MINUTES

The City of Blountstown, County of Calhoun, State of Florida, met in Special Session Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 4:00 P.M. at the City Council Meeting Room. The following members of the City Council present were: Mayor Tony Shoemake, Councilman Clifford Jackson, Councilman James Griffin, Councilwoman Janie Boyd, and Councilwoman Sheila Blackburn.

Also present were: City Manager Traci Hall, Police Chief Mark Mallory, Public Works Director Jeremy Norris, and Fire Chief Ben Hall.

Also present was: Liz Parrish, Jimmy Grant, Bo Creel, Bruce Hall, and Justin Ford.

Mayor Shoemake called the Special Meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. Councilwoman Boyd led the Invocation. Mayor Shoemake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

First on the Agenda, Jimmy Grant discussed with Council the City's Building Inspection Services. Mr. Grant informed Council of the various services that he performs for the City at no additional cost and explained that he felt he has done a good job for the City. Mr. Grant provided Council with documentation clarifying some recent building inspection issues.

Bo Creel spoke on behalf of EPCI, the City's current Building Inspection Services provider, and advised Council that Mr. Grant was a good inspector but if Council did not want to use Mr. Grant, EPCI would still provide good service to the City.

Council discussed some concerns regarding the current fee schedule. Mr. Creel advised that the City's fee schedule was from several years back and could be updated according to Council's wishes.

Mrs. Hall informed Council that after looking into it, City Code Enforcement is the one who should be responsible for determining if setback requirements are met. After discussion, it was a consensus of Council to keep Mr. Grant the City's Building Inspector.

Next on the Agenda, Councilman Griffin discussed with Council some ditches that need to be cleaned out. Councilman Griffin discussed some dead trees that need to be removed before they fall. Mrs. Hall advised that the trees can only be cut if they are in the City's right of way. Councilman Griffin stated that they are. Mr. Norris will go look at the trees and see what can be done.

Finally on the Agenda, Chief Mallory advised Council that Fire Chief Ben Hall would like to start performing Code Enforcement at no additional cost to the City. Chief Hall discussed his ideas with Council. After discussion, Councilman Jackson made the motion to make Ben Hall the City's Code Enforcement Officer. Councilwoman Boyd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There being no further business, Councilman Griffin made the motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Boyd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Shoemake adjourned the meeting at 5:20 P.M.

BY: Tony Shoemake
Tony Shoemake, Mayor

ATTEST: Traci S. Hall
Traci S. Hall, City Manager