

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE VALDOSTA CITY COUNCIL**  
**5:30 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019**  
**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, Sandra Tooley, Eric Howard, and Vivian Miller-Cody. Councilman Andy Gibbs was absent. The invocation was given by Pastor Mark Brady, Anchor Faith Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE 2018 GREATER VALDOSTA CHRISTMAS PARADE AWARDS**

Mayor John Gayle stated that the annual Greater Valdosta Community Christmas Parade was held on Sunday, December 9, 2018. Sponsors for the Christmas Parade this year were Ossipe Temple #65, the City of Valdosta, Wild Adventures Theme Park, Cass Burch, Hargray Fiber, and Coca Cola. This year’s theme was “A Toyland Christmas.” Float entries were judged on Overall Appearance, Special Effects, Creativity & Workmanship, and use of the Parade Theme. Trophies were awarded to the following top three winners based on their overall scores: Third Place winner - Pruitt Health Lakehaven, Second Place winner - Harry B. Anderson Western Auto, and First Place winner - Hugs of Hope/A Frame Construction. The proceeds raised by Ossipe Temple #65 through parade entry fees were donated to various charities.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY THE VALDOSTA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief Freddie Broome stated that the National Fire Academy’s (NFA) Executive Fire Officer Program (EFO) is a four-year curriculum that provides Senior Fire Officers with a broad perspective on various facets of fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) administration. The courses and accompanying research examine how to exercise leadership when dealing with severe or unique problems within communities. Acceptance into the program is highly competitive. During the four-year program, Assistant Fire Chief Brian Boutwell completed extensive research in the following areas: (1) Executive Development research - recruiting qualified female firefighters, (2) Executive Analysis of Community Risk Reduction Research - identifying the problems with fall injuries for the City of Valdosta, (3) Executive Analysis of Fire Service Operations in Emergency Management Research - conducting damage assessments for the City of Valdosta, and (4) Executive Leadership Research - evaluating PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) in the Valdosta Fire Department. On December 12, 2018, Chief Broome was notified that Chief Boutwell had completed the U.S. Fire Administration’s National Fire Academy’s (NFA) “Executive Fire Officer Program” (EFO) Program. Chief Boutwell is the first member of the Valdosta Fire Department to complete the EFO program. The Valdosta Fire Department recognized Chief Boutwell for this great accomplishment.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD**

Consideration of the January, 2019 Employee of the Month (Tom Pierce, Public Works Department).

Richard Hardy, Public Works Director, stated that Tom Pierce began his employment with the City of Valdosta in January of 2015 and currently holds the position of Supervisor in the Residential Trash Division. Tom is responsible for supervising the Department’s residential yard trash functions as assigned. He plans and organizes daily work assignments along with coordinating collection routes and maintenance schedules. He inspects collection and maintenance routes to ensure that work is completed as assigned. He ensures employee compliance with safety procedures. Tom also trains, assigns, schedules, supervises, evaluates and disciplines personnel. After Hurricane Michael blew through the City of Valdosta, it was time to clean up the debris left behind. This is when Tom Pierce showcased his dedication and leadership skills immensely. He led a team of 28 employees removing over 8,217 tons of debris from City -right-of-ways. Taking the lead he identified several key Crew Leaders and

outlined 24-hour shift coverage that provided the best use of equipment and manpower to place his plan in action. Mr. Pierce was given 15 days to rid the City of the debris generated by the storm. Mr. Pierce worked tirelessly for 15 consecutive days (each day was a minimum 12-hour shift) coordinating with his team to complete this task. He met this timeline clearing up the City's right-of-ways of debris and his efforts placed his Division back on schedule with its normal daily route clearing. Mr. Pierce is a role model and an Ambassador as he represents the City daily during his interactions with the citizens. The Public Works Department has received numerous calls from citizens complimenting him on the outstanding service they received. Mr. Pierce's actions display great dedication and a "service before self" attitude, both which are superb qualities and say a lot about his commitment. It is for these reasons and many others that the Employee Relations Committee nominated Tom Pierce as Employee of the Month.

**PRESENTATION OF THE MUNICIPAL AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018**

Chuck Dinkins, Finance Director, stated that the purpose of an annual audit is to review the financial statements, footnotes, and supplementary information to ensure compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and to provide an opinion on the financial statements. The audit of the City of Valdosta's Fiscal Year 2018 CAFR was conducted by the firm of Henderson & Godbee. Henderson & Godbee is a local full service accounting firm with significant experience in auditing, including governmental auditing. The audit team leaders were Mark Rogers, Engagement Partner, and Scott Simpson, Engagement Manager. The annual audit will also be posted on the City's website.

Mark Rogers, CPA with Henderson & Godbee, LLP, stated that they have completed the audit of financial statements for the City of Valdosta for the year ending June 30, 2018 and have issued an unqualified auditors' report on those financial statements dated December 28, 2018. Many hours of work both from Henderson & Godbee and the City of Valdosta's Accounting Department has gone in to produce this Report. The Accounting Department prepares this entire Report. They are very few governments in the State of Georgia that prepare their own financial statements. Also, this year there were no adjustments to the financials. The Accounting Department does a tremendous job in keeping up with the City's finances. They have once again obtained the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Georgia Government Finance Officers Association (GGFOA). The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is 157 pages and Henderson & Godbee has issued a non-modified opinion on that Report which encompasses all 31 Funds of the City, \$80 million in income, and \$369 million in assets. Mark Rogers stated that this is a robust Report and he summarized the CAFR to eight pages and two graphs. The summary lists the revenues and expenses of each Fund and it is grouped by each type of Fund which are the Capital Projects Funds, Special Revenues Funds, Enterprise Funds, and the Internal Service Funds.

The General Fund ended with a budgetary income of \$182,784 compared to a budgetary income of \$489,000 in the previous year. Revenues received totaled \$35,519,916 compared to the previous year of \$34,257,000 which is an increase of \$1,262,916. Revenues exceeded budget by \$95,933 this year. Most of this increase was from taxes which increased by \$979,000 this year. In the General Fund revenue, property taxes account for 33%, sales tax accounts for 23%, and other taxes represent 32%. The total Department expenditures in the General Fund were \$37,062,351 compared to \$33,925,000 in the prior year. Public safety (Police and Fire) accounts for 67% of the total Budget. Expenditures were under budget by \$476,207 for the year on \$37,000,000. The third largest Fund is the Capital Projects Fund which is referred to as SPLOST VII. The Capital Projects Fund had revenues of \$12,894,401 and expenditures of \$9,473,144. The Sales Tax 2013 Fund accounted for \$11,190,160 of the revenues and \$8,425,792 of the expenditures for the year. The Road Improvements Fund had revenues of \$911,748 and expenditures of \$238,866. The Enterprise Fund revenues were \$27,876,689, expenses were \$26,193,554, capital contributions of \$5,303,030, and operating transfers out of \$3,146,569 resulting in net income of \$2,449,376. The Water/Sewer Reserve Fund is the second largest Enterprise Fund. Total revenues were \$18,707,077 and capital contributions from SPLOST were \$5,303,030 resulting in net income of \$2,300,990. This Fund has had a lot of activity over the past couple of years with a Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) loan and construction on the Force Main Project. The Sanitation Fund also operates as an Enterprise Fund and had total revenues were \$5,208,590 resulting in a net loss of \$36,042. The new Sanitation Rates went into effect in July, 2018 so it was after this time period. The Internal Service Funds total revenues were \$11,830,069, expenses were \$13,901,003, and transfers were \$2,267,376. The Motor Pool Fund broke even on revenues of \$4,866,938, the Group Insurance Fund broke even on revenues of \$5,038,007, the IT Service Fund broke even on

revenues of \$1,196,949, and the Workers' Compensation Fund had net income of \$162,253 on revenues of \$728,175. In summary, the City had a good year financially. Mark Rogers thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve as their Auditor. Councilman Vickers inquired as to how the Sales Tax is doing as compared to the previous 12 months. Mark Barber, City Manager, stated that we have been seeing an increase in both the LOST and SPLOST. Councilman Vickers inquired as to whether we have gotten back to our 2008 level yet. Mark Barber stated that we have not.

A **MOTION** by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Norton, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to approve the Municipal Audit for Fiscal Year 2018 for the City of Valdosta.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 6, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved by unanimous consent (6-0) of the Council.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2019-1, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH QUALIFYING FEES AND DATES FOR THE 2019 CITY OF VALDOSTA MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

Consideration of an Ordinance to establish qualifying fees and dates for the 2019 City of Valdosta Municipal Elections.

Mark Barber, City Manager, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 will run in the Valdosta Daily Times. The Districts to be considered for election as well as the qualifying fees are as follows: Mayor - John Gayle (\$750), District 1 - Vivian Miller-Cody (\$465), District 3 - Joseph S. Vickers (\$465), District 5 - Tim Carroll (\$465), and District 7 (At Large) - Ben Norton (\$465). Additionally, a contract requesting the services of Lowndes County Board of Elections will be sent to the City upon approval of the qualifying fees by the Mayor and Council. These services include qualifying of candidates, training poll workers, placing required ads, and other duties as may be required to conduct the November 5, 2019 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, City Manager, recommended that Council approve the Ordinance to establish qualifying fees and dates for the 2019 City of Valdosta Municipal Elections.

A **MOTION** by Councilwoman Miller-Cody, seconded by Councilwoman Tooley, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to enact Ordinance No. 2019-1, an Ordinance to establish qualifying fees and dates for the 2019 City of Valdosta Municipal Elections, the complete text of which will be found in Ordinance Book XIV.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-1, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT AND EXECUTION OF A LEASE SUPPLEMENT UNDER THE GEORGIA MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION (GMA) LEASE POOL PROGRAM FOR TWO NEW AERIAL FIRE TRUCKS FOR THE VALDOSTA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the amendment and execution of a Lease Supplement under the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Lease Pool Program for two new aerial fire trucks for the Valdosta Fire Department.

Chuck Dinkins, Finance Director, stated that the Mayor and Council unanimously approved the purchase of two aerial trucks to be utilized for multi-story buildings at its December 14, 2017 meeting. This was a budgeted item. Sutphen submitted the only bid at a total for both trucks of \$2,561,946 net of trade in. The trucks are manufactured to Valdosta Fire Department's specifications and should be in service for many years. Due to the size of the expenditure and the time required to manufacture the trucks, this item was budgeted as a lease to spread the fiscal impact of the purchase over multiple years and reduce the concerns over cash flows. The Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Lease Pool is offering a rate of 3.74% for ten years with the first annual payment of \$311,790 being due on February 5, 2020. Utilizing the GMA Lease Pool to make all purchases allows the City to receive the

best available price for the fire trucks, utilize existing financing sources at attractive rates, and spread the cost of the trucks over ten years. A Resolution has been prepared authorizing the City Manager to execute and deliver a Lease Supplement pursuant to the Master Lease for the two Sutphen Aerial Fire Trucks. Chuck Dinkins recommended that Council approve the Resolution authorizing the amendment and execution of a Lease Supplement under the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Lease Pool Program for two new aerial fire trucks for the Valdosta Fire Department.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Carroll, seconded by Councilman Vickers, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to approve the Resolution No. 2019-1, a Resolution authorizing the amendment and execution of a Lease Supplement under the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Lease Pool Program for two new aerial fire trucks for the Valdosta Fire Department, the complete text of which will be found in Resolution Book VI.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-2, A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND (DDRLF) WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA) FOR RENOVATION OF 121-123 NORTH PATTERSON STREET**

Consideration of a Resolution of Support authorizing the filing of an application for a Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRLF) with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for renovation of 121-123 North Patterson Street.

Ellen Hill, Main Street Manager, stated that the project involves the renovation of 121-123 North Patterson Street. This is one building with store fronts on North Patterson Street. The building is currently unutilized and has been for a number of years. Renovation of this building will add to the revitalization of the heart of Downtown Valdosta. This project is designed to save a historic building and provide key steps for the continued renaissance of Downtown Valdosta. This building was designed by S.F. Fulgham and built in 1900 for two brothers, T.B. and A. Converse and is approximately 9,000 square feet. Brownstone, bricks, and marble from the Kennesaw Marble Co. in Marietta, GA are among the materials used to construct the building. A. Converse and Sons was one of Valdosta's earliest mercantile establishments. At one time, dances were held upstairs in the Armory and at another time the Valdosta Athletic Club occupied an upper floor and had boxing rings for competitions. The planned project includes renovation and conversion of the building into offices which will be used by the purchaser, IDP Building, LLC and its affiliate, IDP Housing as Corporate Headquarters as well as one professional office space on the second floor and two commercial retail spaces on the first floor of the building. It is the intent of the owner to maintain as much historical preservation both inside and outside as feasible. Currently, the building is owned by IPD Building, LLC. The building is a historic structure and recognized as a resource in the Valdosta Commercial Historic District as listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The total investment is estimated to be \$1,500,000 and the project will bring an estimated ten jobs to the Downtown area. The project will include renovation of floors, ceilings, windows, roof, doors, and walls. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs will have the only lien on the project. The assets of the project will be owned by the lien holders and the project owners upon completion of the project. As stipulated in the Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRLF) funding information, this project would be awarded to the City of Valdosta who will then enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Central Valdosta Development Authority (CVDA), a constitutionally created authority in Georgia. The ultimate sub-recipient of the DDRLF will be IDP Building, LLC. A Resolution of Support authorizing the Mayor to execute a DDRLF application with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for this project has been prepared. Ellen Hill, Main Street Manager, recommended that Council approve the Resolution of Support authorizing the filing of an application for a Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRLF) with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for renovation of 121-123 North Patterson Street.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Norton, seconded by Councilman Howard, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to approve the Resolution No. 2019-2, a Resolution of Support authorizing the filing of an application for a Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRLF) with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for renovation of 121-123 North Patterson Street, the complete text of which will be found in Resolution Book VI.

Consideration of a request to purchase new filter cloths for the filtration system at the Withlacoochee Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Darryl Muse, Utilities Director, stated that since its start-up in 2016, the Withlacoochee Wastewater Treatment Plant has utilized a Cloth Media Filtration System in its treatment process. Designed and manufactured by Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc., the AquaDisk® Cloth Media Filters remove very fine particulate matter from wastewater. The result is a highly treated wastewater effluent from the Plant. As with any filtration system, regular backwashing and cleaning are typical maintenance procedures for filtration systems. Calcium Hypochlorite and Sodium Hypochlorite are two standard cleaning chemicals used for the AquaDisk® filters. Under advisement from the manufacturer, Plant Operators had initially been using Calcium Hypochlorite to clean the filters at a rate of every three months. After quickly observing the filters clogging more than anticipated, Plant Staff made the decision to increase the filter cleaning frequency from every three months to once per month. The increased cleaning rate along with the Calcium Hypochlorite accelerated the deterioration of the filters which must now be replaced. Given the condition of the filters and increased cleaning requirement, Staff researched alternative solutions for the filtration system. They determined that Sodium Hypochlorite would be a safer alternative to Calcium Hypochlorite as it does not create a build-up on the filter cloth. They also found an alternative media cloth that is more durable and has a higher life expectancy. According to Aqua-Aerobics, the new filter cloths have a more open design and allow for better filtration without becoming clogged so quickly. Combined with the current cleaning regimen, Staff expects a more efficient filtration system and longer lasting filter cloth. Aqua-Aerobics is the sole manufacturer of the AquaDisk® filter cloths and the sole provider for parts and services. The cost to purchase the new filter cloths is \$56,160.00 plus an estimated shipping freight cost of \$2,500. Darryl Muse, Utilities Director, recommended that Council approve the purchase of new filter cloths in the amount of \$56,160.00 from Aqua-Aerobics plus an estimated shipping freight cost of \$2,500 for the filtration system at the Withlacoochee Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**A MOTION** by Councilwoman Tooley, seconded by Councilwoman Miller-Cody, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to approve the purchase of new filter cloths in the amount of \$56,160.00 from Aqua-Aerobics plus an estimated shipping freight cost of \$2,500 for the filtration system at the Withlacoochee Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Consideration of a request to purchase two Sodium Hypochlorite Cell Assemblies for the Hypochlorite Generator at the City of Valdosta's Water Treatment Plant.

Darryl Muse, Utilities Director, stated that a ClorTec Onsite Hypochlorite Generation System was installed at the Water Plant in 2007 as part of the Plant's upgrade project. The system consists of two hypochlorite generators that generate a sodium hypochlorite disinfection solution. Sodium hypochlorite is added to the City's water for final disinfection and to provide the required disinfection residual in the water distribution system. The main components of each generator are two hypochlorite cell assemblies which have a 10-year operational life expectancy. The cell assemblies were replaced for one of the two generators approximately two years ago. Due to their age and current state of operational wear, the two cell assemblies need to be replaced for the second hypochlorite generator. The generator is losing its efficiency and will lose its ability to produce sodium hypochlorite if the cells fail. De Nora Water Technologies is the sole manufacturer of the ClorTec Hypochlorite System and the sole provider for parts and services. The cost to purchase the two cell assemblies from De Nora Water Technologies is \$123,630 plus \$500 for shipping. Darryl Muse, Utilities Director, recommended that Council approve the purchase of two Sodium Hypochlorite Cell Assemblies from De Nora Water Technologies in the amount of \$123,630 plus \$500 for shipping for the Hypochlorite Generator at the City of Valdosta's Water Treatment Plant.

**A MOTION** by Councilwoman Miller-Cody, seconded by Councilman Norton, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to approve the purchase of two Sodium Hypochlorite Cell Assemblies from De Nora Water Technologies in the amount of \$123,630 plus \$500 for shipping for the Hypochlorite Generator at the City of Valdosta's Water Treatment Plant.

Catherine Harris, 929 Madison Avenue, asked for Council's consideration in renaming Forrest Street to Barack Obama Boulevard. Mayor Gayle stated that we have explained the process and at this point we have not received the proper documentation for us to put this item on the Agenda. Our policy will not allow Council to vote on anything that has not been placed on the Agenda and they have been given proper notice on it beforehand. The documentation requires 171 valid signatures and we have not received that number at this point. Once we receive that documentation then we will be glad to vote on it. Ms. Harris thanked Mayor Gayle and stated that she believed that the City will receive that amount.

John Robinson, 3227 San Juline Circle, Lake Park, stated that he would like to yield his time to Pastor Floyd Rose to speak on his behalf. Mayor Gayle inquired as to whether Mr. Robinson was finished speaking to the Council. Mr. Robinson stated that he was not finished but he wanted to Pastor Rose to have additional time. Mayor Gayle stated that in this case he would only get 2 minutes and 38 seconds so you either Mr. Robinson could finish or Pastor Rose could come forward. Mr. Robinson stated that he felt like his First Amendment Rights of Freedom of Speech were being violated because he was being suppressed from giving a full expression of what he wants to express. Mayor Gayle stated that he was giving him the full amount of time as well as Pastor Rose. Mr. Robinson stated that the Charter does not reflect the efforts that the Mayor and Council are going by. If a person is a resident and they go get a Driver's License they have to give an address where they live. That means they are a resident of that place. It is clear that the Mayor and Council is trying to change the Charter and it is not addressing the issues that need to be addressed in renaming Forrest Street to Barack Obama Boulevard. Mr. Robinson stated that he felt on the merits of the Presidency that a street does need to be named after him. By the time citizens come up to the podium to elaborate on something that is so viable, three minutes is not enough time to give a full expression and details. He is a not a slave and it appears as if he is being treated in that manner because of the suppression of speech by giving him three minutes. They are the ones who pay the Council and support them and it is only right that they be able to express themselves fully. It seems that three minutes is a practical joke.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mark Barber, City Manager, stated that the Georgia Municipal Association Mayor's Day will be held on January 25-28, 2019 at the Atlanta Hilton and packets will be given to Council members who are attending within the next week or two.

The Bird Supper date has been changed from January 30, 2019 to February 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at The Depot in Atlanta. The change was due to the Super Bowl being held in Atlanta during that time.

There was a joint Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Ceremony yesterday at the old Courthouse. Our Interim Police Chief Leslie Manahan did a wonderful job in representing the City of Valdosta at the event.

We are continuing to update the SeeClickFix Program and citizens are using it quite a bit now. WALB Channel 10 did a great video on it yesterday and Council members are encouraged to tell their constituents about it.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Vickers stated that he enjoyed the Chamber's Economic Outlook Breakfast that was held at the James H. Rainwater Conference Center this morning. Councilman Vickers also inquired as to how we can get more industry directed to this part of the State. Mayor Gayle stated that the first step would be to get Pat Wilson, Director of the Georgia Economic Development Authority, to visit and to make sure we have his ear. The Valdosta-Lowndes County Development Authority was going to take us to Atlanta but it turned out to be a big group so Mr. Wilson has agreed to come to Valdosta in the near future. One of the reasons that we have been losing businesses to other cities is because they cannot find a building here. Mayor Gayle stated that he has been advocating for some time that the Valdosta-Lowndes County Development Authority needs to build some spec buildings. Every business we have lost lately has gone to another community because they had an available building ready for them to move into. In order for us to compete we have got to do that. We have beautiful industrial parks that need 50,000 to 100,000 square foot buildings and some might even need to be partitioned off. That is one thing we have been suffering from. If a business decides they want to move they usually want to do it in a hurry and we have been remiss in not building some of these buildings. Councilman Vickers stated that he

thought we had a lot of vacant buildings in the industrial park. Mayor Gayle stated that we do but they are all owned by one individual and they are not for sale but for lease. They are also basically metal warehouses and these new businesses want a nice front entrance and office space. Councilman Vickers inquired as to what the Development Authority could do to address that issue. Mayor Gayle stated that they are already addressing that issue but they are doing it in phases. They are currently preparing some land and will then float some bonds. Councilwoman Miller-Cody inquired about the Trus Joist building on Clay Road. Mayor Gayle stated that they had a lot of environmental issues with that building and it will cost someone a lot of money to clean it up. We also have a company looking at Crackin' Good Bakery right now and hopefully that will materialize.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Gayle entertained a motion for adjournment.

**A MOTION** by Councilman Vickers, seconded by Councilman Carroll, was unanimously adopted (6-0) to adjourn the January 10, 2019 Meeting of the Valdosta City Council at 6:23 p.m. to meet again in Regular Session on Thursday, January 24, 2019.

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City Clerk, City of Valdosta

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Mayor, City of Valdosta