



WORK SESSION
JANUARY 12, 2026 – 12:00 NOON
700 WEST LINE STREET
CONFERENCE ROOM

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2026 – 7:00 PM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Call to order and welcome – Mayor Palmer
 - A. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag – Mayor Palmer
3. Swearing in of elected officials
 - A. Ed Moyer City Council Post 3
 - B. Bruce Potts City Council Post 4
4. Amend or approve Proposed Agenda
5. Amend or approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 22, 2025
6. **Mayor's Comments:**
 - A. 2026 appointments of City Council members for reporting purposes for various departments of the City according to Calhoun Code of Ordinances Section 2-33.
 - Councilmember Palazzolo – Water and Sewer Operations, Water and Sewer Construction, and Library.
 - Councilmember Edwards – Police, Municipal Court, Fire, Safety, and Zoning Advisory Board.
 - Councilmember Moyer – Electric, Telecommunications, Building Inspections, Revolving Loan, and Northwest Georgia Regional Commission.

- Councilmember Potts – Public Works, Recreation, DDA, Mainstreet Program, and Historic Preservation.
- B. Reminder of the upcoming GMA Cities United Summit on January 23-25, 2026 in Atlanta.
 - C. City of Calhoun offices will be closed January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

7. Council Comments:

- A. Councilmember Palazzolo, Electric, Telecommunications, Building Inspections, and Library.
- B. Councilmember Edwards – Water and Sewer Operations, Water and Sewer Construction, and Zoning Advisory Board.
- C. Councilmember Potts – Public Works, Recreation, DDA, Main Street Program, and Historic Preservation.
- D. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer – Police, Municipal Court, Fire, Safety Committee, Revolving Loan, and Regional Commission.

8. Zoning Hearings and Comments

Announce at this time, public hearings will be held. The public will have the opportunity to make pro and con comments with a ten-minute maximum time limit for each side of the matter, with each person speaking having filed a financial disclosure statement five days prior to the hearing if required, with each person giving their name and address. An inquiry should be made to determine if any elected official has filed a disclosure statement regarding ownership or special interest in any of the agenda items. Zoning Land Use Maps on display in Council Chambers for Zoning Advisory Board and Council hearings.

- A. Public hearing of a variance request for a proposed accessory building that would exceed the allowable maximum size of 50% of the primary structure's footprint. The proposed garage exceeds this limit by 181 square feet. The request pertains to 0.225 acres located at 500 Pisgah Way, being parcel C24-030, and is submitted by Montana Etheridge.
 - Open public hearing
 - Report on legal requirements and notices
 - Report on Zoning Advisory Board
 - Comments
 - Close public hearing
 - Motion concerning Variance Request

9. Other Hearings and Comments:

- A. Public hearing of an ordinance to amend Section 10.14 of the City of Calhoun Code of Ordinances, revising sign and copy area regulations for billboards adjacent to designated state routes and Interstate 75; updating public street right-of-way setback requirements and required separation from residential zoning districts; establishing an effective date; and for other purposes.

- Open public hearing
 - Report on legal requirements and notices
 - Comments
 - Close public hearing
 - Motion concerning ordinance amendment
- B. Public hearing of an ordinance to amend Section 2-99, Municipal public defender, of the City of Calhoun Code of Ordinances, revising residency qualifications, establishing an effective date; and for other purposes.
- Open public hearing
 - Report on legal requirements and notices
 - Comments
 - Close public hearing
 - Motion concerning ordinance amendment

10. Old Business:

11. New Business:

- A. First reading of an annexation and zoning request from County R-3 to R1-B for 0.172 acres at a location of 1005 Court Street, being parcel 002-039, by Sulma Betancourt. The Zoning Advisory Board will be held February 5th and the public hearing February 9th.
- B. First reading of a beer and wine package application at a location of 235 West Line Street, Suite 2, by Dews Pond Ventures LLC d/b/a Amoco. Noor B. Ali is the owner and the proposed store manager. Eligible for a public hearing February 9th.
- C. First reading of a beer pouring application at a location of 220 South Wall Street, by Richard Basulto Cardeno. Mr. Cardeno is the owner and the proposed store manager. Eligible for a public hearing February 9th.
- D. 2026 appointment of Mayor Pro Tem in accordance to the City Charter, Section 2-302.
- E. Motion to appoint/re-appoint Department Heads for 2026 according to the City Charter and Chapter 2: Administration of the Calhoun Code of Ordinances.
- F. Submission proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget Calendar.
- G. Recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission recommending approval of the designation of the Stephenson School Campus located at 503 McConnell Road and 700 West Line Street as a Local Historic District.
- H. Request from Calhoun Utilities to contract with Water Revenue Resources, LLC for the purpose of providing a water and sewer billing audit.

12. Other written items not on the agenda:

13. Work Reports:

- A. Paul Worley, City Administrator

- B. Kyle Ellis, Utilities Administrator
- C. George Govignon, City Attorney

14. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed:

15. Motion to return to General Session:

16. Motion to adjourn: