



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 24, 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
Jacqueline Palazzolo, Councilwoman

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 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**

Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the August 24, 2020 agenda as presented. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of August 10, 2020. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

- A. Mayor Palmer announced that the new Census deadline is September 30th. Census Enumerators began surveying door-to-door on August 8th for all residences that have

not responded to the online Census. To complete the Census online go to my2020census.gov.

- B. Mayor Palmer announced that Calhoun city offices will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.
- C. Mayor Palmer read a proclamation for the Army National Guard recognizing September 16, 2020 as Rough Rider Memorial Day. Members of the National Guard were in attendance to receive the Proclamation. Councilman Denmon presented the proclamation as a retired National Guard member.

6. **Public Hearing and Comments**

- A. Public hearing of a beer package license at a location of 756 Highway 53 East, by Yarab Investment, Inc. The owner, Mohammad Asif will also serve as the store manager.
 - Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
 - City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
 - Mayor Palmer opened the floor for public comments beginning with the applicant.
 - There being none, Mayor Palmer close public hearing and called for a motion concerning Alcohol Request.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the beer package license request. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

7. **New Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a distilled spirits and beer/wine package license, at a location of 255 West Line Street, by Noorali Somani. The proposed store manager is Karmaren Patel. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to set the public hearing for September 28th. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- B. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a beer and wine package license, at a location of 466 Hwy 53 East by Tammy Bennett, DBA: Food Depot. The applicant will also serve as the store manager. Councilman Edwards made a motion to set the public hearing for September 28th. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- C. Mayor Palmer read a request from Calhoun Police Department to purchase with Treasury Department Federal Seizure Account funds (Account #5) two GPS Trackers from Advanced Covert Technology for \$2,631 and 30 duty belts with accessories from GT Distributors for \$4,500. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the purchase request. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- D. Request from the Calhoun Street Department to surplus a 1990 and a 1992 Lufkin Trailer on Govdeals. Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to approve the surplus request. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

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

9. **Work Reports**

A. Paul Worley, City Administrator

Administrator Worley stated that the July cash report was very similar to the June report. The General Fund balance is \$1,654,901. The uncommitted fund balance of the 2018 SPLOST is \$2,855,773. One of the major projects in the 2018 SPLOST is the new Police Station which was made available for public bid today. This project includes the Police Station, Police Vehicle Service Building, and a new Recreation Park Maintenance Facility. The project is located at the corner of McDaniel Station Road and Recreation Drive. The 2011 SPLOST is now at approximately \$1.3 million which is lower than last month due to the Peters Street Phase two project that is now underway. The revolving loan balance after the \$500,000 Nance Carpet loan is closed is approximately \$80,000. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the July General Cash Report as presented. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

B. Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator

Administrator Vickery stated that total operating revenues is \$6,167,732 and the total saving and reserves is \$1,234,945. Various investments are \$30,426,913. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the July Utilities Cash Report as presented. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

C. George Govignon, City Attorney

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

11. **Motion to return to General Session**

12. **Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further 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.

Approved:

Submitted:

James F. Palmer, Mayor

Paul Worley, City Administrator