CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Knight called to order the regular meeting of the Rutledge city council on the above date.

Council members Brenda Thompson, Tom Strott, Bill Spann and James Bratcher were present as were members of the public.

MINUTES

Bill Spann made motion that the minutes of the June 21, 2010 be approved as submitted. Jam es Bratcher seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mayor Knight advised the council that there had not been any changes to the budget since the public hearing on July 12th. Debbie Rutherford recommended that the $17557.03 that had not yet been allocated in the general fund be used to increase the transfer amount in revenues for water/sewer and then be allocated out in expenses for water/sewer repairs and maintenance.

Mayor Knight asked if there was any public comment.

There was none.

Tom Strott made motion to approve the resolution to adopt the City of Rutledge fiscal year 2010/2011 budget with the change discussed.

Brenda Thompson seconded all voted in favor and motion carried.

BUSINESS LICENSE - NATIONAL FOAM & EQUIPMENT

Marty and Andy McClure were present and stated the business would be customizing trailers for installing insulation. Marty McClure said they hope to eventually have five employees. Brenda Thompson made motion to approve National Foam & Equipment business license.

Tom Strott seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

GEORGE ALEXANDER – FAIRPLAY SPEED BUMPS

George Alexander addressed the council about the amount of cars and the speeding on Fairplay Street. He stated that it is dangerous because of the apartments and so many children in the area. Mayor Knight explained that the city would be looking into getting some mobile speed bumps that could be moved around. Deputy Mark Williams was present from the Morgan County Sheriffs department and stated they were in the process of getting their permit approved to shoot radar in Rutledge.

He said hopefully it will be approved by Friday.

Mayor Knight said and then there will be two things we can do and that is get the speed bumps and start issuing speeding tickets.

LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT – RECREATION PARK

Mayor Knight advised the council that 52 pre-applications were turned in for the state of Georgia. A total of 14 were picked and Rutledge was one of them. He said one million dollars has been set aside for Georgia and it looks like if we fill out the formal application we are almost sure to get the grant of $62,400.00.

He said we need to hold off pouring the concrete until we get more information as to whether we

can use that as part of our match if we were to do it before the grant process is finalized.

TREE RECOMMENDATION – BERYL BUDD, COMMUNITY FORESTER

Mayor Knight advised that we had contacted the community forester, Beryl Budd to look at the tree across from city hall. He said that his recommendation was to take the tree down. He advised the council that we had a price of $1100.00 to take it down but he wanted to talk to the railroad to see if they might help since it is technically on their property.

Tom Strott made motion to approve the $1100.00 expenditure for the tree removal provided that there are no other options available.

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

PURCHASE OF WEATHER VANE FOR GAZEBO

Brenda Thompson stated that she had spoke with Pam Jones and she had sent her a magazine with weather vanes. She said the big one is $495.00 and one that is a little smaller for $395.00.

Tom Strott said the shiny copper is going to turn.

Brenda stated she would get the book from Pam so they could look at the color picture.

INFORMATION ON CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Tom Strott stated that the city needs to be recycling. Mayor Knight advised that every household would have to have it and it is an additional $7.00 per month.

Brenda Thompson stated she would get with Linda Thoman and have her come speak at the next council meeting.

MUNICIPAL CODE – RUTLEDGE ORDINANCE

Debbie Rutherford advised that she had sent the last ordinance that had been changed to Municipal Code. She said they are waiting for us to send the proofs back. She stated that she would get them sent in by the end of July and the project would be finished.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tom Strott made motion to exit regular session for the purpose of entering executive session to discuss personnel. Brenda Thompson seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried. Tom Strott made motion to exit executive session to enter regular session.

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

Meeting Adjourned.