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Special Called Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall
480 West First Street
September 26, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Donna Whitener
Council Members Angie Arp, Harold Herndon,
Rhonda Thomas
City Clerk Kelsey Ledford

Absent: Council Members Rodney Kendal,
Bruce Pack

- 1) Call Meeting to Order:
Council Member Angie Arp made a motion to call the meeting to order. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rhonda Thomas. The Council voted 3-0. Motion carried.
- 2) Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:
Elaine Owens offered a word of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Council Meeting Rules of Procedures:
Mayor Donna Whitener stated that the rules of procedures were available at the Council desk.
- 4) 2017 Millage Rate Ordinance (Second Reading and Adoption):
Mayor Donna Whitener read the first paragraph of the 2017 Millage Rate Ordinance. Council Member Rhonda Thomas made a motion to accept the second reading. The motion was seconded by Council Member Angie Arp. The Council voted 3-0. Motion carried. Council Member Rhonda Thomas made a motion to adopt the 2017 Millage Rate Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harold Herndon. The Council voted 3-0. Motion carried.
- 5) 2018 Budget Hearing (First Hearing):
The Mayor and Council briefly discussed planned expenses for 2018 and the budget. No public comments were received.
- 6) Farmer's Market Parking:
Council Member Rhonda Thomas discussed revitalizing the Farmer's Market to be an event type center that would hold concerts and similar events. She also discussed the Farmer's Market being turned into a parking area where the new shuttle bus could pick up and drop off visitors. The allotted time limit expired. Council Member Rhonda Thomas made a motion to allow for

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additional time for discussion. The motion was seconded by Council Member Angie Arp. The Council voted 3-0. Motion carried. Council Member Angie Arp agreed with Council Member Rhonda Thomas and stated that the City needs to utilize all of its property. Mayor Donna Whitener would like to see vendors at the Farmer's Market. Council Member Rhonda Thomas stated that she would look into the type of insurance that would be needed. Council Member Rhonda Thomas made a motion to proceed with parking at the Farmer's Market and to proceed with doing an amendment to the Electric Shuttle Bus Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Angie Arp. The Council voted 3-0. Motion carried.

7) Streets and Park:


Council Member Angie Arp discussed the fact that the City is waiting on some quotes for street work from Johnson Paving. She mentioned that a playground is needed at the pool. She finished by saying that she will work on bringing back some quotes for the Council to look at.

8) Adjournment:

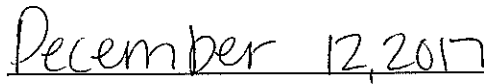
Council Member Rhonda Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harold Herndon. The Council voted 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.



Mayor Donna Whitener



City Clerk Kelsey Ledford



Approved