

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE VALDOSTA CITY COUNCIL
5:30 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor John Gayle called the regular meeting of the Valdosta City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were: Joseph "Sonny" Vickers, Tim Carroll, Ben Norton, Alvin Payton, Jr., Robert Yost, and James Wright. Councilwoman Sandra Tooley arrived late at 5:36 p.m. The invocation was given by Pastor Tyler Barrett, Northgate Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF THE 2014 GREATER VALDOSTA CHRISTMAS PARADE AWARDS

Mayor Gayle stated that the 2014 Greater Valdosta Community Christmas Parade was held on Saturday, December 6, 2014. Sponsors for the event were the Ossipe Temple #65, the Valdosta Daily Times, and the City of Valdosta. Mayor Gayle and members of Ossipe Temple #65 presented the following Christmas Parade Awards: Third Place – Smith Drug, Second Place – Lowe's, and First Place – A Frame Construction. The proceeds raised by Ossipe Temple #65 through parade entry fees were donated to various charities.

PRESENTATION OF THE JANUARY, 2015 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD

Consideration of the January, 2015 Employee of the Month Award (Willie Jones, Engineering Department).

Pat Collins, City Engineer, stated that Willie Jones began his employment with the City of Valdosta Engineering Department in September, 1996 as a Sign Maintenance Worker. Willie has been promoted numerous times over the years and currently holds the position of the Stormwater Technician. As the Stormwater Technician, Willie reviews civil sites, grading and drainage plans and applications, issues land disturbance permits, and conducts inspections of permitted construction sites for violations. Also, Willie prepares the construction portion of the Annual Report to the Georgia Environmental Protection as well as reports to the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Willie strives to have a positive and strong relationship with our community. Recently while driving home, Willie came upon a broken down vehicle with a woman and three young children. He stopped to assist the citizens and being a mechanic by trade, he quickly determined that the vehicle had a failed water pump. The family had very limited resources available to have the car repaired themselves. Willie then quickly and unselfishly volunteered to fix the car even if it meant paying all the expenses himself. Willie always demonstrates the behavior to be ready and willing to go above and beyond the extraordinary limits to help others as he demonstrated during this occasion. For these reasons and many others, the Employee Relations Committee nominated Willie Jones as Employee of the Month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 11, 2014 Regular Meeting were approved by unanimous consent (7-0) of the Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A REQUEST TO CHANGE THE NAME OF EAST ROGERS STREET BETWEEN NORTH LEE STREET AND NORTH TROUP STREET

Consideration of a request to change the name of East Rogers Street between North Lee Street and North Troup Street.

Pat Collins, City Engineer, stated that on November 10, 2014, a petition was received asking the City to rename a portion of East Rogers Street between North Lee Street and North Troup Street to Minnie Martin Street.

As stated by neighbors of Ms. Minnie Martin, their wish is to pay tribute to a living legend that has represented Valdosta/Lowndes County as a distinguished servant. She has been a trail blazer which has inspired, empowered, and improved the lives of all within her reach. She has made a tremendous difference in Valdosta and her contributions will be enjoyed by generations to come. The petition was signed by 80% of the residents in favor of changing the name. The Public Notice ran for the appropriate length of time. A letter to the residents outlining their responsibility regarding the name change of the street will be mailed on January 9, 2015 should Council approve the request. Councilman Vickers inquired as to whether the name would be changed to Minnie Martin Street or Drive. Pat Collins stated it would be renamed to Minnie Martin Street. Councilman Vickers stated that they had previously requested it be changed to Minnie Martin Drive. Pat Collins stated that after reviewing the letters that went out to the property owners the portion of street would be named Minnie Martin Drive.

Antonio Harrington, Funeral Director and owner of Harrington Funeral Home, spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Harrington stated that there are two words to describe Ms. Minnie Martin which are - "A Rock." Ms. Martin has done so many things for so many people and she helped to raise him. They always say that you should give flowers while people are alive; however, he could not think of a greater honor for Ms. Martin while she was still living. He started thinking about the Actor John Wayne who was called a legend but that was a TV legend. We have a true legend here in Valdosta and that is Ms. Minnie Martin. She has done so much for the community, for politics, for her church, and she even ran a daycare where she took care of children. She has sung at many funerals and all over the United States of America and in foreign countries because she loves the gospel. Mr. Harrington asked for Council's consideration in approving the request.

Jimmy Williams, local Pastor in Valdosta, stated that Ms. Martin is a wonderful woman who has given her time and efforts not only to this City but to others in the community. She has served and helped many and asked Council's consideration in approving the request.

No one spoke in opposition to the request.

A MOTION by Councilwoman Tooley, seconded by Councilman Norton, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to change the name of East Rogers Street between North Lee Street and North Troup Street to Minnie Martin Drive.

Ms. Minnie Martin stated that she wanted to thank her friends, her family, and her children. This has made her day and she can sleep tonight. She loves everyone and was happy to receive this honor. Ms. Martin also thanked Mayor Gayle for checking on her. She stated that W. G. Walker, former County Commissioner and her good friend, told her to sit down and enjoy the flowers but that is not her. Ms. Martin stated that it was not easy being her. As sick as she is and has been, she is still here and she thanked everyone for the honor. Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that his friend and hers, former County Manager Mike Stewart who served with Ms. Martin, sent him an E-mail today and asked to convey his congratulations.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-1, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH QUALIFYING FEES AND DATES FOR THE 2015 CITY OF VALDOSTA MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Consideration of an Ordinance to establish qualifying fees and dates for the 2015 City of Valdosta Municipal Elections.

Mark Barber, Deputy City Manager of Administration, stated that according to Georgia Code 21-2-131(a)(1)(A), the governing authority of any county or municipality shall fix and publish a qualifying fee for each county or municipal office to be filled in the upcoming primary or election no later than February 1st of any year in which a general primary, non-partisan election, or general election is to be held, and at least 35 days prior to the special primary or election. An advertisement was published in the Valdosta Daily Times. The districts to be considered for election as well as the qualifying fees are as follows: (1) Mayor/Council: Mayor - John Gayle (\$750), District 1 - James Wright - (\$465), District 3 - Joseph S. Vickers (\$465), District 5 - Tim Carroll (\$465),

District 7 (At Large) - Ben Norton (\$465), and (2) School Board: District 6 - Jeana F. Beeland (\$35), District 7 - Debra H. Bell (\$35), and District 8 - Kelly C. Wilson (\$35). Additionally, a Contract requesting the services of Lowndes County Board of Elections will also need to be approved. The services the Board of Elections will provide include qualifying of candidates, training poll workers, placing required ads, and other duties as may be required to conduct the November 3, 2015 Municipal Election. The budget amount to be requested is \$50,000. Due to the number of posts up for election and past history, a run-off is highly probable. Mark Barber stated that he did speak to Deb Cox at the Lowndes County Board of Elections and she is certain that the precincts currently within the City will remain the same for the November 3, 2015 Municipal Election. They were planning to add two precincts, the James H. Rainwater Conference Center and Trinity Presbyterian Church, for advance voting only in 2016. Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that the three precincts we currently have are Mildred Hunter Center, Northside Baptist Church, and the James H. Rainwater Conference Center. Mark Barber recommended that Council approve the Ordinance to establish qualifying fees and dates for the 2015 City of Valdosta Municipal Elections and the Contract with the Lowndes County Board of Elections.

A MOTION by Councilman Payton, seconded by Councilman Norton, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to enact Ordinance No. 2015-1, an Ordinance to establish qualifying fees and dates for the 2015 City of Valdosta Municipal Elections and to approve the contract, the complete text of which will be found in Ordinance Book XIII.

BIDS, CONTRACTS, AGEEMENTS, AND EXPENDITURES

Consideration of bids for water treatment chemicals for the City of Valdosta (Bid No. 8-14-15).

Greg Brown, Purchasing Agent, stated that the contract for water treatment chemicals expired on December 31, 2014. This bid is for one year with an option to renew for an additional year. By having an annual contract, this results in better service, delivery, and pricing throughout the year. This bid will be awarded to multiple vendors because no one vendor can supply all of the necessary chemicals although they are within the same industry. Each company typically specializes in one or two chemicals but can sell several although their pricing is not as good as ones they specialize in. Bids were received on December 16, 2014 and the recommended vendors and pricing are as follows: (1) Caustic - Allied Universal (\$1.68), (2) Sulfuric Acid - Shrieve Chemical (\$126.50), (3) Hydrofluosolic – Dumont (\$3.50), (4) Oxygen - Air Gas (\$0.5378), (5) Salt - Univar (\$135.00), (6) F-35 Phosphate – Dumont (\$6.47), (7) Ton of Chlorine - Allied Universal (\$309.70), (8) Sulfur Dioxide - Allied Universal (\$72.00), and (9) 12% Chlorine – Dumont (\$1.30). Greg Brown recommended that Council approve the recommended vendors and pricing for water treatment chemicals for the City of Valdosta and allow the Utilities Department to proceed with the purchase.

A MOTION by Councilman Payton, seconded by Councilman Carroll, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to approve the recommended vendors and pricing for water treatment chemicals for the City of Valdosta and allow the Utilities Department to proceed with the purchase.

Consideration of bids for construction of a Rechlorination Station for the City of Valdosta.

Henry Hicks, Utilities Director, stated that the City of Valdosta's Utilities Department has encountered ongoing challenges within the water distribution system for many years regarding the maintenance of adequate chlorine residuals throughout the water distribution system. This results in additional hydrant flushing in order to maintain proper chlorine residuals. In February, 2010, the City Council authorized the Utilities Department to contract with Halcrow, Inc. for an updated and calibrated water distribution system model to include a capital improvement plan to remedy this issue within the system. Halcrow completed this work and issued a final report with recommendations for a capital improvement plan for consideration. One of the recommendations in the report was to address chlorine residual issues in the southern extremities of the distribution system was to locate a Chlorine Booster Station in the general vicinity of Madison Highway and Gil Harbin Industrial area. The Utilities Department then contracted with ASA Engineering for the design of a Rechlorination Station, evaluated several potential locations for a Station, and determined that the best location was on Industrial Authority property. The Industrial Authority granted the necessary easement to the City in October, 2014. The Utilities Department advertised for bids in October, 2014. A mandatory pre-bid conference was held on November 25, 2014 with three potential bidders attending. Bids were received from two bidders and opened on December 19, 2014. The lowest

responsive and responsible bidder was Standard Contractors with a quotation in the amount of \$203,546. Henry Hicks recommended that Council approve the low bid submitted by Standard Contractors in the amount of \$203,546 plus a 10% contingency to handle any unforeseen circumstances for construction of a Rechlorination Station for the City of Valdosta.

A MOTION by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Yost, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to approve the low bid submitted by Standard Contractors in the amount of \$203,546.00 plus a 10% contingency to handle any unforeseen circumstances for construction of a Rechlorination Station for the City of Valdosta.

Consideration of bids for Cured-In-Place-Pipe (CIPP) Sewer Lining for the City of Valdosta.

Henry Hicks, Utilities Director, stated the City of Valdosta's sanitary sewer system has experienced stormwater inflow and infiltration issues, particularly since the disaster flood of 2009. The Utilities Department contracted for smoke testing of the entire sanitary sewer system over a four (4) year period through a private engineering company, Constantine Engineering. During smoke testing in areas of Dampier Street, Lakeshore Drive, Hammock Drive, Rolling Hills Drive, Brook Drive, and Park Lane, several locations were identified where smoke was emitting from the sewer system indicating potential pipe failure. Following the smoke test results, crews from the Utilities Department performed line cleaning and Closed Circuit Television Camera (CCTV) inspection of the sewer lines in these areas. These inspections indicated that there were several fractured sewer lines throughout each of these collection systems. Smoke testing and recent inspections also identified fractures along a 12-foot section of 30-inch sewer line near Sugar Creek north of the Creekside Restaurant parking lot. Due to the location of the sewer lines, potential repair or rehabilitation methods were very limited. As a result, Staff had only two viable alternatives to solve the recurrent problems. The first was to excavate the areas of the sewer lines at all locations to access the broken sewer pipe and then make necessary repairs. Because of numerous residences, related traffic flow, as well as costs related to excavation and repair to roads, sidewalks, driveways, and stormwater systems, this was not considered the best option. The least intrusive and most feasible alternative was to utilize Cured-In-Place-Pipe (CIPP) lining technology to rehabilitate the failed sewer pipe. The project to line a combined total of 5,383 linear feet of 8, 12, and 18 inch sewer pipe and the 12 foot section of 30 inch pipe was advertised for bid. Three companies capable of performing this type of sewer line rehabilitation submitted proposals on December 17, 2014. The lowest responsive bidder was Miller Pipeline, LLC at \$242,919.20 plus a cost of \$2,850.00 to reinstate an estimated 30 service laterals on the 8 inch sewer pipe. Henry Hicks recommended that Council approve the low bid submitted by Miller Pipeline, LLC in the amount of \$242,769.20 plus a 10% contingency to handle any unforeseen circumstances for Cured-In-Place-Pipe (CIPP) Sewer Lining.

A MOTION by Councilman Payton, seconded by Councilman Norton, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to approve the low bid submitted by Miller Pipeline, LLC in the amount of \$245,769.20 plus a 10% contingency to handle any unforeseen circumstances for Cured-In-Place-Pipe (CIPP) Sewer Lining.

Consideration of bids for the sale of excess remnant property located at the intersection of Oak Street and Gornto Road.

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that at the November 20, 2014 City Council Meeting, the Mayor and Council approved a Resolution for the sale of two remnant parcels owned by the City of Valdosta which were left by the Woodrow Wilson Extension Project. The parcels were located at the corner of Bemiss Road and Woodrow Wilson Drive and on North Oak Street at Gornto Road. The first parcel is very small and marginally developable; however, the second one is 0.66 acres and would lend itself to a professional office. To dispose of these lots, the City would need to declare them surplus property and authorize the City Attorney to advertise for sealed bids. The City could then either sell it to the highest bidder or have the right to reject bids. George Talley, City Attorney, advertised the sale of these two parcels for two consecutive weeks beginning the week after Thanksgiving. Sealed bids were received in the office of City Clerk Teresa Bolden and opened by Attorney Richard Coleman, Coleman-Talley, LLP, on December 9, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. We did not receive any bids for the smaller parcel located at the corner of Bemiss Road and Woodrow Wilson Drive; however, we did receive two bids on the parcel located at Oak Street and Gornto Road. The high bid was not acceptable to the City based on the value of the property so the City asked the bidder to consider raising their bid which they did. An agreement was reached with the high bidder on the parcel located at the intersection of North Oak Street and Gornto Road in the amount of \$122,400. In order to close on this bid, it must be approved by the Mayor and

Council. The intention of the purchaser is to build a professional office on the property.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Payton, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to approve the bid submitted in the amount of \$122,400 for the sale of excess remnant property located at the intersection of Oak Street and Gornto Road.

Consideration of a request to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Department of Transportation for relocation of utilities for the Clay Road/Hollywood Street Intersection Improvements Project.

Henry Hicks, Utilities Director, stated that the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) proposes to undertake a Project to improve the intersection on SR 38/US 84 at CR 439/Clay Road/CS 127/Hollywood Street. The Project includes road realignment, storm water system construction, and paving among other improvements. Following a review of the GDOT plans for the Roadway Project, the Utilities Department identified several water utility conflicts within the Project limits. These conflicts include a 6 and a 12 inch water main and appurtenances, and an 8 inch sewer main and appurtenances that will need to be adjusted or relocated in accordance with 23 CFR Part 645, Subpart A and O.C.G.A. 32-6-171. The preliminary engineering, including preparation of detailed plans and contract estimate for the required water items, was administered by the Utilities Department using a local engineering firm in August, 2014. With the City responsible for the cost of the work, Staff had two viable alternatives to address the relocation of the utilities. The first was to advertise for bid to complete the work prior to the start of the GDOT Roadway Project. The second was to include the work in the Roadway Contract to be let by the GDOT with the relocation plans and estimate provided by the City. Performing the work in-house by the Utilities Department is not considered a viable option because of the resources necessary to perform the required work. Due to the complexity of the Project's scope and coordination, as well as to avoid duplicating roadway excavations, it will be advantageous to the City to have the water utilities relocation portion included in the GDOT Roadway Contract. Henry Hicks recommended that Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Department of Transportation for relocation of utilities for the Clay Road/Hollywood Street Intersection Improvements Project with GDOT to perform the utilities relocation at the City's expense.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Wright, seconded by Councilman Norton, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Department of Transportation for relocation of utilities for the Clay Road/Hollywood Street Intersection Improvements Project with GDOT to perform the utilities relocation at the City's expense.

LOCAL FUNDING AND REQUESTS

Consideration of a request to authorize a water only connection at 2715 and 2717 First Street North for a period of one year.

Pat Collins, City Engineer, stated that both subject properties (2715 and 2717 First Street North) were part of an unincorporated island and were previously serviced by a private well across the street at 2716 First Street North. The private water supply from was piped to 2717 First Street North, and then from 2717 First Street North it is piped to 2715 First Street North. In addition, each of the properties remains on private septic systems. Currently, the private water service is in poor condition, allowing sediment into water lines and leaking beneath the roadway in front of 2717 First Street North. While the City water and sewer construction project at this location was completed in June, 2014 with no obvious leaking upon project completion, the consequences and expense to open the road to find the leak at this point in time were too great. As a result, the City worked with the property owner, Charles Jackson, to address the issue so that the road was not further damaged. To facilitate the emergency repair, the property owner agreed to disconnect from the private water service and connect to the recently completed City water supply. Since Mr. Jackson owns both properties at 2715 and 2717 First Street North, the City Ordinance will allow for the installation of one water meter at 2717 First Street North, which will then also provide water service to 2715 First Street North. The City Ordinance also requires that when water and sewer services are available, the property owner shall simultaneously connect to both unless authorized otherwise by Mayor and City Council. Mr. Jackson was in agreement. Pat Collins recommended that the property owner be allowed to connect both properties to the City sewer system within one (1) year of this meeting or by January 8, 2016 due to the circumstances under which the water connection was deemed both necessary and urgent in nature and in consideration of the unexpected financial hardship and willing spirit of cooperation on the part of the property owner.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Payton, seconded by Councilman Carroll, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to approve a request for a water only connection at 2715 and 2717 First Street North for a period of one year.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that Public Hearings were held this week to give citizens an opportunity to participate in the development of the 2015-2020 Comprehensive Plan. This is a requirement of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. There will be more information provided to the Mayor and Council on approving the Comprehensive Plan at a later date.

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that the Mayor and Council Retreat will be held on January 9-10, 2015 at Sundown Farms Plantation in Moultrie. Also, the Bird Supper is very early this year and will be held on January 28, 2015 which is two days after the Georgia Municipal Association Mayor's Day Conference in Atlanta. There are several big conferences in Atlanta that week and hotel space is limited.

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. events and celebrations will be held this month and Councilman Vickers was pleased with the attendance of over 700 people at the Founders Banquet held on January 3, 2015 at the Conference Center.

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that there are also many opportunities for citizens to serve our community and on February 8, 2015 the Mayor and Council will be making appointments for three slots on the Historic Preservation Commission, one slot on the Hospital Authority of Valdosta and Lowndes County, one slot on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Citizens Advisory Committee, two slots on the Valdosta Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals, and one slot on the Public Art Advisory Committee. Citizens are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to serve their City.

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that he and Mayor John Gayle presented a proclamation to the Valdosta Police Department today and showed their appreciation to the men and women of the Police Department for Law Enforcement Appreciation Day which will be held on January 9, 2015. Citizens and City employees are encouraged to wear blue tomorrow to honor and recognize our Police Officers for what they do each and every day in keeping our community safe.

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that this is a tough time of year for many of our City employees and they often do their jobs in difficult circumstances. We all realize how cold it was this morning; however, there were a lot of City employees on the streets performing their duties whether it was picking up garbage or dealing with broken water mains. During the holidays, it is extremely busy for the Sanitation Department due to the volume of garbage that is put out. They do a very good job and deserve praise and recognition for all they do. We have employees who work on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to serve our community and deal with issues as they arise. We should all give our respect and our appreciation to the employees of the City of Valdosta.

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that he was asked yesterday to be part of a small group to meet with the new Georgia Department of Revenue Commissioner, Lynne Riley. She was appointed by Governor Nathan Deal and was formerly a County Commissioner for Fulton County. She has also been a State Representative for many years. He was asked to share some of the challenges that we have had over the years in dealing with the Department of Revenue in collections, disbursement of funds, and getting point of sale information. The meeting was very productive and Ms. Reilly will try to address the issues that have been brought.

Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that last week we had a tornado in our community and it was a scary event. He and Mayor Gayle went and observed the efforts of our emergency crews and the teamwork displayed and the expertise that our employees have was great. There was no issue of turf and there were multiple agencies, City, County, State, and others involved. Because of the nature of the event, Fire Chief Freddie Broome was the Incident Commander and he did a magnificent job managing the people and resources, being highly skilled, and very professional. We should all be pleased to see our Chiefs work so well together because in some communities it is more competition among the agencies. This is not the case in Valdosta and that is due to the caliber of the two public safety professionals that we have. Larry Hanson thanked Chief Broome and all of his Staff for the work that they did.

Councilman Vickers inquired as to when the new, in-house IT employee will come aboard. Larry Hanson, City Manager, stated that they have been advertising for that position in Valdosta first but did not receive any applications. They have since advertised again in the metro Atlanta area. VC3 is here working today and while they do not have a permanent employee on-site they do have a presence here.

Councilman Yost stated that he hoped citizens would read the advertisement that was in the Valdosta Daily Times for appointments to Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Advisory Committees. It is past time for some fresh new blood to be appointed and obviously they cannot be appointed if they do not apply.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

George Boston Rhynes, 5004 Oak Drive, stated that he wanted to commend the City and the Police Department for maintaining order and discipline at these Council Meetings. He has been visiting other cities and the Valdosta Mayor and Council are a breath of fresh air. He also read in the newspaper about a Councilman talking about the voting precincts in his District and he commended the Councilman because voting is important. He has also followed the Quitman 10 plus 2 case in Brooks County and after four years the State of Georgia finally found all 12 people not guilty and acquitted them on all charges of absentee voter fraud. The first person they tried was a mistrial, the second trial was a mistrial, and in the third trial, the person was cleared of some felonies and 30-40 violations. Their lives have been on hold for four years and even though you do not read much about this case in the newspaper, there is a wealth of knowledge and information on "Bostongbr." Mr. Rhynes stated that he is also following the newly elected black Mayors in the State of Georgia who are being mistreated and eventually someone at the National level will take notice of what he has found. Some of it is dealing with big money and he wanted to commend the Valdosta Mayor and Council for the way they conduct the business of the City. The Valdosta Mayor and Council is not arguing among one another, slapping each other on the head, and the City Attorney is not against everyone. Mr. Rhynes stated that there are many cities that are in disarray and the City of Valdosta is truly blessed. Also, to see the City seal in the Council Chambers is a blessing. There are many cities that do not display their City seal or the State of Georgia flag at their Council Meetings. He will be working with some of these cities and helping some of the Mayors for them to get what we already have.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gayle entertained a motion to enter into Execution Session for the purpose of discussing litigation.

A MOTION by Councilman Payton, seconded by Councilman Wright, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to adjourn the January 8, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Valdosta City Council at 6:23 p.m. and enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation.

Mayor Gayle reconvened the January 8, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Valdosta City Council at 7:15 p.m. and stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Mayor Gayle entertained a motion for adjournment.

A MOTION by Councilman Vickers, seconded by Councilman Norton, was unanimously adopted (7-0) to adjourn the January 8, 2015 Meeting of the Valdosta City Council at 7:15 p.m. to meet again in Regular Session on Thursday, January 22, 2015.

City Clerk, City of Valdosta

Mayor, City of Valdosta