



**SPECIAL CALLED
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 2, 2018- 3:30 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

ABSENT: Jackie Palazzolo, Councilwoman

ALSO: Eddie Peterson, City Administrator; Paul Worley, Assistant City Administrator; Linda Brookshire, Human Resource Director; Brooke Land, Assistant Human Resource Director; Representatives from the Calhoun Police Department: Garry Moss, Tony Pyle, Don Colburn, Mark Waycaster, Harris Housley, Larry Gilbert, Darrin Smith

1. Call to order and welcome – Mayor Palmer
2. **New Business:**
 - A. **Personnel:** Mayor Palmer stated that the special called meeting was concerning selection of a new Police Chief and asked Administrator Peterson for a report. Administrator Peterson stated that the City of Calhoun went through a process of selecting a new Police Chief due to Chief Garry Moss' retirement in July of this year. A selection committee was formed to interview the candidates and make a recommendation to the Mayor and City Council. There were nine internal applicants for the position. The decision process for the selection committee was very difficult due to the high quality of candidates that applied. Every candidate did an excellent job in the interview process and all had exemplary resumes, career experience, and training. However, there can only be one recommendation to select the next Chief of Police for the City of Calhoun. The level of quality of candidates is reason to believe that the Calhoun Police Department has a bright future and great workforce to support the community.

The selection committee let their recommendation be known to the Mayor and Council in Executive Session at the March 26th City Council meeting, and this special called meeting is a follow-up to that recommendation. Mayor Palmer echoed Administrator Peterson's comments in that there were nine highly qualified candidates, and reaching a decision was indeed difficult. However, it has been a good process and shows how strong the Police Department is. Mayor Palmer stated to all the candidates present that he greatly appreciated their service to the City. Councilman Crowley stated that he had been involved with many interview committees, such as hiring school superintendents, and this group of officers was the best group he has had the pleasure to interview. Councilman Crowley made a motion to appoint Tony Pyle as the next Chief of Police for the City of Calhoun. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. Mayor Palmer stated again he appreciated each and every one who took the time to interview and thanked everyone for their service. Also, Mayor Palmer thanked everyone on the selection committee for their hard work in the process. Mayor Palmer stated it was a goal of the Council and Administration to keep it in-house and hopes by doing so that it will make the Department even stronger.

3. Motion to adjourn

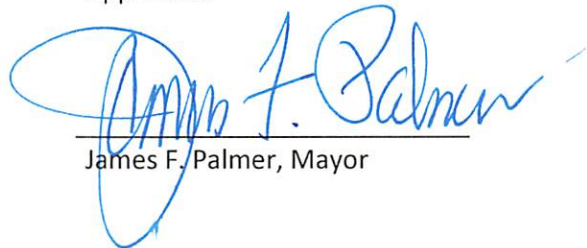
Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Submitted:



Paul Worley, Assistant City Administrator

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor