



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 23, 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; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Lenny Nesbit, Fire Chief; 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 August 23, 2021 agenda as presented. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of August 16, 2021. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

A. Mayor Palmer announced that Calhoun city offices will be closed Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day.

- B. Mayor Palmer announced that qualifying for the municipal general election was held August 16th through the 18th with the following qualifying:

City Council Post 3: George R. Crowley, Incumbent
Ed Moyer

City Council Post 4: Ray Denmon, Incumbent
Alvin Long

School Board Post 1: Andy Baxter, Incumbent

School Board Post 2: Rhoda Washington, Incumbent

School Board Post 3: Stephen King

Mayor Palmer noted that the school board post 3 was a vacant seat formerly held by David Scoggins and Mr. King has already assumed the duties of the position.

6. **Public Hearing and Comments**

None

7. **Old Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an annexation and zoning request from County A-1 to Ind-G for 155.49 acres at a location of 336 Salem Road (046-034 and 046-118) by HREG Acquisitions, LLC. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for September 9th and the public hearing on September 13th.
- B. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an annexation and zoning request of C-2 for 3.485 acres at a location of Newtown Church Road and Conference Drive (055-053) by Lamar Worley. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for September 9th and the public hearing on September 13th.
- C. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an annexation and zoning request of C-2 for 0.12 acres at a location of Conference Drive (055-051) by Lamar Worley. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for September 9th and the public hearing on September 13th.
- D. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a zoning change request from Ind-G to PRD (planned residential development) for 11.31 acres at a location of 410 through 420 Beamer Road (CG33-099) by Thomas Layson. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for September 9th and the public hearing on September 13th.
- E. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a beer and wine package license request at a location of 711 South Wall Street, Suite 3 by Whheguru, LLC, d/b/a Lucky 7 Lotto. The owner, Rekha Awatramani will also serve as the storé manager. Eligible for a public hearing September 13th.

8. **New Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer read a manager change request at a location of 447 HWY 53 East, by Jefferson's Calhoun. The prior manager was Sydney Kinne and the proposed manager is Gary Mullinax, II, who is also the owner. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Denmon 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 General Government July cash report stating that the general fund checking ended the month with a balance of \$2,806,666.77, up from \$2.6 million at June month-end. The 2018 SPLOST uncommitted funds were \$3,752,019.22, down from \$3.9 million last month due to progression of the new police department. The 2018 SPLOST committed funds were \$1,431,875.86, down from \$1.7 million last month as work is finishing on the Peter Street project. Final paving could be completed as soon as this week. The revolving loan fund now has a balance of \$275,840.36 and we are ready to make another loan. Notice has gone out on our Facebook page and we have had some interest. Hotel motel revenues paid in July for May, 2021 were \$94,890.40, the highest they have been since the beginning of the pandemic. The City is bracing for a negative trend in the near future due to the rise in new COVID cases.
- B. Mr. Worley gave the Utilities July cash report in the absence of Utilities Administrator Vickery stating that total operating revenues for July were \$6,400,262.96 and total savings and reserves were \$10,306,766.43.
- C. George Govignon, City Attorney


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, Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Sharon Nelson, City Clerk



