

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE VALDOSTA CITY COUNCIL
5:30 P.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2010
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor John Fretti called the regular meeting of the Valdosta City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were: Sonny Vickers, Tim Carroll, Deidra White, Robert Yost, and James Wright. Councilman Alvin Payton, Jr. was absent. The invocation was given by Pastor George Boston Rhynes, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Mayor Fretti recognized Moody Air Force Base Command Chief Paul Burgess who will be retiring from the U. S. Air Force in the near future and will be remaining in our community.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Fretti entertained a motion for Awards and Presentations.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Vickers, was unanimously adopted (5-0) for the October Awards and Presentations.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION FOR SERGEANT MARCUS HAYNES, NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Special Presentation for Sergeant Marcus Haynes, National Firefighter of the Year.

Mayor Fretti stated that City of Valdosta Firefighter, Sergeant Marcus Haynes, was honored as the National Firefighter of the Year by the American Legion at their annual National Convention held on September 1, 2010 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mayor Fretti asked Fire Chief J. D. Rice to provide some background information on Sergeant Haynes. Fire Chief J. D. Rice stated that last year he received a letter from the local American Legion which stated that they wanted to honor not only fire service at their National Convention this year but they also wanted to include Firefighters. The City of Valdosta's Fire Department submitted the name of Sergeant Marcus Haynes, who was named Firefighter of the Year for the City of Valdosta earlier this year. Sergeant Haynes was selected as the American Legion's Firefighter of the Year for the Southeast Region and was then selected as the inaugural recipient of the prestigious National Award. Mayor Fretti presented Sergeant Haynes with a Certificate of Recognition for being named as the American Legion's National Firefighter of the Year and for his outstanding community service, professional achievements, and his role in helping to safeguard life and property.

PRESENTATION OF THE OCTOBER, 2010 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD

Mayor Fretti presented the October, 2010 Employee of the Month Award to Mark Coppage, Public Works Department.

Mark Coppage began his employment with the City of Valdosta in June, 2003 as a Groundskeeper in the Parks and Recreation Department. In July, 2008, he assumed the position of Crewleader at the Sunset Hill Cemetery which is the position he currently holds. Mr. Coppage supervises all personnel performing maintenance and upkeep of the Cemetery including a prison work detail. He is also responsible for assuring all equipment is in working order and available for use in maintenance work and during funeral proceedings. During his tenure as Crewleader, Mr. Coppage has been instrumental in making numerous improvements at the cemetery which have greatly improved its appearance. He supervised the clearing and landscaping of the northeast corner along Oak Street and installed a beautiful flower bed that many citizens have commented on. He also researched a new method to seed gravesites by using a hydroseeder. This method not only saves money and hundreds of manhours, but allows seeding year round instead of twice a year as was done previously. His landscaping experience has also been instrumental in the development of a plan to systematically trim all of the trees and shrubs throughout the entire cemetery. Mr. Coppage's dedication to his job and perseverance in completing these improvements have benefited the families visiting the cemetery and they have been comforted knowing their loved ones' resting place is being cared for with concern. For these reasons and many others, the Employee Relations Committee nominated Mark Coppage as Employee of the Month.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY MICHAEL JETTER, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JAMES H. RAINWATER CONFERENCE CENTER

Michael Jetter, Interim Executive Director of the James H. Rainwater Conference Center, stated that he represented Valdosta and Lowndes County at a special presentation to designate 16 counties in Georgia as the First Camera Ready Communities in Georgia to assist the film industry in finding the right sites for production of films, commercials, and television programs. The Georgia Department of Economic Development has been working very hard to attract new industry to the State through the film industry. Rhonda Barnes, Lowndes County Administration, and Ruby Riesinger, City of Valdosta, compiled photographs of our City and County that would make good sites for movie scenes and these photographs were sent to Atlanta where they were compiled and shown to producers and directors. The Georgia Film Music and Digital Entertainment Office made the selection and this designation helps to create a liaison between Lowndes County and the State. The other counties included Walker, Floyd, Hall, DeKalb, Fulton, Coweta, Carroll, Newton, Morgan, Wilkes, Emmanuel, Bibb, Houston, Chatham, and Daugherty. Mr. Jetter was presented with a plaque designating Lowndes County as a Camera Ready Community which will be displayed at the Conference Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 23, 2010 Regular Meeting were approved by unanimous consent (6-0) of the Council.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Nolan Cox, 1009 Cherry Creek Drive, stated that he was not sure what Council's plans were regarding the Gateway Project but he had heard that there would be some work done on the gateways or that Council would vote on it tonight. Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that there was an Agenda Item for applying for a Georgia Department of Transportation Grant for improvement of our "Welcome to Valdosta" signs and the associated landscaping for those signs. Mr. Cox inquired as to what that would cost. Larry Hanson stated that the 100% Grant was for \$50,000. Mr. Cox stated that when the City goes for a Grant then they are going for his tax money. He pays State and Federal taxes and he is paying your salaries and expenses. He did not want to see his tax money spent on non-essential items. There are signs on the Interstate and if the City does landscaping then there will have to be maintenance which is a continuing expense. Mr. Cox encouraged Council to stop spending money that is not essential. Mr. Cox stated that he laid off his first employee on Monday since the recession hit and the thing that bothers him is that it doesn't seem to be making a connection between what the taxpayers want and what the Council is going to do. Council needs to cut back because we are still in a recession and it is not going to get any better any time soon. Mr. Cox asked that Council abandon this project and when the City has the money then they should consider it. Beautification is not a high profile item for essential government and he would like his money spent on police, fire, sewage, and traffic which are the essentials that we need.

Diane Cox, 1009 Cherry Creek Drive, stated that Americans are fed up with wasteful government spending and the deliberate waste of taxpayer money on City travel expenses. A bloated bureaucracy and frivolous landscaping schemes are what brought some of the concerned citizens to the Council Meeting tonight. City government is traveling around chasing government Grant money and dreaming up schemes to spend more money. This free Grant money that you are pilfering is coming from a State government that had to cut 25% this year and a Federal government that is \$14 trillion in debt. Your actions, by chasing this Grant money, are destroying the financial future of all our children. The goals of the Tea Party Movement across this nation are fiscal responsibility and constitutionally limited government. The local Tea Party would like for Council to repeal the recent Land Use Regulations that stifle business and property rights, repeal the Urban Redevelopment Act that Council passed just two months ago that uses eminent domain to take property for public use and resale without a referendum, and stop letting Regional Planners and so called authorities of unelected people make decisions on how the citizens' tax money is spent. Ms. Cox stated that the Georgia Urban Redevelopment Act, which was passed in August, 2010, is a 36-page Act and she had a one page summary. Ms. Cox inquired as to whether any Council members read the 36 pages before they voted to pass that Act. George Talley, City Attorney, stated that the Act was passed by the Legislature. Ms. Cox stated that it had to be adopted by a city if they wanted to do it. George Talley stated that they adopted provisions to comply with the Act. Mayor Fretti stated that Citizens to be Heard was not for a debate and a lot of these questions could be asked with a telephone call to any of the Council members or the City Manager either before or after the Council Meeting. Ms. Cox stated that this Act relates to eminent domain and condemning property without a referendum and she had a one page summary if anyone wanted to read it.

George Boston Rhynes, 5004 Oak Drive, stated that the Valdosta Daily Times has a picture on the front page of a young man who wore a Valdosta Wildcats shirt to Lowndes High School. Mr. Rhynes has been before Council on behalf of a Caucasian young lady who had her teeth knocked out and two gauges on her legs. Her injuries could have been equally published in the Valdosta Daily Times, television, or radio so that people in this community would have known about her. Mr. Rhynes stated that he believes in open government and the news media has a responsibility to keep the people of our community informed. He was listening to Radio Station 105.9 this morning and Council was very well represented concerning how the tax dollars were being spent. This was on a conservative station and this should be televised so that everyone can see what is going on. Mr. Rhynes stated that he would like for that to be a part of the next election coming up for those people who choose not to notify all the people of what is going on in the community.

Evelyn Smith, 307 South Street, stated that she has been a citizen of Valdosta and Lowndes County for the past 73 years and she was concerned about a problem with her City Council representative. On July 21, 2010, a letter concerning their community block party which they hold every year on the third Saturday in October was sent to Councilwoman White. Ms. Smith stated that they have not received an answer from Councilwoman White and she has not returned their telephone calls. Ms. Smith called Councilwoman White again on the September 29th to set up a meeting to discuss the event. Councilwoman White told Ms. Smith that she had not received the letter that was sent to the City's address and that anyone could have gotten the letter such as a child, a janitor, or anybody else. Ms. Smith stated that if that was her attitude that was not right because all they wanted to do was to ask her to help them with the event. Councilwoman White did call Ms. Smith back one time and she was getting ready to come to the meeting on Tuesday. Ms. Smith called her back to make an appointment to meet with her on Monday at 5:30 p.m. and Councilwoman White has not returned her call as of today. Ms. Smith stated that they have sent three letters to Councilwoman White and inquired as to what they could do. Ms. Smith stated that Councilwoman White has said that she does not have time for them because she is only in the office three days a month and Ms. Smith asked her if that meant she did not have time for them. Councilwoman White told her that she had three jobs. Ms. Smith stated that if Councilwoman White could not handle the job then she needs to give it up. Mayor Fretti thanked Ms. Smith for her comments. Ms. Smith stated that she would like to know if Councilwoman White was going to participate in their event. Councilman Vickers stated that he received a letter and he would be in attendance at the event. Mayor Fretti noted that if Councilwoman White wanted to reply she would need to address Council either now or at the end of Citizens to be Heard. Councilwoman White stated that she would wait.

George Boston Rhynes, 5004 Oak Drive, stated that a few years ago he mentioned that it would be nice to have the District numbers added to the name plates of the Council members and asked for Council's consideration in having that done.

Sandra Tooley, 6047 Old State Road, Naylor, Georgia, stated that she was born and raised on the south side of town on South Street. She has a community care house in that area and is trying to bring back some life to the south side of town. They are trying to promote positive attitudes and established a community area where they meet to help each other. Each year when they have the Community Block Party they invite the Council members so that they are aware of the event. They have even had the Mayor present a proclamation one year. They were trying to follow suit and continue with the event as they had done in the past but they felt like they were being brushed aside like they did not matter. That is one reason why some members of the south side got together to speak with their City Council representative. When Councilwoman White did not respond they did not know what else to do. Ms. Tooley stated that they are trying to do some positive things and when they give they ask that you give back. Some of the people did not know Councilwoman White and they wanted to give her an opportunity to come out and talk with the people in that area. This would be a good opportunity for Councilwoman White to come out and let the people know what could be done to help them and vice versa.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-31, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VALDOSTA LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE

Consideration of a request to rezone two parcels totaling 1.5 acres from Two-Family Residential (DR-10) to Office-Professional (O-P) as requested by First Christian Church (File No. VA-2010-13). The property is

located at 1905 North Patterson Street. The Planning Commission reviewed this at their September 27, 2010 Regular Meeting and recommended approval (10-0 vote).

Matt Martin, Interim Planning and Zoning Administrator, stated that First Christian Church is requesting to rezone two parcels totaling 1.5 acres from Two-Family Residential (DR-10) to Office-Professional (O-P). The property contains an existing church and the applicant is proposing a 1,300-foot expansion to their Fellowship Hall. The property is located within a Transitional Neighborhood Character Area on the Future Development Map of the Comprehensive Plan and is also located within the local Historic District. The existing use is non-conforming since the church never received the required Special Exception approval under DR-10 zoning, and the expansion of the building cannot take place unless the church either receives a Special Exception approval or it is rezoned to a permissible district. Since the City's DR-10 zoning is a remnant of the old Zoning Ordinance and is not recognized in the Land Development Regulations (LDR), the applicant is seeking rezoning to O-P zoning which allows churches as a permitted use. All of the properties along this area of North Patterson are already zoned O-P or R-P. Both of these are supported by the Transitional Neighborhood Character Area and both allow churches as a permitted use; however the main difference between them is that O-P offers a slightly wider range of professional office type uses and it does not allow the wide range of residential uses found in R-P. The proposed building expansion is planned to keep the same appearance and character as the existing buildings, and it will comply with all relevant requirements of the LDR. This property is located in the City's local Historic District, and the proposed building expansion has already received approval from the Historic Preservation Commission. Staff found the request consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Standards for the Exercise of Zoning Power (SFEZP) and recommended approval. The Planning Commission reviewed this at their September 27, 2010 meeting, found it consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the SFEZP, and recommended approval (10-0 vote).

Wayne Alexander, 1127 North Lakeshore Drive, and Trey Sherwood, spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Alexander stated that he is the Property Chairman of First Christian Church and they would like to add approximately 1,300 feet to the front of the Fellowship Hall which will bring it even with the Sanctuary. Mr. Alexander asked Council's consideration in approving the request.

No one spoke in opposition to the request.

A MOTION by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Yost, was unanimously adopted (5-0) to enact Ordinance No. 2010-31, an Ordinance to rezone two parcels totaling 1.5 acres from Two-Family Residential (DR-10) to Office-Professional (O-P) as requested by First Christian Church, the complete text of which will be found in Ordinance Book XII.

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT MAP TABLED

Consideration of a request to amend the Comprehensive Plan's Future Development Map as requested by the City of Valdosta (File No. VA-2010-14). The Planning Commission reviewed this request at their September 27, 2010 Regular Meeting and recommended tabling for one month with re-advertisement (10-0 vote).

Matt Martin, Interim Planning and Zoning Administrator, stated that in February, 2010, the City Council amended the Character Area boundaries in several areas on the Comprehensive Plan's Future Development Map. This map is very important in that it sets the overall policy for land use patterns within the City, and by law, we look at the possibility of amending this twice per year. Since the last set of Map amendments in February, Staff has identified several more areas on the Map that need examination and possible amendment; however, this is not a process that should be rushed and both Staff and the Planning Commission are requesting one additional month for further review and discussion, and also to allow direct input from the City's elected officials in preparing the final draft changes. This item has already been advertised for public hearing on October 7, 2010 and it will require tabling for one month with re-advertisement. Staff recommended tabling for one month to allow for re-advertisement. The Planning Commission reviewed this at their September 27, 2010 meeting and recommended tabling for one month with re-advertisement (10-0 vote).

No one spoke in favor of the request.

No one spoke in opposition to the request.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Yost, seconded by Councilman Wright, was unanimously adopted (5-0) to table the request to amend the Comprehensive Plan's Future Development Map as requested by the City of Valdosta for one month with re-advertisement.

A REQUEST TO NAME AN ALLEY BETWEEN GEORGIA AVENUE AND NEWBERN STREET

Consideration of a request to name an alley between Georgia Avenue and Newbern Street.

Kevin Tolliver, Interim City Engineer, stated that a citizen has complained that there is confusion for emergency responders and others due to the fact that the alley running in a northwestern direction between West Park Avenue and Clyde Avenue does not have a name. Section 4-1005 of the City Ordinance states that 60% of the property owners and/or residents abutting this alley must be in agreement with the petition to name or change the name of the alley. Each citizen was contacted by mail regarding this request and the Engineering Department received a petition on Friday, September 24, 2010 which was signed by 60% of the owners requesting that the alley be named Lois Lane. A Public Notice was published the required number of times in the newspaper. Kevin Tolliver recommended that Council approve the request to name the alley Lois Lane.

No one spoke in favor of the request.

No one spoke in opposition to the request.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Wright, was unanimously adopted (5-0) to name the alley, which runs between Georgia Avenue and Newbern Street, Lois Lane.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-15, A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR THE GEORGIA TRANSPORTATION
ENHANCEMENT GATEWAY GRANT PROGRAM**

Consideration of a Resolution to apply for the Georgia Transportation Enhancement GATEway Grant Program.

Mara Register, Assistant to the City Manager, stated that the Georgia Transportation Enhancement GATEway Grant Program is being proposed for approximately \$50,000 in order to improve and refurbish five existing gateways. The locations of the gateways are: Madison Highway, 41 South, East Park Avenue, East Hill Avenue, and North Valdosta Road. Mara Register recommended that Council approve the Resolution to apply for the Georgia Transportation Enhancement GATEway Grant Program.

Mayor Fretti stated that these were the original sites that were established when the City Manager was Director of Parks and Recreation and Mayor Rainwater was in office. There were five or six locations that had "Welcome to Valdosta" signs and it has been almost 18 years since they were refurbished. Councilman Yost inquired about the Grant funds and whether over cities and counties would be applying. Mara Register stated that there have already been funds applied for in Lowndes County and the Chamber of Commerce had a virtual ribbon cutting at Exit 5. This is a competitive Grant process and there will be communities from all over the State of Georgia applying for these funds. Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that the original landscaping was first done with a Grant. The Welcome Sign located near the Pepsi Plant on Madison Highway is in such a state of disrepair it had to be removed. The existing signs that have a 20-year life and are in a state of disrepair will be replaced with new signs. The City has permanent easements and the foundation that was laid and landscaping that is already there will be refreshed. The Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) will allocate approximately 15 of these each year to some community. The Grant funds come from contributory value fees paid by outdoor advertising companies to the DOT for vegetation removal at outdoor advertising signs. The billboard companies and the DOT negotiated a voluntary agreement whereby the outdoor advertising companies pay them to allow the DOT to trim trees blocking the billboards on the Interstate. This money goes into a fund that can only be used for beautification.

Councilman Wright inquired as to what would happen if the City does not apply for the Grant funds. Larry Hanson stated that there will be approximately 50 communities applying for the Grant funds and the DOT will select 15 communities to award the Grant funds. Mara Register stated that we would be competing against cities and counties. Councilman Carroll inquired as to whether the City is currently maintaining the landscaped areas now. Larry Hanson stated that the Parks and Recreation Department maintained the areas in the past and Public Works may now be landscaping the area. There will be no added cost for maintenance.

A MOTION was made by Councilman Yost to approve the Resolution to apply for the Georgia Transportation Enhancement GATEway Grant Program. Councilman Wright seconded the motion. Councilman Yost stated that if several signs were down then someone has not been maintaining them. Larry Hanson stated that the signs have been repaired over the years but they are now at a point where the material is worn out and cannot be repaired any longer. The motion was unanimously adopted (5-0) to enact Resolution No. 2010-15, the complete text of which will be found in Resolution Book V.

BIDS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND EXPENDITURES

Consideration of bids for replacement of interceptors at Mud Creek and Knights Creek.

Henry Hicks, Utilities Director, stated that the sanitary sewer system has significant stormwater and ground water infiltration and inflow problems. A 30-year replacement and rehabilitation plan was completed by Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc. (CDM) in January, 2010 as part of its Sanitary Sewer System Condition Assessment and Criticality Report. The assessments and cleaning of the Knights Creek and Mud Creek interceptors utilizing Closed Circuit TV (CCTV) technology were identified as two of the five projects to be completed the first five years of the 30-year plan. This assessment is necessary to determine what methods of rehabilitation or replacement will be needed to eliminate infiltration and inflow in both of these main trunk lines leading to the Mud Creek Treatment Plant. The City of Valdosta has committed to Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to undertake this work as part of its sewer system rehabilitation plan through 2013. In order to proceed with this work, the Utility Department developed the scope and specifications for bidding this work as well as a separate scope and specifications for the follow up rehabilitation or replacement of these two interceptors. The scope of the assessment portion for this work was broken into two parts: (1) CCTV evaluation of the interceptors, and (2) an allowance for heavy cleaning of these lines as well as access into swampy areas, traffic control, and by-pass pumping in order for CCTV work to take place. In addition, bid documents were to be submitted from each firm for pricing of work on each interceptor independently as well as both interceptors together to optimize competition and achieve lowest pricing. It is anticipated that some emergency repair work will be required during the evaluation process and this will be handled through a separate contract for emergency repairs as needed. Requests for Proposals (RFPs) were advertised on August 10, 2010 and proposals were received from six companies specializing in this work on September 14, 2010. Henry Hicks recommended that Council approve the work on each interceptor, award it separately to obtain the lowest pricing, further evaluate work product of each firm, and still keep each firm competitive. This recommendation entails awarding the Mud Creek interceptor work to Video Industrial Services, Inc. at the base bid of \$118,787.50 with an allowance of \$44,000 for access to swampy areas, heavy cleaning, traffic control, and by-pass pumping. The recommendation for the Knights Creek interceptor work is to award it to CaJenn Construction & Rehabilitation Services, Inc. for a total base price of \$121,775.50 with an allowance of \$52,000 for access to swampy areas, heavy cleaning, traffic control, and by-pass pumping.

A MOTION by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilwoman White, was unanimously adopted (5-0) to approve the recommendation of the Utilities Director and award the Mud Creek interceptor work to Video Industrial Services, Inc. at the base bid of \$118,787.50 with an allowance of \$44,000 for access to swampy areas, heavy cleaning, traffic control, and by-pass pumping, and the Knights Creek Interceptor work to CaJenn Construction & Rehabilitation Services, Inc. for a total base price of \$121,775.50 with an allowance of \$52,000 for access to swampy areas, heavy cleaning, traffic control, and by-pass pumping.

LOCAL FUNDING AND REQUESTS

Consideration of a request to accept a donation of property to the City of Valdosta.

Kevin Tolliver, Interim City Engineer, stated that when the Murphy Oil Project at Inner Perimeter and Brookfield Road evolved, former City Engineer, Von Shipman, asked Mr. Murray to consider allowing eight feet on the east side of Brookfield Road for future right-of-way and intersection improvements. Mr. Murray agreed and had Murphy Oil move their property eight feet to the east to accommodate this. Mr. Murray had the property appraised and the value of the land was \$42,350. Mr. Murray had an appraisal of the land conducted which was \$2,500 and he anticipates that the cost of transferring the property will be approximately \$500-\$1,000. Mr. Murray is willing to donate the strip of land to the City on the condition that the City reimburses him for the cost of the appraisal, the costs for transferring the property, and that the City accepts the property prior to December 31, 2010. Kevin Tolliver recommended that Council approve the request to accept the donation of property to the City of Valdosta and reimburse Mr. Murray for the cost of the appraisal, the cost for transferring the property, and that the City accepts the property prior to December 31, 2010. Councilman Vickers inquired as to whether George Talley, City Attorney, could prepare the Deed. George Talley stated that he would prepare the Deed and get in touch Mr. Murray for a signature.

A MOTION was made by Councilman Wright to accept the donation of property by Mr. Gray Murray to the City of Valdosta and reimburse Mr. Murray for the cost of the appraisal, the cost for transferring the property, and accept the property donation prior to December 31, 2010. Councilwoman White seconded the motion. Councilman Carroll inquired as to whether the motion should be amended to direct the City Attorney to prepare the Deed. Mayor Fretti stated that the City Attorney would handle the preparation of the Deed. The motion was unanimously adopted (5-0).

Consideration of a request to approve sponsorship of a table at the Alapaha Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen's Award Banquet.

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that the Alapaha Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America serves 12 counties in south central Georgia. It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The Executive Board of the Alapaha Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America will be honoring one of Valdosta's leading citizens who has contributed a great deal to Scouting and has made immense contributions to our community. Mr. Jerry Jennett, President of Georgia Gulf Sulfur, will be recognized at the Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen's Award Banquet which will be held on October 19, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at the Valdosta State University Ballroom. Speaker for the black tie event will be Syndicated Columnist Dick Yarbrough. Tables of eight may be purchased for \$1,200 or individual seats for \$150 per person. Larry Hanson recommended that Council approve the sponsorship of a table in the amount of \$1,200 from the Mayor/Council Contingency Fund for the Alapaha Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen's Award Banquet.

A MOTION by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Wright, was unanimously adopted (5-0) to approve sponsorship of a table in the amount of \$1,200 from the Mayor/Council Contingency Fund for the Alapaha Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen's Award Banquet.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that he provided the Mayor and Council with a brief update on the FEMA status and he anticipates a formal response from them next week.

The McKey Park Tennis Center dedication has been changed by the Parks and Recreation Authority to October 15, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

There will be a Downtown Master Plan meeting as well as the Southern Georgia Regional Commission's Legislative Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, October 14, 2010.

Mayor and Council members will need to let us know if they plan to attend the Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen's Award Banquet. The City will have a table for eight and the City Attorney will have additional seats at his table if needed.

Councilman Carroll stated that if there is a very worthy young Scout who was unable to afford a ticket to attend the Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen’s Award Banquet then he would gladly give his seat to that individual.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fretti entertained a motion for adjournment.

A MOTION by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Vickers, was unanimously adopted (5-0) to adjourn the October 7, 2010 meeting of the Valdosta City Council at 6:33 p.m. to meet again in regular session on Thursday, October 21, 2010.

City Clerk, City of Valdosta

Mayor, City of Valdosta