

JUNE 23, 1997

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
109 SOUTH KING STREET

PRESENT: JOHN D. MEADOWS, III, MAYOR
JOHN D. SHELTON, MAYOR PRO-TEM
JIMMY PALMER, COUNCILMAN
RONALD H. WOODS, COUNCILMAN

ALSO: WILLIAM P. BAILEY, CITY ATTORNEY
KELLY CORNWELL, DIRECTOR UTILITIES/PUBLIC
WORKS
EDDIE PETERSON, ASST. DIRECTOR UTILITIES/
PUBLIC WORKS
CATHY HARRISON, CITY ADMINSTRATOR

1. Mayor Meadows called the meeting to order, and the invocation was given by William P. Bailey.
2. Mayor Meadows led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.
3. Minutes of the June 9, 1997 Regular City Council Meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council of the public hearings scheduled for July 14, 1997: (1) Annexation/New Zoning Request of Mr and Mrs. William Lawson Hopper for property located on Henderson Bend Road across from Gray's Landing for R-1 zoning; (2) Annexation/New Zoning Request of Cindy G. Henderson for property located at 597 Henderson Bend Road for R-2 zoning; (3) Annexation/New Zoning Request of Jon Erwin represening by Gordon Bearden, Jr. for property located on Curtis Parkway for C-2 zoning; (4) Zoning Change Request of Celeste Chattam, Agent for Marie Silvers for property located at 106 Wilson Street to change from R-2 to C-2 zoning.
 - b. Mayor Meadows, Councilman Palmer, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton and Councilman Woods stated the doners to the Depot were honored with a reception on June 19, 1997 hosted by Paul McEntire. On behalf of the Council, Mayor Meadows expressed appreciation to all those individuals and companies who had shared in the restoration of the community's oldest facility, the Calhoun Depot.
 - c. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council of the GMA Annual Meeting June 29 - July 2, 1997 in Savannah, Georgia and urged each one to attend.
 - d. Councilman Woods stated the City has been reviewing Hunts Drive in regards to the notices of excessive speed on the road by some motorists. He stated the street was a neighborhood residential street, however, it is being used as a thoroughfare in many instances. He stated a decision will be made on the exact method of handling the situation with a telephone pole of the Mayor and Council which will be conducted to determine approval of the proposed plan.
5. Public Hearings & Comments:
 - a. A 2nd reading of the Pawn License Request of Paul Long for D & S Pawn, located at 350 Highway 53 was given. A public hearing was opened, with Mayor Meadows announcing a clear police report was received. There were no other

comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman Palmer made a motion to approve the request, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Palmer, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton and Councilman Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.

6. Old Business:

- a. Harrison reviewed the utility charge offs for the period of July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996, stating the total represents one eleventh of one percent of the actual amount of electric, water and sewer charges billed during the same period. Following review, Councilman Woods made a motion to authorize the utility charge offs in the total amount of \$32,095.89, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer, and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Councilman Woods made a motion to adopt a resolution adopting the 1997-98 City Budget as was reviewed at the public hearing on June 9, 1997, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Councilman Woods made a motion to remove the Calhoun North Industrial Properties, LLC Zoning Change Request for approximately two acres on Jolley Road from Ind.-G to R-2 zoning from the table, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. A public hearing regarding the Calhoun North Industrial Properties, LLC request to rezone approximately two acres on Jolley Road from Ind.-G to R-2 zoning was given. Councilman Woods stated the Zoning Advisory Board had met on the item earlier in the month, and the Board had recommended the property be rezoned with consideration for the narrow road and other problems on the road to be addressed by the City. Harrison confirmed that notification of the reopening of the matter had been forwarded to all adjoining property owners. Kelly Cornwell stated that he had initially reviewed the road thinking it would be possible to close the road at the railroad, and provide a culdesac while sending the traffic back up to Highway 41. He stated after talking to some of the residents, and reviewing the creek, he had determined that there was a tremendous drainage problem in the area with erosion of the road due to the drainage problem. Following further discussion on the proper action to take in regards to the road, Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the zoning change as requested, and to authorize the Director to make road improvements which can be coordinated with the property owners in terms of additional rights-of-way for a culdesac or whatever is needed, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

7. New Business:

- a. A first reading of the Revolving Loan Request of Shireen K. Ku, DDS for approximately \$45,000.00 for opening of a dental office which will create approximately four and one half jobs. Harrison reported the loan request would be coordinated with a larger loan from a local bank, with the City to have a second mortgage on the proposed collateral consisting of dental equipment. Following discussion, Councilman Woods made a motion to set the public hearing for the application for July 14, 1997 at 7:00 P. M., 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting

- affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. A 1st reading of the Beer Pouring License Request of Kitty Seto Leung for the Great Wall Chinese Restaurant located on North Wall Street was given. Mayor Meadows stated the request was in the corporate name, with Ms. Leung to be the manager and owner. Following discussion, Councilman Palmer made a motion to set the public hearing on the request for July 14, 1997 at 7:00 P.M., 2nd by Councilman Woods with Councilman Palmer, Councilman Woods and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Harrison stated the Department of Community Affairs had sent a proposal to the City of Calhoun and to the other Georgia Cities and Counties who had operated the HOME Program under the Georgia Housing Program for the prior two to three years, requesting those communities to service and accept repayment of the loans made by the individual communities rather than having those payments serviced and repaid to the State of Georgia. Ruth Powell reviewed the current status of the HOME Program, stating at this time all the loans in process under the HOME Program had been completed. She stated she had filed within the proper time frame an application assisted by Georgia Bank & Trust through the Federal HOME Loan Bank and also had filed a second grant request. She stated the first request through the Federal HOME Loan Bank should be awarded June 30, 1997 with communities submitting applications being notified in the month of July. She stated the second grant application should be awarded in August with the City receiving notification if approved or not in late August. Powell reviewed the level of effectiveness for the Calhoun HOME Program compared to other HOME Programs in the state based on information provided by the Department of Community Affairs. She stated the Calhoun Program had been in the upper one third of those throughout the state. Mr. Jim Moss of the USDA Rural Development Office reviewed the programs presently operated within Calhoun, Gordon County, and specifically reviewed the 504 Loan Grant Program which is administered in Gordon and several surrounding counties. He stated the program had made an offer for the Calhoun HOME Program to serve as a loan packager for the program in which the City of Calhoun would be paid a fee of \$250.00 for each loan package approved by USDA Rural Development. Following the three presentations and extensive questioning by the Council, Councilman Woods made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement for the City of Calhoun to accept the 11 HOME Loans from the State of Georgia for servicing and collection, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried. In a second matter, Councilman Woods made a motion to approve and authorize the City to act as a loan packager for the USDA Rural Development 504 Loan Grant Program, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. Mike Brunson presented the City of Calhoun with its 1996 Tree City Award. He stated this was a national honor which required activity on behalf of a community. He commended Calhoun for its endeavors, and presented the 1996 Tree City Flag and designation. Mayor Meadows stated the City was very fortunate to have people such as George Chambers and those on the Beautification Committee which is presently chaired by Dawn Hite who is very active in the Tree City Program and other areas of beautifying Calhoun.

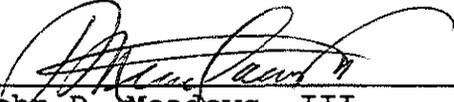
- e. Mayor Meadows presented a request from Coosa Valley Regional Development Center to renew the Transportation Agreement which provides van service for the nutrition program. Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton stated the program was very successful in this area, and was a very needed program. He recommended the continuation in which the Coosa Valley RDC provided the van and the food, with the City providing a driver and general maintenance of the van. Following discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton made a motion to approve the renewal agreement and to authorize the Mayor to sign, 2nd by Councilman Woods with Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman Woods and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - f. Harrison and Cornwell reported the City's first successful drug testing of commercial drivers during the past few weeks with all those tested passing the drug test. In addition to the report, Harrison and Cornwell reviewed a proposed policy for discipline for violation of the Commercial Driver's Drug Policy and Transportation Policy. Following discussion, Councilman Palmer made a motion to approve the proposed policy for discipline, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Palmer, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton and Councilman Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - g. Mayor Meadows reviewed a proposed Budget Amendment Resolution for the 1996-97 Budget in which the Administrator recommended several amendments to the General and Water/Power/Sewer Budgets. Following discussion, Councilman Palmer made a motion to approve the proposed Budget Amendment Resolution, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Palmer, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton and Councilman Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.
8. Other Written Items Not on the Agenda:
- a. Following review of a proposed resolution, Councilman Woods made a motion to adopt the resolution in which Election Officials were named for the City's November 4, 1997 General City Election. Those elected officials being Cathy Harrison, Election Superintendent and Registrar; Kristi Thomason, Election Manager and Absentee Ballot Clerk; and William and Bonnie Johnson as Assistant Election Managers, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried. Following the adoption of the resolution, Mayor Meadows swore in Cathy Harrison as Election Superintendent.
9. Director Cornwell's Work Report:
- a. Cornwell stated that under the GEFA financing for improvements to the water plant, and based upon recent incidents at the water plant, he requested fencing for the water plant at the earliest date. He stated the item was put out for bids with only one company returning a bid. He stated he recommended the City confirm the one bid and proceed with the work. Following discussion, Councilman Palmer made a motion to approve the bid of Cartersville Fence Company for \$36,536.00, and authorize immediate commencement of the work, 2nd by Councilman Woods with Councilman Palmer, Councilman Woods and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
10. Councilman Woods made a motion to move to Executive Session for legal matters, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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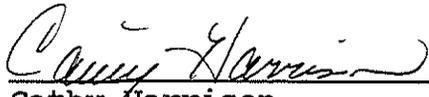
11. Councilman Woods made a motion to move to General Session, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
12. Councilman Woods made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:

Submitted:



John D. Meadows, III
Mayor



Cathy Harrison
City Administrator

