



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 27, 2017- 7:00 PM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

MINUTES

PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Matt Barton, Mayor Pro Tem
Al Edwards, Councilman
David Hammond, Councilman
Jackie Palazzolo, Councilwoman

ALSO: Eddie Peterson, City Administrator; Paul Worley, Assistant City Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; Larry Vickery, Utilities General Manager/City Planner; George Govignon, City Attorney; Jeff Defoor, Director of Electric Utilities; Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief; Garry Moss, Police 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

2. **Amend or Approve Proposed Agenda:**

Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the March 27, 2017, agenda as presented. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

3. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes :**

Mayor Pro Tem Barton made a motion to approve the regular minutes of the March 13, 2017, City Council meeting. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the executive session minutes of the March 13, 2017, City Council meeting. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

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4. **Mayor's Comments:**

A. **Proclamation Observing Telecommunicator's Week**

Mayor Palmer stated that Debbie Vance, Gordon County E9-1-1 Director, is presenting for signature a Proclamation Observing Telecommunicator's Week. Mayor Palmer read the proclamation proclaiming the week of April 9-15, 2017, as "National Telecommunicator's Week" and urged all citizens to join in honoring the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

Councilman Hammond made a motion to adopt the proclamation. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a seconded with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Debbie Vance addressed the Council and members of the audience and extended an invitation to the E9-1-1 open house, being held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, from 9:00 AM to 11:00AM. She also stated that citizens can now text 9-1-1 for emergencies.

5. **Public Hearing and Comments:**

None

6. **Old Business:**

A. **Ordinance Change to Chapter 18 and Chapter 50 of the Calhoun Code of Ordinances – Second Reading**

Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of an ordinance change to Chapter 18 and Chapter 50 of the Calhoun Code of Ordinances to add fire protection and prevention requirements to the C-1 District concerning loft apartments. A public hearing on the ordinance change will be held on April 10, 2017.

7. **New Business:**

A. **Invoice Cloud Presentation**

Matt Braley and Trip Smith of Invoice Cloud gave presentation of a comprehensive proposal for electronic presentment and payment services for Calhoun Utilities. Council members were given the opportunity to present questions regarding the proposed service.

Paul Worley, Assistant City Administrator, gave a brief synopsis regarding the privacy factor that will be brought to the public as this system is implemented. All sensitive data and credit card information will be handled by Invoice Cloud. He also stated that renovations have begun to the customer service area at Calhoun Utilities to improve customer privacy and security.

Mayor Pro Tem Barton made a motion to allow Mayor Palmer to execute the contract. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

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

None

9. **Work reports:**

A. **Eddie Peterson, City Administrator**

General Government and Utilities Cash Reports

Mr. Peterson presented the General Government and Utilities Cash Reports for February, 2017. Cash and investments remain fluid.

Property Tax Collections

2016 property tax collections are at 96.2%, and 2015 and prior year taxes are also being collected at this time at no cost to the City. We are already having a positive response to these collection efforts. This collection effort will be an ongoing process in an effort to prevent multiple years of arrears on tax collections.

2018 Joint Comprehensive Plan

The City of Calhoun and Gordon County will be working together on a Joint Comprehensive Plan (Plan) with the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission (NWGRC). Larry Vickery, Utilities General Manager/City Planner, will be assisting in the formation of the Plan, which is due for completion on June 30, 2018. Mr. Peterson stated that working with the NWGRC will result in a substantial savings for the City. The Plan will also be beneficial when applying for Community Development Block Grants, or any kind of GEFA Loans, and many other types of developments. Councilman Hammond stated that there would be a meeting this Thursday, March 30th, of the NWGRC representatives of Calhoun/Gordon County, to better target strategies for our area.

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


City Attorney Govignon stated there was no need to move to executive session. He did notify council members that a suit was filed today with North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation as previously discussed.

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

12. **Motion to adjourn:**

Councilman Hammond made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion carried.

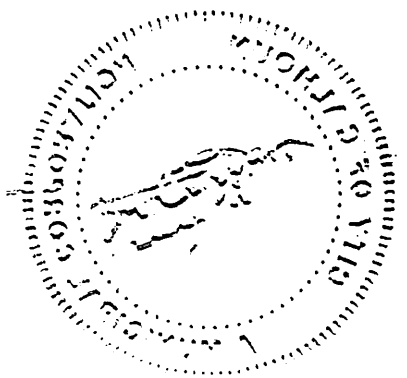
Approved:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:


Sharon Nelson, City Clerk





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