city up-to-date. 2018 SPLOST dollars are down from \$3.4 million to \$3 million due to large draws for the continuing progress on the new police department. We have \$326K in revolving loan monies available for business loans based on job creation/retention. Hotel Motel monies exceeded \$100K again this month with a total of \$109K, a record amount, collected for the month of July. July, 2020 collections were \$58K. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the September General Cash reports as presented. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
  
- B. Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator gave the September utilities Cash report stating that all operating checking accounts ended the month with a total of \$6.6 million. Reserves totaled \$4.5 million for the month for a grand total of \$11.2 million. Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the Utilities Cash report as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
  
- C. George Govignon, City Attorney had nothing to report.

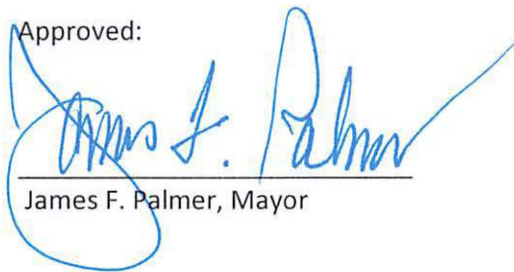
11. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

12. Motion to return to General Session

13. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Sharon Nelson, City Clerk

