CALL TO ORDER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brenda Thompson made motion that the minutes of the November 15, 2010 meeting be approved as submitted. Bill Spann seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

BUSINESS LICENSE APPROVAL – KEN STEVENS

Mayor Knight advised the council that Mr. Stevens had added a second business called Easy Building Products. He stated that it was much like the existing business of Georgia Roof and Panels with metal building products. He said it is allowed. James Bratcher made motion to approve the business license application from Ken Stevens for Easy Building Products. Bill Spann seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

RICK BROWN MORGAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Rick Brown addressed the council and introduced himself as the interim CEO of the Morgan County hospital. He said he had been there two and one half months. He advised the council that he would like to come back to another meeting the first of the year and see what expectations people had as far as the hospital.

He said we want to get some input and information from the citizens.

He said we would like to be a better neighbor.

Mayor Knight invited him to come to the January 18th meeting.

ALCOHOL LICENSE APPROVALS

Mayor Knight advised the council that it was time for the stores to renew their alcohol license. He said the ordinance does not allow renewals and a new application has to be submitted each year with fingerprints.

He advised that each application had a checklist with the documents that had been received.

The license submitted for approval is Rutledge Liquor, Rutledge Supermarket, Yesterday's Café and Park and Shop.

He said that most all the paperwork had been turned in.

Brenda Thompson made motion to approve all the alcohol license with the stipulation that all the paperwork is turned in before the license is printed and issued by the clerk.

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

Brenda Thompson made motion to allow the city clerk to consult with the city attorney in regards to amending the alcohol ordinance to allow for renewal applications.

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

OUTDOOR WATERING ORDINANCE – 1ST READING

Mayor Knight advised that all cities are required to adopt the Outdoor Landscape Watering Ordinance by January 1st. Brenda Thompson made motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance to amend section 42-47 of chapter 42 entitled "Sprinkling restrictions" by deletion of said section in its entirety; to replace said section with a new section 42-27 entitled "Outdoor Watering of Landscape"; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. Bill Spann seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

APPROVAL FOR TIRES – KUBOTA

Mayor Knight advised that the tractor needed new tires and said that they will probably be over the spending limit of $500.00. Brenda Thompson made motion to approve the purchase of tires for the Kubota. James Bratcher seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

CUT IN VALVE NEWBORN ROAD QUOTE

Mayor Knight informed the council that there are several areas in the city that needs cut off valves. He said we had a water main break on Newborn Road. He stated that a large area had to be cut off because there was not a valve on Newborn.

He said he has instructed Chad to find out the areas we need them.

He advised that the cost would be around $1500.00.

ROAD STRIPING QUOTES

Mayor Knight advised that we had two quotes for the road striping. He said the thermo paint is $41,000.00 and regular traffic paint is $16,500.00.

Debbie Rutherford stated that there had been several complaints about Newborn Road at night.

Mayor Knight stated that we needed more quotes and the city would put out bids that would include downtown, East and West Dixie and Newborn Road.

Debbie Rutherford informed the council that there had been several complaints about the speed bump signs being too small.

JANUARY MEETING DATE CHANGE

James Bratcher made motion to change the January 17, 2011 meeting date to January 18, 2011 due to the Martin Luther King holiday. Brenda Thompson seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried. Debbie Rutherford stated that she would run an ad in the Morgan County paper of the date change.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Bill Spann seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

Brenda Thompson made motion to approve a rate increase for Chad Whitley due to the successful completion of his probationary period. Bill Spann seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

One legal matter concerning litigation was discussed, no action taken.

Meeting Adjourned.