

CITY OF CALHOUN
Regular City Council Meeting
Depot Community Room
109 South King Street
May 11, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.

Present: James F. Palmer, Mayor
George Crowley, Mayor Pro Tem
Ray Denmon, Councilman

Also: Eddie Peterson, City Administrator
Kelly Cornwell, Utilities Director
Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief
Garry Moss, Police Chief
Jerry Crawford, Water/Sewer Director

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
 - A. Mayor Palmer gave the invocation
2. Mayor Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the proposed agenda. Councilman Denmon seconded the motion. All voted aye.
4. Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes of April 27, 2009. Councilman Crowley seconded the motion. All voted aye.

5. Mayor's Comments:

A. Mayor Palmer reminded everyone that the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Commissioner, Mike Beatty, would be in Calhoun on May 13 at 10:00 A.M. at the Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Beatty will also sponsor a roundtable on May 14, 2009, from 3:00 P.M. till 5:00 P.M. at the Gordon Auditorium on the Calhoun/Gordon County Campus of Coosa Valley Technical College.

B. Mayor Palmer also explained that Councilman Hammond and Councilman Edwards were attending Honor's Night at Calhoun High School and would not be able to attend the Council meeting.

6. Council Comments:

A. Mayor Palmer gave Councilman Edwards monthly report on Street, Cemetery, Animal Control, Parks, Zoning Advisory Board, Main Street Partnership, Downtown Development Authority, and Safety Committee.

B. Councilman Denmon gave the monthly report on Water, Sewer, Water-Sewer Construction, and Building Inspection.

C. Councilman Crowley gave the monthly report on Electric, Telecom, Airport, Revolving Loan, and Schools. Councilman Crowley also made mention of the first of four Concerts in the Park beginning on May 15, 2009. The concerts are provided to the community free of charge by the Main Street Partnership.

D. Mayor Palmer gave Councilman Hammond's monthly report on Police, Fire, and Coosa Valley RDC.

7. Public Hearings:

A. Mayor Palmer opened the first public hearing on the FY 2009 - 2010 City of Calhoun Budget. Administrator Peterson presented a review of the General Fund Revenue, Expenditure, and Special Fund Budgets. Utility Director Cornwell presented a review of the combined Utility Budgets for Electric, Water, Sewer, and Telecommunications. Mayor Palmer, Councilman Crowley, and Councilman Denmon stated that this year's budget process was especially challenging and many difficult decisions were being made by every department head. There were no comments by the public. The public hearing was closed. Mayor Palmer stated that the next public hearing, according to the adopted budget calendar, would be held on June 8, 2009.

B. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing per a request for a taxi license by Hopeton W. Foster, d/b/a Calhoun Taxi Company at 528 Court Street, Calhoun, Georgia. There were no comments. Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and ask for a motion. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the taxi license request by Mr. Foster for Calhoun Taxi Company. Councilman Denmon seconded the motion. All voted aye.

C. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing per a request by Luke Lester d/b/a Title Pawn Lenders, Inc. at 330 Piedmont Street, Calhoun, Georgia. There were no comments. Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and ask for a motion. Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the pawn license request by Luke Lester. Councilman Crowley seconded the motion. All voted aye.

8. Old Business:

A. Mayor Palmer announced the 2nd reading of a taxi license request by Edwin Herrera-Borjorquez for a business location of 1310 Hwy 41 North. The Public Hearing is scheduled for May 18, 2009.

B. Mayor Palmer announced the 2nd reading of the new City of Calhoun Zoning Map. The new map is on display at the Depot. The public hearing is scheduled for June 8, 2009.

C. Mayor Palmer announced the 2nd reading of a zoning change from C-2 to a wireless tower facility by T-Mobile South, LLC at a location of 805 Curtis Parkway. The public hearing is scheduled for June 8, 2009.

D. Mayor Palmer announced the 2nd reading of a variance request by James E. Warren for a 10 foot rear setback to construct a 480 sq. foot building at 125 Brandon Court. The public hearing is scheduled for June 8, 2009.

E. Mayor Palmer announced the 2nd reading of an annexation and C-2 zoning request by SunTrust Bank for 67.337 acres located at Interstate-75 and SR 225. The public hearing is scheduled for June 8, 2009.

F. Mayor Palmer announced the 2nd reading of an annexation and C-2 zoning request by Paul Lusk for 5.07 acres located at SR 225 near I-75. The public hearing is scheduled for June 8, 2009.

9. New Business:

A. Mayor Palmer explained the HB 489 process and stated that two of the 25 Service Delivery Strategy items were being addressed. The Revised and Amended Comprehensive Plan pertaining to Roads and Bridges Service Delivery Strategies for the cities of Calhoun, Fairmont, Plainville, Range, Resaca and unincorporated Gordon County, was amended to include the following 'Additionally, Gordon County will provide paving services (labor, equipment, materials) for the City of Calhoun in an amount of three (3) miles of City streets per year. The three (3) miles of City streets to be paved annually by Gordon County will be selected each year by the City of Calhoun.' Mayor Palmer asked for a motion. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the revised and amended Roads and Bridges section of the HB 489 Service Delivery Strategy. Councilman Denmon seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Mayor Palmer also explained that the Revised and Amended Comprehensive Plan pertaining to Recreation and Parks Service Delivery Strategies for the cities of Calhoun, Fairmont, Plainville, Range, Resaca and unincorporated Gordon County would remain the same as amended on August 6, 2002, which included the language, ' Additionally, Gordon County has paid to the City of Calhoun the amount of \$275,000.00 per fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2002, with a 3% per annum increase each subsequent year, to be used for the funding of recreation. The parties agree to continue with this funding process.' Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the Recreation section of HB 489 Service Delivery Strategy. Councilman Denmon seconded the motion. All voted aye.

B. Georgia Department of Transportation - Notice of Intent SR 53 Ownership. Mayor Palmer reviewed a request by GDOT to transfer ownership and maintenance of that section fo SR 53 which is within the corporate limits of the City of Calhoun, if, and when, a proposed South Calhoun By-Pass is constructed and complete. This agreement would not include the I-75 / SR 53 intersection known as I-75 exit number 312. Mayor Palmer

ask that this request be postponed until the full Council was present. (Copy attached)

12. Work Reports:

A. Director of Utilities - Kelly Cornwell. Mr. Cornwell presented the Mayor and Council a budget to actual for the 3rd FY quarter for the Utility Funds. Director Cornwell also ask for approval of a Deep Bed Filtration System for the Brittany Drive Water Treatment Plant. Peoples & Quigley, Inc., Consulting Engineers, recommended awarding the contract to the low bidder, ITT Water & Wastewater - Leopold, Inc. in the amount of \$105,000 for the equipment and \$97,283 for the installation. Councilman Crowley made a motion to award the bid to ITT Water & WasteWater for a total amount of \$202,283. Councilman Denmon seconded the motion. All voted aye. (Copy attached)

Director Cornwell asked for a 2nd reading of the Calhoun Utilities, Development Policies & Specification for Water and Sanitary Sewer, Revised Edition, May 2009. After the second reading and review Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the revised Development Policies and Specifications for Water and Sanitary Sewer. Councilman Denmon seconded the motion. All voted aye. (Copy attached)

B. Administrator Peterson presented the Mayor and Council a budget to actual for the 3rd FY quarter for the General and Special Funds. Peterson also briefed the Mayor and Council on the progress of the Dews Pond/Lovers Lane/Harmony Church road intersection improvements.

There being no further business Councilman Crowley made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Denmon seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Eddie Peterson, Administrator/Clerk

James F. Palmer, Mayor