

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING ST
OCTOBER 28, 2013 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

**PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Al Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem
George Crowley, Councilman
David Hammond, Councilman
Matt Barton, Councilman**

**ALSO: Eddie Peterson, City Administrator; Paul Worley, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney;
Garry Moss, Chief of Police; Jerry Crawford, Water and Sewer Director; Jeff Defoor, Director of
Electric Utilities**

- 1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
A. Mayor Palmer gave the invocation.**
- 2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.**
- 3. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the agenda and Councilman Barton seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion approved.**
- 4. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2013 City Council Meeting. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.**
- 5. Mayor's Comments:**
 - A. The City of Calhoun will observe Halloween on Thursday October 31st from 5:00pm to 9:00pm for ages 12 and under.**
 - B. Mayor Palmer reminded the public of the General Municipal Election on November 5, 2013. The last day to early vote or request an absentee ballot will be on November 1st. Early voting is located at the Gordon County Annex building located at 101 South Piedmont Street and office hours are from 8:30am to 5:00pm. On November 5th the polls will be open for the General Election from 7:00am until 7:00pm at the Calhoun Recreation Department located at 601 S. River St. The candidates are as follows:**
 - Calhoun City Council Post 3- Incumbent Matt Barton; Ray Denmon**
 - Calhoun City Council Post 4- Incumbent David Hammond- unopposed**
 - Calhoun City School Board Post 1- Alvin Long- unopposed**

- Calhoun City School Board Post 2- Incumbent Rhoda Washington-unopposed
- Calhoun City School Board Post 3- Incumbent David Scoggins-unopposed

6. Public Hearings and Comments:

- A. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing for a pawn shop license request by Stephen M. Scoggins DBA: Check into Cash of Georgia, LLC at a location of 136 West Belmont Drive, Suite 13.
- Mr. Peterson stated that all signs and advertising requirements have been met.
 - Mayor Palmer asked for public comments. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.
 - Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the pawn shop license request. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

7. Old Business:

- A. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a variance request by RaceTrac Petroleum, Inc. store #1043 at a location of 665 Hwy 53 East. The variance request is to vary from the required 25 feet setback from a side or rear property line or a street right-of-way for underground fuel storage tanks to a 16 feet setback. The Zoning Advisory Board will meet on November 7th and the public hearing will be on November 11th.
- B. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a Beer, Wine, Liquor package request by Jayeshkumar Patel DBA: Liquor Mart at a location of 541 Hwy 53 East. The public hearing will be on November 11th.
- C. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a revision and amendments to the Zoning: Article 10 Sign Ordinance. The public hearing will be on November 11th.
- D. Mayor Palmer discussed the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Drinking Water State Revolving Loan documents. The Loan allows the City to borrow up to \$6,943,847 to help finance various utility projects. The loan is set up similar to a line of credit and will only be drawn upon based on utility project needs. Also, every utility project that utilizes the GEFA loan funds must be approved by the Mayor and Council on an individual basis. Councilman Barton made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the GEFA loan document resolution. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. Mayor Palmer stated that the first project of necessity was the Red Bud Road and I-75 interchange utility relocation estimated at a cost of \$1.2 million dollars. Also, there was a need for a separate motion concerning the Red Bud Road and I-75 interchange project. Councilman Crowley made a motion to allow the Utility department to proceed with loan paperwork for the utility relocation project at Red Bud Road and I-75 interchange in the amount of \$1.2 million dollars. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

8. New Business:

- A. Mayor Palmer read a pawn shop manager change request for Instant Car Loans on Car Title at a location of 539 Highway 53 East. The prior manager was Jori Mosley and the proposed manager is Kesha Skurla. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the manager change request. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

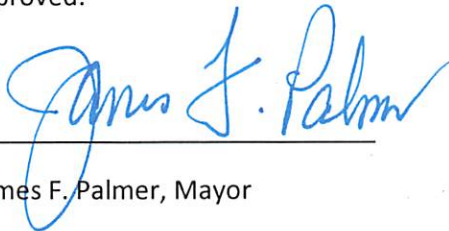
9. Other written items not on the agenda: None

10. Work Reports:

- A. Administrator Eddie Peterson
 - Administrator Peterson stated that there was a General Government cash report included in the agenda packet that was discussed during the work session. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the General Government cash report. Councilman Hammond gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- B. Utilities
 - Mayor Palmer stated that the Utility cash report was also included in the agenda packet and needed approval. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the Utility cash report. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- C. City Attorney George Govignon

- 11. Councilman Hammond made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Crowley with all voting aye, motion approved.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Paul Worley, City Clerk