CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Wheeler opened the work session at 6:43 p.m. following the special called meeting.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM - present

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE – Councilmember Hollis gave the invocation and Councilmember Wells led the pledge.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS - none

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY – This was previously adopted.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY
- Susan Coletti of 5417 E. Mountain Street brought in a flag for celebration of Chief Rivers’ life.
- Joan Monroe of 5499 Woodsong Trace had a handout for the City Manager that she went over concerning safety, trash and debris.
- Sarah Abrams of 905 Gordon Street spoke about a neighbor that was broken in to and her house being broken in to; littering; volunteer group called SMILE.
- Jean Mayden of 5388 Ridge Forest Drive spoke on homeowners with repeated citations; neighborhood looks like a dumpster; renters that do not care and the fire department issuing smoke alarms to citizens for free.
- Alex Brennan of 5387 E. Mountain Street spoke about a new program from the DCA for rural zoned cities. He said there are three tiers for tax investors and they give to ten cities per year.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS
A. Planning and Zoning - none
B. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority – Mayor Pro Tem Johnson gave an update
C. Historic Preservation Commission - none

STAFF REPORTS
B. Public Works Director – Jim Taverner – Mr. Taverner gave his report and answered questions from Council.
C. Chief of Police – Chief Troutman – Chief Troutman gave his report.
D. Visitor center Manager – Kim Cumbie – Mr. Cumbie came in and gave her report after the Farmers Market; Mayor told everyone about the Purple Heart Ceremony on August 14th.
E. City Clerk – Rhonda Blackmon – Ms. Blackmon gave her report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
A. Consideration of Rock Gym Maintenance – City Manager Thornton gave an update on this item.

NEW BUSINESS
A. Consent Agenda
B. Composition of Request for Proposal – Solid Waste Management Services – City Manager Thornton gave an explanation.
C. Hearthstone Subdivision – Permission to Continue Building Subdivision as Previously Approved – Previous Builder CORE Homebuilders – New Builder Unique Homes and Renovations – Council asked questions of James MacDowell with Unique Homes.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
A. Ordinance 2018-07 To Amend Chapter 5, Building Regulations, Chapter 13 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, and Appendix A – Zoning – primarily to reinstate parking regulations omitted in the re-write of Chapter 5 – Mayor Pro Tem Johnson read through the ordinance constituting a 1st read.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
- Councilmember Hollis spoke about having goats to clean up the city parks and for residential use as well.
- City Manager went over the expense report for June; the budget review will be on the next work session agenda; spoke about the SPLOST fund; proposal for a new phone system; spoke about the lease/purchase option for a police vehicle; sanitation proposal; vehicle maintenance proposal; new employee in court services; municipal fines and fees caught up in court services; recommending another court calendar; sewer line easement request from a resident.
- Councilmember Mailman spoke on the back-to-school bash, movie and car show coming up. Also spoke about Chief Rivers.
- Shawnette Bryant asked a citizen about Pepperwood.
- ChaQuias Thornton thanked the Mayor for the employee luncheon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR
- None; commended Kim Cumbie on the Farmers Market; mentioned National Night Out.

ADJOURNMENT
Mayor called for a motion; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded; motion carried 6/0; meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.