



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 28, 2020- 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: Paul Worley, City Administrator; Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator; George Govignon, City Attorney; 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**

Mayor Palmer stated there were two annual license renewal requests for consideration that could be added to the agenda under new business. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the December 28, 2020 agenda with the stated amendments. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 14, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

- A. Mayor Palmer announced that advanced early voting for the combined General and Federal Runoff Election continues through December 31<sup>st</sup>. The combined General and Federal Runoff Election will be held on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Mayor Palmer announced that Calhoun City offices will be closed Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of New Year's Day.

6. **Public Hearing and Comments**

None

7. **Old Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a zoning change request from C-2 to Ind-G by Stanley Simpson for 4.782 acres off Travelers Path NE (CG41A-035). The Zoning Advisory meeting will be held on January 7<sup>th</sup> and the public hearing on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

8. **New Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a beer and wine package license request at a location of 1600 Dews Pond Road by Madan Patel (Ginger's Grocery). Mr. Patel will also serve as the store manager. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to set the public hearing on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- B. Mayor Palmer read the 2021 pawn license renewal for Pete's Music & Pawn and called for a motion concerning the renewal. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the renewal request. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- C. Mayor Palmer read the 2021 beer and wine pouring license renewals for Gondolier's Pizza and the Calhoun Gordon Arts Council (Harris Arts Center). Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the renewal requests. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- D. Mayor Palmer read the 2021 beer, wine and liquor pouring license renewal for Lupita's Mexican Restaurant and called for a motion concerning the renewal. Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the renewal request. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

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

10. **Work Reports**

- A. Mr. Worley gave the General Cash Report noting that the general fund closed the month with a balance of \$4.1M, up from \$3.6M last month. The 2018 SPLOST account totals \$3.3M plus \$2M designated for the Peters Street project. 2011 SPLOST decreased by approximately \$100,000 from expenditures on phase 2 of the Peters Street project. Hotel Motel taxes were \$45,786 for November, which is down from last year's collection of \$62,844. This is an approximate 27% decrease mainly due to the pandemic and its effects on the travel industry. Councilman Denmon

made a motion to approve the November general cash report. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

B. Mr. Vickery gave the Utilities cash report stating that total operating revenues were \$7.4M and total savings and reserves were \$8.5M. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the November utilities cash report. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

C. George Govignon, City Attorney

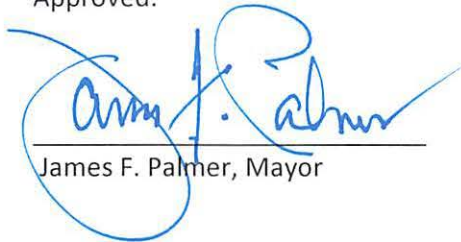
11. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

12. Motion to return to General Session

13. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Sharon Nelson, City Clerk



