MINUTES

The City of Blountstown, County of Calhoun, State of Florida, met in Special Session Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6:00 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, Investigator Adam Terry, Attorney Jeff Carter, Public Works Director Jeremy Norris, and Fire Chief Ben Hall.

Mayor Shoemake called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Councilman Jackson led the Invocation. Councilwoman Blackburn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Hall advised that Dennis Smith with Bay Ford spoke with her and advised her to go ahead and sell the property. Mrs. Hall contacted Mr. Eubanks, one of the potential purchasers, and he advised that he was not interested in it for what the City wanted to sell it for and to go ahead and offer it to the other purchaser. Mrs. Hall then contacted the third person, Perry Erwin, a realtor out of Tallahassee. Mrs. Hall had previously told him that the City wanted $212,500 for Chicken Corner, which was halfway between the two appraised values, but Council would have full disclosure on that. After the interest in the property and after polling the Council, Mrs. Hall informed Mr. Erwin that the asking price would be $250,000. Mr. Erwin said ok and he would forward a contract to her. Mrs. Hall stated that she received the contract this afternoon and has forwarded it to Attorney Carter for his review. It is apparently a group of investors that have signed the contract. They are also interested in the NAPA property and the Anders property. Council expressed that they would like to know what the purchaser planned to do with the property prior to committing to selling it. Mrs. Hall advised Mr. Erwin that it may be February's meeting before a decision was made.

After discussion, it was a consensus of Council for Mrs. Hall to try to set up a meeting with Mr. Erwin and the Council.

There being no further business, Councilman Griffin made the motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Councilwoman Boyd seconded the motion. Mayor Shoemake adjourned the Special Meeting.

Mayor Shoemake called the workshop to order at 6:43 P.M.

Council discussed Code Enforcement and Building Inspection Services.

Chief Mallory and Mrs. Hall will look at a salary and explore options for both positions of Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector.

Council requested for Mrs. Hall and Chief Mallory to contact Bo Creel, our current Building Inspector's Supervisor, to discuss the City's concerns with him and see if there are other Inspectors available to service the City.

Mayor Shoemake asked what the status on the Mr. Norris issue was. Chief Mallory stated that at the last meeting it was voted to have a survey done. Chief Mallory has spoken with the surveyor but has not gotten word that it was complete as of yet.

After discussion, Attorney Carter will see what the City's action should be.

Next, Mayor Shoemake discussed the Occupational Licenses. The fees, penalties, and procedures were discussed. After discussion, it was a consensus of Council to keep the Occupational License Ordinance, fees, and penalties as they are. Mrs. Hall will have a letter sent out to those who have not renewed advising them of Council's decision.

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 8:37 P.M.

BY: _____
Tony Shoemake, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Traci S. Hall, City Manager