



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2018- 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
 Jackie Palazzolo, Councilwoman

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; and Brad Carrick, Telecommunications Director.

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**

Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to approve the October 22, 2018 agenda as presented. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of October 8, 2018. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

A. Mayor Palmer stated that early voting began Monday, October 15th and will continue through Friday, November 2nd at the Gordon County Voter Registrar's office.

- B. Mayor Palmer reminded those present that the City of Calhoun will observe Halloween on Wednesday October 31st from 5:00pm to 9:00pm for ages 12 and under. Also, the downtown merchants and businesses will host Trick or Treat in Downtown Calhoun on Wednesday October 31st from 4:00pm until 6:00pm.
- C. Mayor Palmer reminded those present that the 12th annual Harvest Fest is scheduled for October 27th from 10-4 in Downtown Calhoun. There will be food, arts & crafts and multiple activities for families. Christmas Open House & Visit With Santa is scheduled for November 18th. Open house is from 1-5 and the Lighting of the Christmas Tree & Visit With Santa is from 6-8.

6. **Council Comments**

None

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. Public Hearing of amendments to definitions in the current Soil Erosion Ordinance to comply with State requirements.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Peterson stated that all legal requirements and notices had been met.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for public comments. City Attorney Govignon stated the ordinance changes were to change the authorizing agency currently used by the State.
- There being no other comments Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion regarding the ordinance change.
- Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the ordinance change. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

8. **Old Business**

A. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an annexation and zoning request of 86.1 acres at a location of 843 and 947 Union Grove Road (059-014 and 059-014X), by Shaw Industries Group, Inc. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for November 8th at 4:30 p.m. The public hearing is scheduled for November 12th at 7:00 p.m.

9. **New Business**

A. Mayor Palmer read a request from the Telecommunications department to declare surplus a 2005 Ford F-450 Super Duty, High-Ranger Bucket Truck. VIN ending in 67566. Mileage is 75,680. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

10. Other Written Items Not on the Agenda

None

11. Work Reports

A. Eddie Peterson, City Administrator

- 1) City Administrator Peterson gave the September, 2018 general cash reports.
- 2) City Administrator Peterson notified those present that the City would be working on addressing certain issues with the fire fleet including purchasing a new pumper in 2019 and a first responder truck as soon as possible.

B. Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator

- 1) Utilities Administrator Vickery gave the September, 2018 utilities cash reports.

Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the cash reports as presented. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

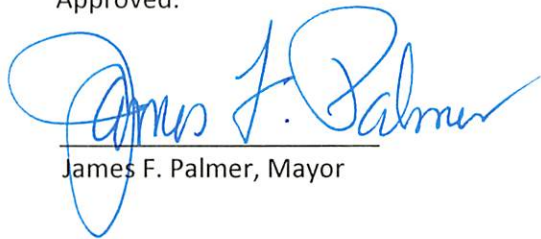
12. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

13. Motion to return to General Session

14. Motion to Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Approved:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:


Sharon Nelson, City Clerk

