

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 2022- 7:00 PM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

MINUTES

PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Ray Mitchell Denmon, Councilman
Al Edwards, Councilman
Ed Moyer, Councilman

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; 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
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 November 28, 2022 agenda as presented. Councilman 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 November 11, 2022. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

A. Mayor Palmer welcomed members of the 2022/2023 Youth Leadership Gordon County program noting that this year's class includes 34 seniors which represent the four High School systems in Gordon County. (Calhoun, Gordon Central, Sonoraville, and Georgia Cumberland-Academy). These students represent their school systems as prospective future community leaders. The class is sponsored by the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program. It will meet for 8 months outside of the school system during the FY 22/23 school year with the mission of introducing the students to Leadership opportunities within their community. Topics the class will be introduced to will include team building, community health and public safety, community economic development, community industry that includes a county tour day of local manufacturing, service and agriculture businesses, and government that includes meetings with the Calhoun City Council, Gordon County Commissioners and a trip to the Capitol to meet with the state legislative delegation. The intent is to introduce class members to the community and how community activities take place through government, local business influence and service industries. The vision of the program is that once the students graduate, they will volunteer and give back to their community. This is the 28th integration of this program conducted over the past 28 years. To date, approximately 1250 High School juniors and seniors have graduated from the program.

6. **Public Hearing and Comments**

None

7. **Old Business**

A. **Variance Request – Fox & Brindle**

Second reading of a sign variance request to vary from 120 square feet to 400 square feet in size to install a monument sign serving five tenants, at a location of 319 Clarence King Parkway, parcel C47A-001, by Fox & Brindle. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held December 8th and the public hearing on December 12th.

8. **New Business**

A. **Request for Additional Alcohol Events – GEM Theatre**

Mayor Palmer read a request from the GEM Theatre for the provision of alcohol for two additional events scheduled for December. The events being Celtic Angels on December 2nd and Dana Paterson Memorial Concert/Christmas Production on December 17th. Councilmember Moyer made a motion to approve the request. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

B. **2023 Alcohol License Renewals**

Mayor Palmer stated that the following 2023 alcohol licenses are eligible for renewal with each category requiring a vote by council members.

Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the following beer package renewals. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Beer Package

- El Sol
- Food Mart & Tobacco
- Little Giant
- LN Food Mart
- N Wall BP
- R & R Grocery

Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the following beer and wine package renewals. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Beer and Wine Package

- A Knight Hi Tech
- ABC Convenience
- Aldi Inc
- Circle K 702 E Hwy 53 E
- Circle K 943 Hwy 53 E
- Circle K 1310 Hwy 41 N
- Circle K 1503 Red Bud Rd
- Food City
- Food Depot
- Food Lion
- Ginger Grocery
- Kroger
- Love's
- Pilot
- RaceTrac
- Walgreens 1101 Red Bud Rd
- Walgreens 910 S Wall St
- Xpress Food Mart

Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the following beer, wine and liquor package renewals. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Beer, Wine, Liquor Package

- CWL USA LLC
- Party Liquor
- Red Bud Road Liquor Store

Councilmember Moyer made a motion to approve the following combination beer package/pouring renewals for private clubs. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Comb Beer Package/Pouring at Private Club

- American Legion Post 47

Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the following beer and wine pouring renewals. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Beer & Wine Pouring

- Cracker Barrel
- El Sol
- Gondoliers Pizza

Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the following beer, wine and liquor pouring renewals. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Beer, Wine, Liquor Pouring

- Applebee's
- El Pueblito
- Guacamoles
- Jefferson's
- Longhorn
- Ruby Tuesday

Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the following beer and liquor pouring renewals. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Beer & Liquor Pouring

- El Rayos
- Taco House

9. Other Written Items Not on the Agenda

10. Work Reports

- A. Paul Worley, City Administrator gave the October general cash report noting that the general fund ended the month with a balance of \$3,769,251.14, up from \$2.6m in September. The increase is mainly due to the State insurance premium tax payment made in October. 2018 SPLOST uncommitted funds were \$3,143,924.19 and the Revolving Loan Fund had a balance of \$510,969.94. Monies are available for new loans at the current interest rate of 3.5%. Hotel motel tax for August, paid in October, was \$78,749.93, up 6% from the same month last year. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the report as presented. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Mr. Worley also notified those in attendance that the ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for this Wednesday at 11:00 am may be rescheduled due to rain. If changes are made announcements will be posted.

- B. Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator noting that the total operating revenues for the month of October were \$10,145,209.44 and total savings and reserves were \$9,129,005.03, for a grand total of \$19,274,214.47. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the report as presented. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- C. George Govignon, City Attorney stated that he would like to ask for a vote on the record to allow the mayor to sign an engagement agreement with Brinson Askew

Berry concerning possible litigation as discussed at today's work session. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to allow Mayor Palmer to sign the agreement. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

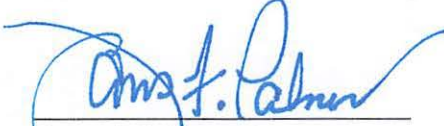
11. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

12. Motion to return to General Session

13. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Denmon made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Approved:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:


Sharon Nelson, City Clerk



