



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2022 - 7:00 PM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

MINUTES

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

ALSO: Paul Worley, City Administrator; Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator; Kyle Ellis, Assistant Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief; Ken Carson, Police Patrol Division Commander.

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**
Welcome
Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
Invocation
Utilities Administrator Vickery 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 October 10, 2022 agenda as presented. Councilmember Moyer 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 September 26, 2022. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

- A. Downtown Calhoun merchants and businesses will host Trick or Treat in Downtown Calhoun on Monday, October 31st from 4:00pm until 6:00pm. Also, the City of Calhoun will observe Halloween on Monday, October 31st from 5:00pm to 9:00pm for ages 12 and under.

6. **Council Comments**

- A. Mayor Palmer submitted September reports as follows:

1) **Water and Sewer Operations**

Water Treatment Plant

- Total gallons withdrawn: 349,500,000
- Daily average: 11,650,000
- Wells: 54,770,000
- Big Springs: 172,63019,600,000
- % produced by Brittany Drive: 36.5%
 - Brittany Dr. daily production to capacity: 35.98%
 - Mauldin Rd. daily production to capacity: 46.27%
 - Rainfall for November – 3.08”

Waste Water Treatment Plant

- Treated a daily average of 5.491 MGD, with an average BOD effluent of 3, average suspended effluent of 18, and an average COD of 45.

Water Distribution & Wastewater Collection

- 248 work orders completed, 43 new water connections, 27 water service leaks repaired, 11 water main leaks repaired, 12 water services changed to new main lines, 32 meter changes, 52 utility locates called in for work orders, 531 utility locates responses.
- 2,800 feet of Sanitary Sewer Services TV inspected, 471 utility locates completed, 19,560 feet sanitary sewer lines cleaned, 7 new sewer connections installed, 4 sanitary sewer services repaired.

2) **Water and Sewer Construction**

Projects Under Construction

- Fox Subdivision 2” galvanized water line replacement project 286. City crews are currently swapping customers from the old mains to the new mains. Approx. 90% complete.
- McCraney Water & Sewer Line Extension- Materials are on order. Construction will be scheduled once materials arrive on-site.

Projects in Design & Development

- South Interceptor Flow Study
- Union Grove North & South Sewer Extension

3) **Library**

- There are 11,327 library card holders, 4,652 library visitors, and 6,163 total circulation.
- There were 170 story time attendance, 79 adult program attendance, 119 new users, 1,034 e-books, 814 audio books, 333 computer logins, and 4,513 Facebook visits.

B. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards submitted September reports as follows:

1) **Police Department**

- Made 259 cases with 4 DUI's
- Fines collected by Municipal Court - \$35,170
- Issued 422 warnings
- Investigated 48 highway accidents, 35 private property accidents
- Obstruction - 12
- Lethal Weapon Encounter - 2
- Alarm responses - 92189
- Miles patrolled: 48,544

2) **Municipal Court**

- Total Court cases- 263
- Court cases dropped- 17
- Number of Bond forfeitures- 123
- Number of Probation cases- 11
- Failure to appear- 19
- Subpoenas served- 4

3) **Fire Department**

September 2022 Activities Report

Fire Suppression Division	
209 Total reported calls for service for the Suppression Division	
Number of Calls	Dispatched Calls
2	Mobile Property Fire (Vehicle)
0	Fire, Other
0	Structure Fire
0	Natural Vegetation Fire
1	Outside Rubbish Fire
1	Excessive Heat, Scorch burns with no ignition
4	Total Fire Calls
0	Rescue Emergency Medical call (Other)

51	Medical Assist
88	Emergency Medical Services Incident
0	Lock-In
0	Search for Lost Person
0	Water or ice related rescue
0	Extrication
0	Rescue or EMS Standby
139	Total Medical Calls
0	Flammable Gas or Liquid Condition / other
0	Combustible / Flammable Liquids Spills and Leaks
0	Chemical Release, Reaction or Toxic Condition
3	Electrical Wiring / Equipment problems
3	Total Hazardous Conditions Incidents (NO FIRE: Leaks, Spills, Electrical Hazards; All Other Hazardous Conditions without injuries)
0	Potential Accident
0	Service Call other
1	Water Problem
0	Smoke / Odor Problem
5	Person in Distress
3	Public Service Assistance
1	Good Intent call
0	Unauthorized Burning
10	Total Service / Good Intent Calls (Non-Emergency; Water Leak; Assist Other Agencies; Odors)
29	Dispatched and Canceled En-Route
6	Wrong location / No Emergency Found
0	Controlled Burning
0	Steam or gas mistaken for smoke
0	Haz Mat Release investigation w/ no Haz Mat found
7	False Alarm and False Call Other
1	Bomb Scare (Nothing Found)
0	Malicious Mischievous false alarm
6	System or Detector Malfunction
3	Unintentional System / Detector Operation (No Fire)
52	Total False Alarms or False Calls
0	Severe Weather & Natural Disaster
0	Total Severe Weather & Natural Disaster Calls
1	
1	Special Incident Type (Citizen Complaint; Other)
1	Total Special Incident Type

Additional Fire Department Activities:

Assisted with the annual Unity Run

Began 8 Week Recruit class on September 12

Roger Smith promoted to vacant A Shift Battalion Chief position on 9/16/22

Training Division

656 Total Man Hours of training during the month

Training consisted of:

Training consisted of hose line advancement / deployment, driver training, report writing.

1215 man hours of Recruit training in 3 weeks of September.

Fire Inspections - Public Safety Education - Code Enforcement Division

145 Total Reported Activities / Inspections completed during the month

Inspections / Enforcement Activities

38	Annual Inspection
3	New Business Inspections
26	Requested Inspections
34	Follow Up, Re-Inspections
0	Burn Site Inspections
5	Plan Reviews
1	Pre-Construction Meeting
0	Sprinkler Permits Issued
0	Fuel Tank Permit (Install, Removal or Service)
38	Consultations
0	Illegal Burning Citations
0	Fire Extinguisher Classes
0	Fire Drills
0	Fire Prevention Programs
0	Zoning / Annexation Meetings
145	Total

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Inspections attended Zoning meeting

4) **Safety Committee**

- No safety meeting was held during the month of September and no safety inspections were performed in September.
- Vehicle accidents: 1
- Workers' compensation: 2

C. Councilmember Denmon submitted September reports as follows:

1) **Public Works**

Street Department

- 1) Completed 29 shop and 27 street dept. work orders.
- 2) Installed 4 new street signs.
- 3) Repaired a section of asphalt at the Fire Department.
- 4) Performed routine maintenance on the bike trail.

Cemetery

1. Performed routine maintenance on Fain and Chandler cemetery.
2. Supervised the opening and closing of 16 grave sites.
3. Sold 17 new grave spaces.

Parks Department

1. The grounds crew picked up litter, mowed, trimmed bushes, hauled garbage to the dump, and maintained records at records room.
2. The maintenance crew maintained designated buildings downtown.
3. Worked around the new Police Department removing rocks, rubbish and mowing.

Animal Control

- Housed 10 dogs and 7 cats
- Number of dogs adopted: 1
- Number of cats adopted: 0
- Number of dogs rescued: 0
- Number of cats rescued: 4
- Number of dogs reclaimed by owner: 2
- Number of cats reclaimed by owner: 0
- Number of dogs euthanized: 0
- Number of cats euthanized: 0
- Number of warnings given: 19
- Number of bite cases: 0
- Citations issues: 0

2) **Recreation Department**

1. **FALL PROGRAMS:**

Youth Football – Games started on September 10. Twenty-four games were played at our facility throughout the month. Our teams also

traveled to Bartow Co., Cartersville, Catoosa Co. and Lafayette Recreation facilities to play games during the month.

Youth Soccer- Games started on September 12. Eighty-one games were played throughout the month.

Youth Volleyball – Games started September 12. Our teams are participating with Bartow and Gordon Counties. Twenty-four matches were played in our gym throughout the month. Our teams also traveled to Sonoraville Recreation Complex and Bartow County Recreation facilities for matches.

Cross Country – Our cross-country runners participated in 3 meets during September. We host a cross country meet September 17 with Calhoun, Dalton and Catoosa County participating.

Adult Fall Softball – Games started on September 15. There are six teams participating in the Men’s league with twelve games played during the month.

Tennis Center – EVTA and STA Flex League Play; the lighting upgrade is near completion.

2. FACILITIES:

The following facilities were reserved throughout the month for events:
Playground Pavilion – 9 events Ratner Pavilion – 6 events Pool – 1 event

Community Room – 2 events Meeting Room – 3 events

3. PARK MAINTENANCE:

The following parks maintenance items were completed during the month:

- Trash and tree limbs throughout the park
- Mowed all parks weekly
- Prepared high school softball field
- Prepared middle school softball field
- Repaint middle school football practice field
- Mow, weed eat, edged Rec football field
- Groomed flower planters
- Groomed front entrance and grounds of tennis center
- Lay out and painted flag football field
- Repainted soccer fields
- Prepped adult softball fields
- Fire ant control

4. WEBSITE USAGE

CalhounRec.com	Facebook
2,308 – Sessions	4,176 – Post Engagements
2,279 – Users	4,243 – Reached
4,938 – Page Views	8 – Posts

5. **UNITY RUN** – 5 staff assisted with the Unity Run September 27

3) **Downtown Development Authority**

The DDA and HPC each held their meetings. The DDA partnered with the Harris Arts Center to have Food Trucks and Friends Event in the City of Calhoun Park on September 23rd; it was a successful. They are in the process of planning another one. The Farmer's Market continued through September. The kids that won the fire hydrant contest at the city schools painted theirs downtown. Downtown Trick or Treating will be on October 31st from 4-6 PM. The Christmas Tree Lighting has been scheduled for November 20th at 6:30 PM in front of City Hall. The Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 8th at 7 P.M. Applications are available at the Depot. The annual Moonlight Madness is scheduled for December 16th. The sweet table located at 201 South Wall Street opened. The HPC is working on installing six more historic signs for buildings in downtown.

Downtown Visits

- 1-Sep Pintage
- 7-Sep Mango Smoothie
- 9-Sep Trakside Pizza
- 13-Sep Front Row Boutique
- 14-Sep Pink Label
- 20-Sep Baxter/Dean
- 21-Sep Childress Real Estate
- 27-Sep Harris Arts Center
- 29-Sep Mother Nature's Eden

Social Media Post

- 2-Sep Main Street Merchant of the Month- Pam Mills
- 7-Sep Food Truck Event
- 13-Sep Fire Hydrant Winners
- 16-Sep HAC
- 17-Sep Unity Run
- 19-Sep Food Truck Event
- 22-Sep Pintage
- 23-Sep Food Truck Event
- 26-Sep Thank you for Food Trucks

D. Councilmember Moyer submitted September reports as follows:

1) **Electric Department**

The City of Calhoun received a Mutual Aid request from the City of Thomasville in anticipation of Electrical problems resulting from Hurricane Ian. Calhoun dispatched Chris Dean, Jessie Shook, Matthew Harrell, Alan

McCormick, Aadan Hicks, Dylan Joyce, Brett Sane, Willie Pritchett, and Dennis Henry. Ian's path moved south and the City of Calhoun joined other ECG Cities that redeployed to Myrtle Beach after a request from Santee Cooper. We are thankful for those willing to help out others in times of need such as these.

HAPPY PUBLIC POWER WEEK

From Oct. 2-8, City of Calhoun is celebrating Public Power Week along with more than 2,000 other community-owned, not-for-profit electric utilities nationwide. Safe, reliable, and affordable electricity is what public power is about, and it's what Calhoun Utilities delivers year-round. It's important to tell our community why public power is the right choice. This year, we are focusing on messaging to the next generation of public power customers and telling the young members of our community about the benefits of being community-powered. We are also helping them to learn more about how to save energy and stay safe around power. All of the departments at Calhoun Utilities play a key role in keeping our community up and running daily. From human resources to accounting and finance, public relations to administration, and field supervision to engineering and especially operations, every single person can be counted on. Public power thrives because we are community-owned and governed by local decision-making, and—most importantly — because we are staffed with hardworking employees who care about the community and take pride in serving our friends and neighbors in Calhoun.

Current Electrical Department Engineering and Construction:

- The LED Streetlight upgrade continues around the City.
- Electrical Engineering continues and materials are being ordered for the Exchange Apartments and the Manor Lake Cottages of Calhoun on Curtis Parkway and the 53 Townhomes at Old Mill. Electrical Engineering has also begun for I-75 crossings so Calhoun can serve new customers and the new Mavis Tire and Brakes.
- Construction continues on the Hamilton Medical Complex, the new Chipotle Restaurant at 530 East Hwy 53, the new Convenience Store at 601 S. Wall and the system upgrades necessary for the new growth and increased reliability.

WORK ORDERS IN PROCESS OR COMPLETED FOR SEPTEMBER:

• NEWLY CREATED	77
• COMPLETED AND CLOSED	66
• CONSISTING OF:	
• CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION	28
• DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE	7

• OUTAGES / TROUBLE CALLS	10
• SECURITY / STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE	10
• TEMPORARY POWER HOOK UP	2
• WORK FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS	17
• NEW METER SETS	7
• METER MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT	4
• Electric Locate Tickets Processed-	308

The City of Calhoun's Electrical load for September 2022 is estimated to be about 33 million kilowatt hours (kWh's). This is about two million kWh's less than September of 2021. Actual numbers will be released around October 19th.

In August the Educational Solar Array, a partnership between Calhoun Utilities, Calhoun City Schools and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), produced 7,200 kWh's of electricity and provided a carbon offset of 11,299 pounds or the equivalent carbon sequestration of 86 trees.

Monthly Energy Production Report

Generated for Jeff DeFoot on 10/04/2022

Calhoun Utilities
Calhoun, GA

This report provides energy production for September.

Week	Peak Power	Energy Produced
09/01/2022 - 09/07/2022	37.9 kW	1.31 MWh
09/08/2022 - 09/14/2022	37.9 kW	1.48 MWh
09/15/2022 - 09/21/2022	37.9 kW	1.92 MWh
09/22/2022 - 09/28/2022	37.9 kW	1.89 MWh
09/29/2022 - 09/30/2022	37.9 kW	600 kWh
September 2022 Total:		7.20 MWh
Previous Month Total:		6.49 MWh
Year to Date:		61.0 MWh
Lifetime Production:		114 MWh

Your **Carbon Offset** for this month: 11,299.999999999998 lbs

You have offset the equivalent of: 86 Trees

2) Telecommunications

- Installed new internet circuit and started fiber construction for another.
- New Police Department Update
 - Installed network switches at new PD and successfully merged them into the main network ring.
 - Installed new Wi-Fi system
 - Mapped network jacks
 - Started moving Police Department staff and officers into their new offices.
 - Moved from old PD station the police car video system servers and antenna.
- Removed network switch and rack from old Police Department CID building.
- Installed temporary switch at Water Plant after lightning strike damaged original switch. Replacement switch has been received and configured. Planning install first week of October.
- Continue to assist City users with login credentials and testing of new finance server software.
- Repaired customer fiber drop damaged by another vendor while doing their work.
- Replaced 200' of copper line to Airport flight weather system damaged by mower during maintenance.
- Installed and testing new firmware and control software for DR site servers.
- Working with work order system vendor to correct report errors.
- Started research for new domain name managed service or servers after receiving notice from current provider that they are ending their service December 1. Not only does this affect the City's websites and email but also the services of several internet customers.
- Sale of Georgia Public Web to Accelecom completed September 30th.
- Opened 12 and closed 6 work orders.

Geographic Information Systems

- Worked with Engineering Department on water system modeling.
- Updated
 - Water system and water meter location updates and mapping.
 - Cemetery mapping
 - Fiber mapping
 - Zoning
 - Fire Department pre-plan for buildings.
- Generated Electric usage reports.
- Updated Physical addressing, building and billing information.
- Updated City and GIS web sites

3) **Building Inspections**

- Issued 393 permits for an estimated cost of \$5,041,113, collected \$33,633 in permit fees. This included 34 new residential, 2 residential remodel, 0 new commercial, 1 commercial remodel, 0 new industrial, 0 industrial remodel, 14 residential plumbing, 7 residential electrical, 1 commercial plumbing, 14 residential HVAC, 2 commercial HVAC, 6 commercial electrical, and 0 industrial electrical. 366 total inspections.

7. **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. **Beer Package – Al Food Mart, LLC**

Public hearing of a beer package license request at a location of 461 Harris Beamer Road, by Al Food Mart, LLC. The proposed store manager is Mirza Muhammad I Baig, who is also an officer of the corporation.

- Mayor Palmer Open 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 the alcohol request.
- Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the beer package license. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

B. **Ordinance Typo Corrections – Ordinance 973 & 1029**

Public hearing for corrections of typographical errors to two previously codified ordinances: (1) Ordinance 1029, to change the square footage for 2-bedroom floor area for duplexes, triplexes, townhouses, condominiums or cottages from 850 square feet to 950 square feet in Section 7.14. PRD planned residential development; and, (2) Ordinance 973, to change the maximum building height for C-2 from 50 feet to 75 feet in Section 8.1-Charts.

- 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 the typographical changes to ordinance 1029.
- Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the correction of the typographical errors to ordinance 1029. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

- Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning the typographical changes to ordinance 973.
- Councilmember Moyer made a motion to approve the correction of the typographical errors to ordinance 973. Councilmember Denmon gave second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

8. **Old Business:**

Liquor Package – MPS Ventures, LLC d/b/a Warehouse Liquor Store

- A. **WITHDRAWN:** Second reading of a distilled spirits, wine, and beer package license request at a location of 255 West Line Street, by MPS Ventures, LLC. d/b/a Warehouse Liquor Store. Ashwin Pattni is the officer of the corporation and the proposed store manager is Amin Nooruddin Somani.

9. **New Business:**

A. **Beer-Wine-Liquor Pouring – Doros Italian Calhoun LLC**

Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a distilled spirits, wine, and beer pouring license request at a location of 114 Court Street, by Doros Italian Calhoun LLC. Miguel Villegas is the officer of the corporation and will also be the store manager. Eligible for a public hearing November 14th. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to set the public hearing for November 14th. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

B. **Calhoun City Schools – General Obligation Bond Redemption – CUSIP 129775EP3**

Mayor Palmer read a request from Calhoun City Schools to use fund balance for redemption of final principal payment for City of Calhoun General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2012, CUSIP number 129775EP3. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the bond redemption. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

C. **Road Closure Request – Gordon County Government**

Mayor Palmer read a request from Gordon County Government to close Piedmont Street for one day on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 between the new judicial building and the 1961 courthouse for the City of Calhoun to install new water lines into the building. Gordon County Public Works can provide road closure devices and detour signage. Councilmember Moyer made a motion to approve the street closure. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

D. **Road Closure Request – First Baptist Church**

Mayor Palmer read a request by First Baptist Church to close the section of Fain Street from College Street to Pitts Street on Friday, October 28th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the Anne Jones Memorial Preschool to allow the children to participate in “Trunk or Treat”. Parents of the children attending the preschool will be parked in the parking lot off Fain Street and this will allow the children to cross the street safely. Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the street closure. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

E. **Housing Authority – Board Reappointment – Clinton Marshall**

Mayor Palmer read a request from the Calhoun Housing Authority to reappoint Clinton Marshall, whose term expired on September 6, 2021, to another five-year term to expire on September 6, 2026. Councilmember Denmon made a motion to reappoint Mr. Marshall. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

F. **Housing Authority – Board Reappointment – Rhonda Massengill**

Mayor Palmer read a request from the Calhoun Housing Authority to reappoint Rhonda Massengill, whose term expired September 6, 2022, to another five-year term to expire on September 6, 2027. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to reappoint Ms. Massengill. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

G. **Housing Authority – Term Updates – Clifford Free, Billie Erwin, Tony Pyle**

Request from the Calhoun Housing Authority to update the terms of the following board members to match Calhoun Housing Authority records:

- a. Clifford Free term expiration 7/16/2023
- b. Billie Erwin term expiration 7/16/2024
- c. Tony Pyle term expiration 7/16/2025

Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the updated terms. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

H. **December Meeting Change from 12/26 to 12/19**

Mayor Palmer stated that a motion was needed to change the second meeting in December from December 26th to December 19th due to city offices being closed for the Christmas holiday on December 26th and 27th. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the date change. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

I. **Purchase Request – Calhoun Police Department**

Mayor Palmer read a request from the Calhoun Police Department to use \$8,111.00 in State Forfeiture funds Police Account #1 to share the cost of a new canine, and training for the canine and the handler through "Custom Canine Unlimited" sponsored by the Veteran's Administration (VA). This is a six (6) week training course with the VA paying 60% of the cost and the Police Department paying 40%. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

10. **Other Written Items Not on the Agenda**

11. **Work Reports**

- A. Paul Worley, City Administrator had nothing to report.
- B. Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator had nothing to report.

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

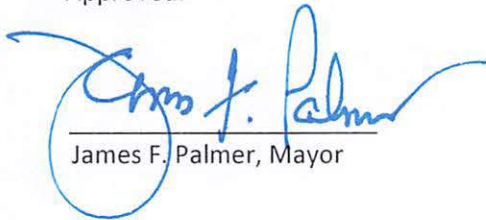
12. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

13. Motion to return to General Session

14. Motion to Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Council, Councilmember Moyer made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Approved:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:


Sharon Nelson, City Clerk

