MINUTES

The City of Blountstown, County of Calhoun, State of Florida, met in Regular Session Tuesday, January 9, 2018 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, Councilman Clifford Jackson, Councilwoman Sheila Blackburn, Councilwoman Janie Boyd and Councilwoman Elect Mert Stephens.

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

Also present were: April Bailey, Trevor Burch, Doris Traylor, Tony Arrant, and Arzella Smith.

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

Mrs. Hall presented to Council the Add-on bills to be added to the Agenda. Councilman Griffin made the motion to adopt the Agenda with the additions. Councilwoman Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The first item was the approval of the December 12, 2017 Minutes. Councilwoman Boyd made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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 the motion. The motion passed.

Councilwoman Boyd made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mayor Shoemake adjourned the Meeting of the Old Council at 5:02 P.M.

Mayor Shoemake presented a plaque to Councilwoman Boyd for 16 years of service to the City of Blountstown and City Council. Councilwoman Boyd thanked Council.

City Attorney Carter swore in Councilman Clifford Jackson and Councilwoman Mert Stephens.

Mayor Shoemake called the new Council to order at 5:06 P.M.

Councilwoman Blackburn made the motion to appoint Councilman Griffin as Mayor Pro-Tempore. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Next was the Annual Review of Corporate Officers. Councilman Griffin made the motion to retain the Attorney, Police Chief, and City Manager. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

There were no proclamations or awards.

The first item of old business was the Capital Solutions Report. Mr. Patrick Bell was unable to attend but provided an update for the Council in their packets. Mrs. Hall stated a meeting is scheduled with Mr. Trevor Burch, Mr. Phillip Jones with Dewberry/Preble Rish, Senator Montford, DEP, Mr. Bell, and herself for Thursday to discuss the Effluent Project.

Next was the Engineer's Report. Mr. Trevor Burch provided an update for the Council. Mr. Burch stated a meeting is scheduled for Thursday to discuss the WWTF Effluent Disposal System.

Mr. Burch provided Council an update on the Pear Street Lift Station project. Mr. Burch stated he is currently working on a design for the Pear Street Lift Station project and getting ready to submit the permit application.

Mr. Burch stated he has plans to contact the Waste Water Plant operator, Jim Castle, to insure we have the correct equipment.

Mr. Burch provided an update on the Finlay and Evans Waterline Replacement Project. Mr. Burch stated Finlay is finishing up and Evans Waterline Replacement Project is scheduled to begin soon.

Mr. Burch stated SCOP applications are due March 30, 2018. Mr. Burch suggested having a priority list of roadways by the next Council Meeting in order to get the applications in early. Mayor Shoemake stated paving will be discussed later in Council Meeting. Mrs. Hall stated this SCOP funding cycle is for 2020. Mr. Burch stated it would be best to prioritize what Council would want for the SCOP funding when the road list is compiled. Mr. Burch stated the State shares a decently small portion of money.

Mayor Shoemake asked Mr. Burch for an update on the M & B Train Project. Mr. Burch stated that project should come open in the Spring. Mr. Burch stated he has not received information regarding the exact application window at this time.

Councilman Jackson asked Mr. Burch for an update regarding the sidewalks on River Street. Mr. Burch stated the county has applied and are waiting for a response on funding the project. Mr. Burch stated the City has done everything needed for the project and is now waiting on DEP. Mr. Burch stated he will check on a possible information release date and keep Council updated.

The first item of new business was Mr. Steve Bailey. Mr. Bailey was absent.

Next in new business was the 2nd and Final Reading of Ordinance 2017-08 Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana. Attorney Carter read Ordinance 2017-08 Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana. Councilman Jackson made a motion to approve the 2nd and Final reading of Ordinance 2017-08 Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana. Councilwoman Blackburn 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 congratulated and welcomed Mrs. Mert Stephens to the City Council. Chief Mallory thanked Council for reappointing him as Police Chief. Chief Mallory stated he had hoped to have more information on the new animal shelter but he had not been able to do so. Mrs. Hall stated she had spoken with Mr. Phillip McMillian on that day and he is waiting for the insurance policy once that information is gathered the City may proceed with the new animal shelter project.

Mayor Shoemake asked Chief Mallory for an update regarding the Blountstown Police Department assisting the town of Altha with animal control. Attorney Carter stated Blountstown and Altha have agreed to the town of Altha's proposal. We are currently waiting on a signed document to make it official. Chief Mallory stated he is extremely satisfied with the new dog catcher and the job he is doing in the City.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated she has visited the Schools and the Resource Officers are doing a good job as well. Chief Mallory stated he has received a tremendous amount of great feedback from the School Staff regarding the School Resource Officers.

Mayor Shoemake stated the School Resource Officer on duty signs look great at the Schools. Chief Mallory stated all signs should be up at all schools now.

Fire Chief Hall provided the Council with a Code Enforcement update. Chief Hall stated he had expected a phone call referring to the demolition properties on River Street. Chief Hall stated he did not receive that call. A title search will have to be completed for a few of the properties. The extension will expire on the January 15th at noon. Chief Hall stated he and Mr. Jackson Summers will schedule a hearing for these properties.

Chief Hall stated the Jeffrey Street property will be going to hearing and the Johnson Street property owner was served.

Councilwoman Blackburn thanked Chief Hall for the great job he is doing with Code Enforcement.

Public Works Director, Jeremy Norris provided Council with an update. Mr. Norris stated he has received a quote of $3,600.00 each for the dual blinker sign system that is recommended by DOT for the proposed School Zone on Charlie Johns Street and Pennington Avenue. Mr. Norris stated DOT's recommendation is to have 3 dual blinker signs in this School Zone. Mr. Norris stated DOT has recommended there be a dual blinker sign on each end of Charlie Johns Street and on the end of Pennington Avenue coming into the School Zone. Mr. Norris stated the total for 3 dual blinker signs would cost the City $10,694.85. Mr. Norris stated the City has the option to put School Zone signs without the dual blinker system if the City chooses to do so. Councilwoman Blackburn asked Mr. Norris how much the City would have to pay for just the School Zone signs without the dual blinker system. Mr. Norris stated he has not received a price on the signs without the dual blinker system at this time. Mr. Norris stated to have 6 School Zone reflective markings on the road will cost the City $3,402.00. Mayor Shoemake asked Mr. Norris if the proposed School Zone require the dual blinker sign system and the reflective markings on the road. Mrs. Hall stated it is not required to have anything if it is not a state road. Mayor

Shoemake stated for the City to put School Zone signs up for now and revisit the dual blinker sign system and reflective road markings at a later date. Mr. Norris stated the City could put School Zone signs up and drop the speed limit to 15 mph on Charlie Johns Street. Councilwoman Blackburn stated she feels anything would help the area. Mr. Norris stated he would check with DOT to see if they have any used signs the City could purchase. Mayor Shoemake asked Mr. Norris to check on those items and keep Council updated.

Mr. Norris stated Gulf Coast Underground has estimated to be in Blountstown to work on the 9 manholes by January 31st. Councilwoman Blackburn asked Mr. Norris if Gulf Coast Underground is going to complete all 9 manholes. Mr. Norris stated Gulf Coast Underground has allotted time to complete all 9 manholes in the City.

Mr. Norris stated the street lamp in memory of Mrs. Brenda Seay is up. Councilwoman Blackburn thanked Mr. Norris.

Mr. Norris stated the old garbage truck is currently on Gov Deals website for sale.

Mr. Norris stated the new dump truck has come in. The City currently has the old dump truck. Mr. Norris requested how to proceed to sell the old dump truck. After discussion, it was decided the old dump truck will go on "Chicken Corner" for sale in the amount of $1500.00.

Mr. Norris stated the City has budgeted $120,000.00 for a new electric truck. Mr. Norris stated there have been changes in the contract price and the new electric truck has gone up to $131,301.00. After discussion, it was decided Mr. Norris will check into a used electric truck and bring information to next Council meeting.

Councilman Griffin requested an update on the waterline. Mr. Norris stated he has planned to resume work on the waterline Wednesday.

Mayor Shoemake requested for Mr. Norris to make sure when one of the gates are closed at the dam the other gate be closed as well.

Mrs. Hall provided Council with an update. Mrs. Hall thanked Council for reappointing her City Manager.

At the last Council meeting Mrs. Hall was asked to speak to Bay Ford about the lot on the opposite side of their current office for an exit roadway from City Hall. Mrs. Hall stated she has spoken with the manager at Bay Ford, who is in contact with Mr. Gainer the owner of Bay Ford. Mr. Gainer has offered to sell the Bay Ford property that consists of Corner Bay Ford lot, current office location (old grocery store) and vacant lot on far side of office to the City in exchange for $300,000.00 and "Chicken Corner". After discussion, Councilman Griffin made a motion to counter offer $250,000.00 and "Chicken Corner" to Mr. Gainer in exchange for the Bay Ford property. Councilman Jackson seconded motion. Motion passed.

Mrs. Hall stated FDP has given an extension on the consent order, August 31, 2020 is the new deadline for construction to be complete.

Mrs. Hall stated Gulf Power has completed the upgrades they needed and has opted to wait until the Spring to do the transmission work.

Mrs. Hall reminded Council, Monday, January 15th, the Martin Luther King March will begin at 9am at "Chicken Corner".

Mrs. Hall stated there has been an issue of homeowners not having their address posted on their homes in the City. After discussion, It was determined this falls under Code Enforcement. Chief Hall stated he would look into the matter and bring information to the next Council meeting.

Mayor Shoemake closed City Staff Reports.

Mayor Shoemake opened for Councilmember Comments.

Councilwoman Stephens thanked everyone and stated when Mr. Norris had time she would like for him to show her around the City.

Councilman Griffin stated he had a few questions about the bills. After discussion, Mrs. Hall answered Councilman Griffin's questions about the bills.

Councilwoman Blackburn stated she would like to welcome Councilwoman Stephens to the City Council.

Councilman Jackson had none.

Mayor Shoemake stated the School Board has asked to put advertising on the outside of the High School Football Wall on Charlie Johns Street. The School Board also stated they would paint it to look nice. After discussion the Council felt that would be a great addition to the City.

Mayor Shoemake requested the Council schedule a Paving and Christmas Décor Workshop. Mayor Shoemake requested the Paving and Christmas Décor Workshop be on Tuesday January 16, 2018 at 4:00pm in the Council Meeting Room. Council agreed.

There being no further business Councilman Griffin made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mayor Shoemake adjourned the meeting at 6:11 P.M.

BY: Tony Shoemake
Tony Shoemake, Mayor

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