CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2025 – 7:00 PM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM

MINUTES

PRESENT: **James F. Palmer, Mayor**
Ed Moyer, Mayor Pro Tem
Jacqueline Palazzolo, Councilmember
Al Edwards, Councilmember

ALSO: Paul Worley, City Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Christy Nicholson, Police; and Lenny Nesbitt, Fire 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.

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**
   Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the February 24, 2025 agenda as presented, seconded by Councilmember Palazzolo. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**
   Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of February 10, 2025, seconded by Councilmember Edwards. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**
   A. Mayor Palmer noted that Councilmember Denmon was not in attendance due to complications from his knee surgery.

6. **Zoning Hearings and Comments**

7. **Other Public Hearings**

8. **Old Business**

   A. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of an annexation and zoning request to rezone 5.0 acres on Nelson Lake Road SW, being parcel 035-067E from County A-1 to A-1, submitted by Elizabeth Box. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for March 6th, with a public hearing on March 10th.

   B. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a PRD Site Amendment for 1391 & 1392 US Hwy 41 North (Parcels C42A013 & C42A-015), submitted by Echota Fabrics, Inc. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for March 6th, with a public hearing on March 10th.

   C. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of an annexation and zoning request to rezone 0.12 acres on Dews Pond Road (Parcel 056A-030) from County A-1 to R-2, submitted by Fall Leaf Residential. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for March 6th, with a public hearing on March 10th.

   D. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a setback variance request to reduce the required setback from 100 feet to 30 feet for an electronic billboard on 1.56 acres at 200 Union Grove Road, being parcel C46-03, submitted by First Family Group, LLC. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for March 6th, with a public hearing on March 10th.

   E. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of an ordinance amending Part II - Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14 – Animals, Section 14-43, to update shelter requirements and materials, repeal conflicting ordinances, establish an effective date, and address other related matters. The ordinance is eligible for a public hearing on March 10th.

   F. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a beer package application for 1133 Wall Street, submitted by 1133 Store N Gas, Inc. Cassandra Davenport, the owner, will also serve as the store manager. The public hearing is scheduled for March 10th.

   G. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a beer pouring application for 123 Columbus Circle, submitted by Shuggy Snacks, LLC. Mark Shugart, the owner, will also serve as the store manager. The public hearing is scheduled for March 10th.

9. **New Business**

   A. Mayor Palmer read a request from the Purchasing Department to surplus a 2006 Chrysler 300 from Calhoun Police Department. This vehicle was awarded in a court case and is not needed. Vin: 2C3KA63H06H168143 Mileage: 229,932. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the surplus request, seconded by Councilmember Palazzolo. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Mayor Palmer read a request from the Purchasing Department to surplus a 2007 International 400 Series from the Electric Department. This vehicle has been replaced and is no longer needed. Vin: 1HTMMAAN77H438356 Mileage: 58,779. Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the surplus request, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moyer. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Mayor Palmer read a request from the Purchasing Department to surplus a 1978 Jon Boat that is no longer used by the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Serial# LBD27288M780. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the surplus request, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moyer. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Mayor Palmer gave the floor to City Administrator Worley for submission of first and second quarter financials for Fiscal Year 2025. City Administrator Worley reported that council members received a detailed financial review during today's work session and highlighted key departmental insights from the financials for the six months ending December 2024. (Copy attached) Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented, seconded by Councilmember Edwards. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. **Other written items not on the agenda**

11. **Work Reports**

A. City Administrator Worley gave a review of January 2025 general cash and hotel motel reports. (copy attached) Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the reports as presented, seconded by Councilmember Palazzolo. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. City Administrator Worley gave a review of the January 2025 utilities cash report. (copy attached) Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the report as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Moyer. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. City Attorney Govignon had nothing to report.

12. **Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed**

13. **Motion to return to General Session**

14. **Motion to Adjourn**

With no further business before the Council, Councilmember Palazzolo motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Moyer. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Approved:

James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:

Sharon Nelson, City Clerk