#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro tem Brenda Thompson administered the oath of office to Spencer Knight, James Bratcher and Bill Spann as follows: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of (mayor) (councilmember) of the City of Rutledge and that I will support and defend the charter thereof as well as the constitution and laws of the state of Georgia and the United States of America."

Mayor Spencer Knight called to order the regular meeting of the Rutledge City council on the above date. Council members James Bratcher, Tom Strott, Brenda Thompson and Bill Spann were present as were members of the public.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Bill Spann made motion that the minutes of the December 21, 2009 meeting be approved as submitted. James Bratcher seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Debbie Rutherford gave an update on the checking account and utility billing balances.

# BUSINESS LICENSE-EVALUATION MGMT GROUP, LLC - RIP MALCOM

Rip Malcolm addressed the council and stated that this was a company that did quality control on appraisals for banks. He said that it was a web based company and would only employ three or four people. He said the hours would be from 8AM to 5PM. Brenda Thompson made motion to approve the business license for Evaluation Mgmt Group, LLC.

James Bratcher seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

#### **WEBSITE – JOHN PISELLO**

John Pisello addressed the council and showed them with his laptop what the new website would be like. He stated that it is a content management system and is free. He said that we would have to copy and paste the meeting minutes.

A CMS is a software application that stores content and then displays that content in a particular format.

Joomla is designed to display the content it stores as web pages.

The content can be organized into sections and categories.

He stated that all the information was listed in the proposal to convert the city website. (Proposal Attached).

Tom Strott made motion to accept the proposal from John Pisello to convert the City of Rutledge web site.

James Bratcher seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

#### **GAZEBO QUOTES**

Mayor Knight advised that the deadline for the gazebo quotes would be February 12<sup>th</sup> and they would be opened at the next regular council meeting which will be February 15 th

at 7:00PM.

#### SHERIFFS DEPT PERMIT / EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Mayor Knight advised that the sheriffs' department had sent him a letter stating they would like to buy the shotgun and glock for \$400.00. He said they would also like to use our radar and laser unit. (Letter attached to minutes). Bill Spann made motion to accept the proposal from Sheriff Markley for \$400.00 and the use of the radar and laser.

Brenda Thompson seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

#### **RUTLEDGE COUNTRY FAIR**

Mayor Knight advised the council that Mike Hughes had sent a flyer for the country fair scheduled for May 15, 2010. He stated that the proceeds would go to Helping Hands Ministry.

#### PARKING LOT UPDATE

Mayor Knight advised that there was no update at this time.

# **MEETING ADJOURNED.**