



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 25, 2019- 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

ALSO: Eddie Peterson, City Administrator; Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator; Paul Worley, Assistant City Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Jeff Defoor, Director of Electric Utilities; Tony Pyle, Police Chief; Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief; Kyle Ellis, Director of Water & Wastewater.

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**

Welcome

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

Invocation

Councilman Edwards 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 November 25, 2019 agenda as presented. Councilman Denmon 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 November 11, 2019. 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 November 28th and 29th in observance of Thanksgiving.

6. Public Hearing and Comments

None

7. Old Business

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an Ordinance Amendment regarding the Department of Community Affairs new Georgia State Minimum Standard Building Codes with new Georgia State Amendments, which will become mandatory January 1, 2020. The public hearing is scheduled for December 9th.
- 2018 International Building Code with Georgia Amendments
 - 2018 International Residential Code with Georgia Amendments
 - 2015 International Energy Conservation Code with Georgia Amendments
 - 2018 International Mechanical Code with Georgia Amendments
 - 2018 International Plumbing Code with Georgia Amendments
 - 2018 International Fuel Gas Code with Georgia Amendments
 - 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code with Georgia Amendments
- B. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an ordinance to amend sections of Part II, Chapter 82-Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places to add Article III: Electrical Pole Attachment. The public hearing is scheduled for December 9th.
- C. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an ordinance to amend sections of Part II, Chapter 82-Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places to add Article IV: Wireless Facilities and Antennas. The public hearing is scheduled for December 9th.
- D. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a Beer and Wine License request at a location of 1531 Dews Pond Rd, NE (formerly A Knight #2), by Murad Ali dba Calhoun Chevron. The proposed store manager is Jyotsha Patel. The public hearing is scheduled for December 9th.

8. New Business

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a Manufacturing/Brewing of Malt Beverages and Taproom License request, at a location of 118 South Park Avenue, by Andrew Tierce, dba Freight & Rail Brewing Company, LLC. Eligible for a public hearing December 9th. Councilman Edwards made a motion to set the public hearing for December 9th. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- B. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of beer, wine, and Distilled Spirits License request, at a location of 255 West Line Street, by Tejashkumar Patel, dba Warehouse Liquor. Eligible for a public hearing December 16th. Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing for December 16th. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- C. Mayor Palmer called for a motion to allow him to sign the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement. This would renew the agreement through March 1 2024. Councilman Edwards made a motion to allow Mayor Palmer to sign the agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

- D. Mayor Palmer called for a motion regarding a board member appointment to the Downtown Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Matt Robbins stating that the DDA's recommendation is to appoint Miranda Bently. Councilman Denmon made a motion to appoint Miranda Bently to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Robbins. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- E. Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning a manager change request at a location of 136 W. Belmont Drive, by Check into Cash of Georgia, LLC. The prior manager was Alejandra Solis and the proposed new manager is Sabrina Hartsfield. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the manager change. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- F. Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning the 2020 beer and liquor pouring license renewal for Placeritos Bar & Grill. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the alcohol license renewals. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- G. Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning the 2020 beer, wine and liquor pouring license renewals for Longhorn and Duke's. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the alcohol license renewals. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- H. Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning the 2020 beer and wine package license renewal for Circle K #188 – 943 Hwy 53. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the alcohol license renewals. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- I. Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning the 2020 beer package license renewal for Calhoun Food & Tobacco. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the alcohol license renewals. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- J. Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning the 2020 Pawn license renewals for Check into Cash of GA, Corner Pawn, and Instant Cash Loans. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the alcohol license renewals. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- K. Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning the 2020 Taxi license renewal for Taxi Express and North Georgia Taxi. Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the alcohol license renewals. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

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

10. **Work Reports**

- A. Eddie Peterson, City Administrator gave the General Government Cash Report for October noting that Municipal Court revenues were \$43K and that the Golf account has had several months of positive revenues with October's balance ending in \$230K. Downtown Development Authority revenues are down at \$41K due to completion of some City projects including infrastructure, sidewalk cleaning and repair, and lighting for the Christmas holiday. Investments total \$6.9M. The City is in a solid financial position.

- B. Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator presented a proposed switch network upgrade for Telecommunications. He stated that support for the current switch network ends in 2020. Mr. Vickery provided Council members with a quote for the upgrade of \$174,197.60, which is not in the current budget. Council members were also given a quote for leasing the upgrade with Pinnacle Networx through a third party, which was the recommendation of Mr. Vickery and Telecommunications Director, Brad Carrick. This would be a five year lease with an interest rate of 2.94%. The annual payment will be \$37,982, for a total of \$189,910 paid in the end. Telecommunications would own the equipment at the end of the lease. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to accept the recommendation of Mr. Vickery and approve the five-year lease. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- Mr. Vickery presented the Utilities Cash Report for October stating total operating revenues were \$4.2M, and total operating revenues, savings and reserves were \$11.8M.
- 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. Councilman Denmon 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

