



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2018- 7:00 PM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**        **George R. Crowley, Mayor Pro Tem**  
                      **Ray Mitchell Denmon, Councilman**  
                      **Al Edwards, Councilman**  
                      **Jackie Palazzolo, Councilwoman**

**ABSENT:**        **James F. Palmer, Mayor**

**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; Jerry Crawford, Director of Water & Wastewater; Brad Carrick, Telecommunications Director; and Suzanne Roberts, Downtown Development Authority Director.

**1. Council Meeting Called to Order**

**Welcome**

Mayor Pro Tem Crowley called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Invocation**

Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave the invocation.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Pro Tem Crowley 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 September 24, 2018 agenda as presented. Councilman Edwards 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 September 10, 2018. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave the floor to Chief Pyle for an update on the Calhoun Police Departments participation in the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) Awards Ceremony. Chief Pyle stated that the mission of the GOHS is to educate the public on traffic safety and facilitate the implementation of programs that reduce crashes, and fatalities on Georgia roads. Calhoun Police were honored with two awards: First place in category 3, which deals with the totality of traffic enforcement and reporting; and a separate award for impaired driving enforcement. Each year, near the end of the ceremony, ten keys are given out to officers for a chance to win a vehicle for their department. One key will start the simulator which signifies the winner. This year Officer Christy Nicholson representing the Calhoun Police Department was the lucky winner. Officer Nicholson has worked tirelessly throughout the year preparing information and stats for the GOHS and will be rewarded for her efforts by receiving this vehicle as her new patrol car. The winning of the vehicle is a blessing not only for the Police Department, but also to the tax payers we serve. This vehicle comes fully equipped, and with a value of approximately \$40,000, it's one less item we have to purchase.

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 an Ordinance amending sections of Chapter 6: Alcoholic Beverages, to establish Microbreweries and pouring for onsite and offsite consumption.

- Mayor Pro Tem Crowley opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Peterson stated that all the legal requirements had been met.
- Mayor Pro Tem Crowley opened the floor for public comments. City Attorney Govignon reviewed the ordinance for those present at the meeting.
- There being no other comments Mayor Pro Tem Crowley closed the public hearing and called for a motion regarding the ordinance.
- Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

8. **Old Business**

None

9. **New Business**

None

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

11. **Work Reports**

A. **Eddie Peterson, City Administrator**

City Administrator Peterson reviewed the General Fund cash report.

B. **Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator**

Utilities Administrator Vickery reviewed the Utilities cash report.

C. **George Govignon, City Attorney**

In response to correspondence by Special Legal Counsel for Gordon County identifying annexation issues impacting service delivery strategy, the City Attorney asked for a motion to authorize immediate investigation and identification of all unincorporated islands subject to involuntary annexation pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-36-92. This measure is taken in "good faith" to comply with the County's request, as such islands which did exist prior to January 1, 1991 shall be involuntarily incorporated at a regular meeting of the city governing authority held thirty days after written notice has been provided to the identified owners. These properties are then included in the municipal tax digest for municipal real property taxation for general and educational funding purposes as incorporated parcels, and therefore exempt from taxation by the Gordon County BOE as provided by O.C.G.A. § 48-5-401.

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

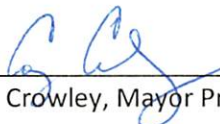
13. **Motion to return to General Session**

14. **Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Approved:

Submitted:

  
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George Crowley, Mayor Pro Tem

  
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Sharon Nelson, City Clerk