MINUTES

The City of Blountstown, County of Calhoun, State of Florida, met in Special Session on Monday, January 2, 2017 at 5:01 P.M. at the City Council Meeting Room. The following members of the City Council were present: Mayor Tony Shoemake, Councilman James Griffin, Councilwoman Janie Boyd, Councilwoman Beverly Veress, and Councilman Clifford Jackson.

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

Mayor Shoemake called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M. Mayor Shoemake led the Invocation. Councilman Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attorney Carter read Ordinance 2016-08 Temporary Moratorium on Cannabis by title. Councilwoman Boyd made the motion to approve and accept the 2nd and Final reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion. Councilwoman Veress questioned the effects of this Ordinance on the illegal use of cannabis. Chief Mallory advised that the illegal use of cannabis will be treated no differently than it has been in the past. The Ordinance affects the medical use dispensaries. After discussion, the motion carried.

Mrs. Hall discussed with Council the Executive Order from President Obama that was to go into effect as of December 1 affecting some salaried employees that made under a certain threshold. There were three City employees that this affected. Two received pay increases and the third had to go into overtime. There has been a hold placed on that law. The Council set the salaries for those three employees based on this law. After discussion, Councilman Jackson made the motion to leave the three employees salaries as they are. The motion died for a lack of a second.

After further discussion, Councilwoman Veress made the motion to leave the three employees salaries as they are. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion. Attorney Carter advised that this law can come back up and the injunction will not last forever. The law can later be upheld and if you take the monies back, you could wind up having to give it back again. The motion carried 5-0.

Chief Mallory discussed with Council the truck that failed to get a bid on it. Chief Mallory has a City employee that has come to him and asked if he can pay the City the scrap value for the truck. It was a consensus of Council to sell it to the employee for the scrap value.

Councilman Griffin discussed the previous Council meeting. There were people here that were going to have business on the agenda and they had to sit here for a long time so their business could be discussed. If there are guests here with business items on the agenda, those items should be handled first on the agenda.

Councilman Jackson wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

There being no further business Councilwoman Boyd made the motion to adjourn. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mayor Shoemake adjourned the Special Session at 5:53 P.M.

BY: _____
Tony Shoemake, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Traci S. Hall, City Manager