CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

ADOPTION OF REVISED EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE

Morgan county building inspector Chuck Jarrell addressed the council and advised that the state had changed OCGA 12.7-8 and requires local authorities to adopt the new ordinance within 12 months from the change of the act. He said you have until July 1, 2010. He said it was last updated July 2004.

He advised that the areas he had highlighted in green were changes from the current ordinance and the areas highlighted in yellow are fill in the blanks.

He stated that all jurisdictions are supposed to adopt this ordinance.

Tom Strott made motion to adopt the Revised Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance.

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

CONDEMNATION – 130 W. MAIN STREET

Building inspector Chuck Jarrell stated that this had been an ongoing situation since 2000. May or Knight stated he had talked to Mr. Bessemer on several occasions.

Chuck Jarrell stated that the repairs would well exceed the value of the house.

(Attached to minutes unfit structure inspection letter).

Chuck said that the walls of the home are questionable, the tarps are allowing water infiltration and there is a pile of debris in the back.

He said this is a misdemeanor even if it is vacant.

If you see fit to move forward Mr. Bessemer will be sent a certified letter. He said that the municipal court judge for the City would be the mediator for this case.

Tom Strott asked when we condemn the property what happens.

Chuck said there will be a court hearing and the owner will be given the opportunity to make repairs.

If the repairs cannot be made it must be torn down or demolished.

If he does not then the city can do as they see fit and lean the property.

Mayor Knight said we just send it to the attorney he has had plenty of chances.

Tom Strott made motion to proceed with the steps to condemn the property at 130 W. Main Street.

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

SKATE PARK BIDS

Mayor Knight advised the council that we would not be opening the bids until we advertised the job in the paper. He said the bids would be opened at the next council meeting on May 14th. Tom Strott said that he had asked Teddy Hogan to come to the meeting.

He said that he has to find a site to do an internship for landscaping.

He said that maybe Teddy could come up with a master plan and present to them at the end of the year.

Tom said we need site elevations for drainage.

Mayor Knight stated that he would call Marty with Carter and Sloope and talk to them.

Debbie Rutherford advised that Marty had called about a pre application for a grant from Department of Natural Resources for recreation parks.

He said he would donate three hours of his time to help the city fill out the application for the grant.

The mayor and council agreed to let the city engineer fill out the pre-application for the recreation park grant.

BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION

The city clerk advised the council that three amendments need to be made in repairs & maintenance buildings, elections and recreation and parks (budget amendment resolution attached to minutes). Tom Strott made motion to approve the Budget Amendment Resolution. Bill Spann seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

DEMETRIS GEDDIS INFORMATION ON PROPOSAL SUBMITTED

Mr. Geddis thanked the mayor and council for their letter of support for the broadband infrastructure grant. He stated that he will not know anything until the fall. He said it would be a challenge. He said he asked for a 80/20 grant.

He advised that he justified that by population density and other non rural areas. He said this is the final round and they are supposed to have everything awarded by September.

APPROVAL FOR PURCHASING CARD

Mayor Knight advised that this is a purchasing card through the state and we would ask for a $2500.00 credit limit. He stated that there are no fees involved with the state purchasing card. Tom Strott made motion to approve the state P-Card with a purchasing limit of $2500.00.

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

BUSINESS LICENSE APPROVAL – CROSSROADS ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Mayor Knight advised the council that an antique store was opening in Keith's old building at 124 Fairplay Street. He stated it is a permitted use in that district. Brenda Thompson made motion to approve the business license for Kelly Brennan for Crossroads Antiques & Collectibles. James Bratcher seconded, all voted in favor and motion carried.

INSURANCE BUSINESS LICENSE FEE

Mayor Knight informed the council that we could not raise the business license fees for the insurance companies. He said it is set by the state according to population and we can only

charge $15.00.

LIGHT FIXTURES AND LANDSCAPING FOR PARK

Tom Strott stated the quote for the fan and light fixtures for the gazebo was $434.31.

The council agreed to purchase the lights and fan from Lights of Oconee for $434.31. Tom Strott stated he would go ahead and place the order.

Tom Strott stated that the wheelchair ramp would be all we finish now and we would get together and let Teddy Hogan do a landscape plan for the entire park.

MEETING ADJOURNED.