

COUNCIL PRESENT: Dunagan, Bruner, Couvillon, Wangemann  
COUNCIL ABSENT: Hamrick, Figueras  
STAFF PRESENT: Padgett, Sheppard, Jordan

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order and served as the presiding officer.

## **COMMUNITY ISSUES**

### **Discussion / Presentation Regarding 911 Center**

Hall County Administrator Randy Knighton extended appreciation for the opportunity to discuss the 911 Center. He introduced staff members Gail Lane, Jimmy Taggart, Marty Nix and Jock Connell. A powerpoint presentation was used to supplement the discussion. Ms. Lane and Mr. Taggart presented information related to the following topics:

- 911 fees and funding
- Phone System Upgrade
- Radio Console System Upgrade
- Public Safety Communication System Upgrades
  - Software
  - Infrastructure
  - HVAC at remote sites

The estimated cost to address the referenced upgrades was \$12.5 million. There was discussion about sharing the cost as a SPLOST Tier 2 project. Other funding options were being explored.

## **DEPARTMENT ISSUES**

**Pawnshop License Application: Zip Cash Title Pawn, 235 Pearl Nix Parkway, Suite 6**  
City Marshal Debbie Jones presented the application and indicated all was in order.

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### **Resolution: Declaration of Surplus Property**

Senior Accountant Karen Roper stated the purpose of this request was to surplus the designated assets. Adoption of the proposed resolution allowed the assets to be sold on GovDeals. All assets have exceeded their useful life or were no longer needed. The assets included a seized gun. Upon inquiry, Ms. Roper shared the total revenues for 2012 and 2013 gained from using GovDeals.

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### **Resolution: Regarding Fourth Quarter Budget Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2014**

Budget and Purchasing Manager Matt Hamby presented the final budget adjustments for 2014.

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**Resolution: Authorization to Waive the Sale of Alcohol for Public Consumption - First Friday – November 7, 2014**

Main Street Manager Regina Mansfield requested an extension of the First Friday events through November 7 to include public consumption noting the October 3rd First Friday was cancelled due to inclement weather.

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**Resolution: Gainesville Parks and Recreation Designee or Alcoholic Beverage License for Gainesville Civic Center**

Director of Parks and Recreation Melvin Cooper stated an ordinance was in place for serving alcohol at the Civic Center. There has been one bidder over the last few years mainly due to the annual licensing fee, i.e. \$4,400.

Deputy Director Michael Graham commented on discussions with the Department of Revenue and the options that had been explored. The Agency was asking to waive the fee until the rewrite of the alcohol ordinance was implemented.

Mayor Dunagan hoped the future would provide multiple vendors to serve alcohol at this location.

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**Resolution: DCA CHIP Policies, Procedures and Written Rehabilitation Standards and Specifications**

City Manager Padgett stated the proposed resolution authorized the adoption of procedures and policies to accept grant funds from the Department of Community Affairs.

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**CITY MANAGER ISSUES**

**Joint Municipal Association (JMA) Meeting**

City Manager Padgett stated the next JMA meeting will be held on October 27.

**Insurance**

Rob Fowler, Turner Wood & Smith Insurance, stated he worked with staff to build an insurance package for city employees. He briefly discussed insurance details indicating employees would not see a premium change for medical insurance. The primary care co-pay would decrease to \$35. Specialty and Urgent Care visits will continue to have a \$50 cop-pay. The Emergency Room co-pay for true emergencies will remain at \$150 for true emergencies. The Emergency Room co-pay for non-emergencies will increase to \$300. Mr. Fowler expressed the importance of educating employees about alternatives beyond primary care physicians and indicated Comprehensive Care (offered by The Longstreet Clinic) was an after-hours option along with Urgent Care. He also commented on changes related to out-of-pocket cost.

Brett Fowler discussed the LifeWell mobile app indicating it would be a great tool for employees to access plan information anywhere at any time.

## MAYOR/COUNCIL ISSUES

### **Ex-Officio Report**

1. Council Member Bruner commented on the Golf Course Advisory Committee and the Legislative Policy Committee meetings.
2. Council Member Wangemann commented on the Planning and Appeals Board meeting.
3. Council Member Couvillon commented on the Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

## CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES

### **Resolution: Authorization to Lease Property at 106 Spring Street**

City Attorney Palmour stated the proposed resolution was also known as the Carter property.

City Manager Padgett stated the city would pay the taxes in exchange for using the lot.

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Attorney Palmour requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation matters.

Mayor Dunagan requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

### **Motion to close the Work Session to enter an Executive Session at 10:01 AM to discuss litigation and personnel matters.**

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

**Votes favoring the motion: Dunagan, Bruner, Couvillon, Wangemann**

NOTE: The Mayor voted to provide the fourth affirmative vote as required by the Charter.

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STAFF PRESENT: Padgett, Sheppard, Jordan, Felts, Allison

### **Motion to close the Executive Session and continue the Work Session at 11:09 AM.**

Motion made by Council Member Wangemann

Motion seconded by Council Member Bruner

**Votes favoring the motion: Dunagan, Bruner, Couvillon, Wangemann**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST)**

Mayor Dunagan provided a brief update on a recent conversation about SPLOST. He felt the county was vague about the Tier 2 projects and suggested a meeting with the Mayor's.

City Manager Padgett commented on potential projects to include in the SPLOST discussion.

**Employee Event**

City Manager Padgett indicated the Employee Event was scheduled for October 17 at the Civic Center.

**Ashley Bell's Request for Hall Area Transit**

Council Member Couvillon met with the School Superintendent regarding Ashley Bell's recent presentation at Work Session. The Superintendent stated the concept was not a practical solution. Based upon what he heard, the request didn't appear to be a viable option.

**ADJOURNMENT 11:25 AM**

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