MINUTES

The City of Blountstown, County of Calhoun, State of Florida, met in Regular Session Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. at the City Council Meeting Room. The following members of the City Council present were: Mayor Tony Shoemake, Councilman James Griffin, Councilwoman Sheila Blackburn, Councilman Clifford Jackson, and Councilwoman Janie Boyd.

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

Also present were: April Bailey, Trevor Burch, Allyson Howell, Doris Traylor, Tina Smith, Mert Stephens, Patrick Bell, and Arzella Smith.

Mayor Shoemake called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Councilwoman Blackburn led the Invocation. Mayor Shoemake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Hall presented to Council the Add-on bills and Resolution 2017-02 Authorization to Execute Contract with Bancorp South for Lease of Garbage Truck to be added to the Agenda. Councilman Griffin made the motion to adopt the Agenda with the additions. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The first item was the approval of the August 8, 2017 Minutes, August 16, 2017 Special Minutes, August 21, 2017 and August 28, 2017 Budget Minutes. Councilwoman Blackburn made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Boyd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Monthly Bills and the Add-on List was presented for action. Councilman Griffin made the motion to pay the monthly bills and the add-on list. Councilwoman Boyd seconded motion. The motion carried.

The first item of old business was the Capital Solutions Report. Patrick Bell was in route to the meeting, will revisit.

Next was the Engineer's Report. Trevor Burch provided an update for the Council. Field testing is complete and Mr. Burch has a meeting planned with Mrs. Hall on September 13th to discuss the WWTF Effluent Disposal System Project. Mr. Burch will have full information by next meeting. Mr. Burch stated the legislative appropriation applications are coming up in the 1st week of October.

Mr. Burch provided an update on Finlay and Evans Waterline Replacement Project. Mr. Burch stated construction has already begun on Finlay and has plans to begin on Evans. Mr. Burch stated the paving project will be following the waterline project.

Mr. Burch provided Council with an update on the Pear Street Lift Station project. Mr. Burch stated Dewberry/Preble-Rish is expecting to have the survey back from Surveyor, Frank Snowden by the end of next week.

For the first item of new business, Ms. Tina Smith and Mrs. Allyson Howell are seeking approval for Cross Country Sponsored 5K & 10K on the Greenway Trail on Saturday, October

21, 2017. Councilwoman Boyd made a motion to approve Cross Country Sponsored 5K & 10K on the Greenway Trail on Saturday, October 21, 2017. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next in new business was the Halloween Curfew and Age Limit. After discussion, Council decided to leave the Halloween Curfew the same as last year, 5pm-8pm and the Age Limit is 12 years of age. The City will place an ad in local newspapers.

Next in new business, Blountstown Main Street is sponsoring a Christmas Decorating Contest among City residents and businesses. Mrs. Hall stated Blountstown Main Street would like to ask if the City would be interested in donating prizes in the form of utility bill credits. The categories are Commercial, Churches, and Residential. After discussion, Councilwoman Boyd made a motion for the City to provide prizes for the Christmas Decorating Contest among City residents of $100 credit on utility bill for all three 1st place categories, $50 credit on utility bill for all three 2nd place categories, and a $25 credit on utility bill for all three 3rd place categories. Councilwoman Blackburn seconded motion. Motion passed.

The next item in new business was Ordinance 2017-07 Internet Café' Moratorium. After much discussion, Councilman Griffin made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-07 Internet Café' Moratorium for 6 months and follow up with Attorney Carter about banning Internet Café's in the City. Councilwoman Boyd seconded motion. Motion passed. Attorney Carter completed 1st reading of Ordinance 2017-07 Internet Café' Moratorium.

Mayor Shoemake stated it was time to revisit Old Business, Capital Solutions Report with Patrick Bell. Mr. Bell provided Council with an update. Mr. Bell stated Mrs. Hall and Preble-Rish have a copy of the budget forms. Mr. Bell stated by Friday he should have initial evaluations on the recent storm that came through Florida. Mr. Bell stated he anticipates home owners insurance will be greatly affected by this storm.

Mrs. Hall asked what the dates were for the House Form. Mr. Bell stated he suspected it will be mid October.

Mr. Bell stated he has been working with Councilman Jackson on getting a Boys and Girls club or some kind of after school program in our area and will continue to do so.

Mr. Bell and Council discussed home owners insurance.

Mayor Shoemake stated it was time to move to the next item in New Business an add on item, Resolution 2017-02. Mrs. Hall read Resolution 2017-02. Councilman Griffin made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-02 and for Mrs. Hall to be authorized to sign and execute the document/contract. Councilman Jackson seconded motion. Motion passed.

Mayor Shoemake opened for public comment.
There were no public comments.
Mayor Shoemake closed public comment.

Mayor Shoemake opened the meeting for City Staff Reports.

City Attorney Jeff Carter had none.

Police Chief Mark Mallory stated a new Special Master is needed for Code Enforcement Hearing Officer for the City. Chief Mallory is currently working with Attorney Carter on this matter.

Chief Mallory discussed interest in having a contract with the company that installed the Police Departments generator to come and service the generator. Chief Mallory stated the City mechanic currently maintenances all City generators.

Chief Mallory stated a survey for the parking lot between the Police Department and McDougald's is complete. Chief Mallory and Mr. Burch will speak with the surveyor to get clarification on the completed survey and bring back to Council.

Fire Chief Hall provided the Council with a Code Enforcement update. Chief Hall stated the City Fire Department is trending in the direction of moving from a 6 rating to a 5 rating on the ISO Audit, although it is not confirmed. Chief Hall stated the lower the number; the better it is for the City's residents as it will lower residents homeowners insurance inside the City limits.

Chief Hall stated he will be conducting Fire Inspections on City Businesses as they renew their business licenses with the City.

Chief Hall stated he is currently restructuring his schedule to better maintain the City's hydrant flushing plan. He will be flushing hydrants on 3-4 streets a week.

Chief Hall stated he has been working on 3 locations inside the City limits that no one owns. The property owners have passed and the properties have not been through probate with the court. Chief Hall stated he is going to speak with Attorney Carter and get educated on the process of what's next with these properties and revisit in the near future.

Chief Hall stated the Anders property is closed out and fined. There has been a judgment placed.

A judgment has been made on the Napa property. Chief Hall stated the property owner has 60 days from August 29th to get the property clean and up to code. If the property owner does not comply and have property up to code, he will be fined $250 a day. Attorney Carter stated he is working with Chief Hall on this property with the judgment.

Councilwoman Blackburn asked Chief Hall about the house that had been moved into the City limits. Chief Hall stated that house is the next one on his list.

Chief Hall stated he has spoken with Mr. Buddy Smith and they are starting on the Classic Cleaners building as soon as possible. Mr. Smith has been working with the Sheriff's office to try to get trustees to come help him with the clean up. Chief Hall stated he has until the 25th. Mr. Smith has asked for a 10 day extension. Chief Hall has granted Mr. Smith the extension.

Chief Hall stated he is currently working with the property owner of the trailer on Johnson Street next to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The property owner has received his

notice of violation and has asked for a 10 day extension and has until the 25th. Chief Hall granted the property owner the 10 day extension.

Councilwoman Blackburn asked Chief Hall about the Car Wash. Chief Hall stated the Car Wash has a contract on it and has been sold. Chief Hall anticipates it will be cleaned up in the near future and will turn into a profitable business in the City and the business owner. Councilwoman Blackburn asked if the current Car Wash is going to be refurbished. Chief Hall stated yes it will be.

Chief Hall stated the month of October is amnesty month, do not be alarmed if you see items by the road for pick up.

The Council commended him on his efforts with Code Enforcement and told him he is doing a great job for the City.

Public Works Director, Jeremy Norris provided Council with an update.
Mr. Norris stated he and his crews have been working on storm clean up after Hurricane Irma. The Council thanked Mr. Norris for the great job he and his men have been doing for the City during and after Hurricane Irma.

Mrs. Hall provided Council with an update.
Mrs. Hall stated all Council members should have received their invites to the Super Council Meeting on Thursday, September 28th at 5:30pm at the Altha School. Council members should have received their invitations for the Ethics Training on October 6th. Mrs. Hall stated she will look online and get information for those interested in taking the course online.

Mrs. Hall reminded Council the Final Budget Hearing will be September 25th at 5:01pm in the City Council Room.

Mrs. Hall stated an add will be in the newspaper for two weeks to remind citizens October is amnesty month.

Mayor Shoemake opened for Councilmember Comments

Councilwoman Boyd complimented the Police Department, the Street Department, and Mrs. Hall on their efforts with Hurricane Irma. Councilwoman Boyd stated she appreciates everything they do.

Councilman Griffin asked Mrs. Hall what the income was for the City from the residents of Pine Island getting water from the City. Mrs. Hall stated she would have to research and get back with him. As far as the water system itself, everything was going good with it, the City has not had any problems.

Councilman Griffin asked about the sewer line in Altha. Mrs. Hall stated Altha School is the only customer at this time.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated she agrees with Councilwoman Boyd, she appreciated the City workers and praised them on the great work they are doing.

Councilman Jackson praised the City workers on the great job they are doing in the City.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated the City should put an excerpt in the newspaper showing appreciation. Councilwoman Blackburn stated she would like the employees to know they are doing a great job and they are appreciated.

Councilwoman Boyd asked if the City participated in employee luncheons for employee appreciation. Mrs. Hall stated the City participates in employee appreciation luncheons every quarter. Councilwoman Boyd stated it would be great to have an employee appreciation luncheon soon for employees to praise their hard work during Hurricane Irma. Mrs. Hall stated that was a great idea.

Mrs. Hall stated Chad Ramsey from Ramsey's Cash Savers has been wonderful in helping the City and County employees through Hurricane Irma. Mr. Ramsey fed all City workers that were working during and through Hurricane Irma Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and offered to feed them Tuesday as well. Mrs. Hall stated she was going to send a thank you card to Mr. Ramsey and the deli workers from the City to show the City's appreciation during this time. Councilwoman Blackburn stated the citizens have really pulled together during the recent storm.

Audience member Arzella Smith expressed her appreciation for the City's Electric Department and the Police Department for their efforts during Hurricane Irma.

There being no further business Councilman Griffin made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Boyd seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mayor Shoemake adjourned the meeting at 6:25 P.M.

BY: Tony Shoemake
Tony Shoemake, Mayor

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