**Call to Order and Prayer:** Council member Chris Peck

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of June 5th Meeting Minutes** Motion to approve: Chris Peck Seconded by: Ray Thomas; all approved.

**Adoption of August 17th Meeting Agenda** Motion to adopt: Roger Fortson Seconded by: Chirs Peck; all approved.

**No Opening Remarks from Mayor Tim Wyatt**

***NO PUBLIC INPUT AT THIS TIME***

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Mayor Wyatt announced that Qualifying for Mayor as well as Council Posts #1 & #2 will be held August 21-23 from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

- City Clerk, Kerri Lynn Phillips spoke regarding an estimate from the contracted IT supplier Phillips Solutions, Inc. The estimate totaled $16,774.51 and was for installation and set up of 7 computers, a smart TV, multifunction laser jet printer, as well as a separate wi-fi access point for secure web browsing. Discussion was made about lowering the estimate by way of purchasing only 2 computers, multifunction laser jet printer, as well as a separate wi-fi access point for secure web browsing. The purchase of library inventory software is needed as well. Council member Chris Peck was able to get a computer for the library inventory software to operate separate from the City Hall computers. Flo Hix volunteered to contact Athens area schools for the possibility of having some used equipment that may only be a couple years old donated. Council members seemed to agree with the purchase of 2 computers, but Chris Peck made a motion to table the issue until next month. Ray Thomas seconded the motion, and all approved.

- A public hearing was announced for the setting of the Mill rate to be held on August 24th at 6:30 p.m.

- The Council reviewed two bids for the repair and/or replacement of one of the Auditorium’s heating and air units and were informed that the other unit that services one-half of the Auditorium will need to have the duct work replaced soon. Roger Fortson agreed the duct work needed to be addressed. Chris Peck motioned to have Acker fix everything with the new unit cost with additional recommendations. Roger Fortson seconded the motion. All approved.

- Members of Council spoke regarding the replacement of the windows in the Auditorium. There have been bids received for their replacement approximately ten years ago. The cost was so much back then, for a building that was only used once or twice per year. Due to the improvements of the Auditorium that have now been donated to the City, the windows are the next step in renovations. The Council agreed to looking for bids to have the windows replaced.

***PUBLIC INPUT***

The Trinruds inquired about what, if any, progress had been made with the property owner behind them pertaining to water runoff. Attorney Dale Perry addressed them and answered their question.

Flo Hix spoke briefly about using her recently acquired property beside the property owner for land use for water runoff.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

-Tony Mattox recently made the purchase of used, practically new sound equipment. He paid $1,200 for it and has been reimbursed by the City. The sound equipment will be used during Christmas in Colbert, July 4th festivities, as well as being available for an additional fee if renting Auditorium.

-Council members were presented with the Citizen Survey that the Clerks have been preparing. Chris Peck made a motion to add information about the new library and Ray Thomas seconded the motion. All approved.

-The Mayor and Council spoke regarding the leak on Crystal Creek Drive. Water lines there will need to be replaced with six-inch lines, instead of four-inch lines, from there to Smithonia. The City will be accepting bids.

-The second reading of the Purchasing Policy was made. A motion to approve was made by Chris Peck and was seconded by Roger Fortson, and all approved.

-The Fifth Avenue project has now been completed by Smith Grading.

-After Jonthan Pou’s resignation in June, Mayor Wyatt appointed Michelle Cole to finish his remaining term of three months. City Clerk proceeded to swear in the new Council member.

***NO PUBLIC INPUT AT THIS TIME***

EXIT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: to discuss potential real estate purchase at 7:49 p.m.

-Re-entry: 8:13 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Mayor Pro Tem, Chris Peck - none

Fire Department Liaison, Tim Wyatt – Brick, mortar, and sand was delivered for the new fire department was delivered today; they are almost ready for the brick mason.

Grass Cutting Liaison – Mayor Tim Wyatt spoke with grass cutters about places that needed their attention.

Streets & Lighting Liaison - Roger Fortson nothing to report.

Assisting Tony with Maintenance & Repairs - Ray Thomas had nothing to report.

Staff Reports: Tony Mattox and Bill Grimes are working on their list and speed bumps have been ordered. Clerks had nothing to report.

The next scheduled Council Meeting will be on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ray Thomas, and was seconded by Chris Peck; all approved.