

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM  
109 SOUTH KING ST  
OCTOBER 24, 2011 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: Bill Bailey, City Attorney  
Jerry Crawford, Water and Sewer Director  
Paul Worley, Deputy Clerk  
Chief Garry Moss, Calhoun Police Department Chief  
Jay Marquez, Sergeant Special Operations  
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 Crowley made a motion to approve the agenda, Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion approved.**
- 4. Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting on October 10, 2011. Councilman Hammond gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.**
- 5. Mayor Comments:**
  - A. Mayor Palmer reminded the public that Harvest Fest 2011 will be held on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 4 in Downtown Calhoun. Mayor Palmer stated the event has been very successful in the past and encouraged the public to attend this year as well.**
  - B. Mayor Palmer reminded the public that the City would observe Halloween on Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00pm to 9:00pm for ages 12 and under. Mayor Palmer encouraged everyone to drive with caution during this time and hoped that everyone would have a good time.**

- C. Mayor Palmer reminded the public that General Election day will be on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Palmer stated that there will be one City Council Post contested, two School Board Posts contested, and the County wide SPLOST vote on the ballot. Mayor Palmer encouraged everybody to get out and vote on November 8<sup>th</sup>.
  
- D. Mayor Palmer asked Chief Gary Moss to introduce his guests in the audience. Chief Moss introduced Roger Stanton Assistant Agent in charge for the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the State of Georgia, Gina Young Supervisory Special Agent for the Public Corruption Program, Gary Will Resident Supervisor in the Northwest Georgia area, Brian Davis Public Corruption Agent for the Metro Atlanta area, James Hosty Public Corruption Agent for the Metro Atlanta area, and Tim Coakley Coordinator for the Safe Streets Task Force. Agent Roger Stanton addressed the Mayor and Council to express his gratitude for the close partnership between the FBI and the Calhoun Police Department (CPD). Agent Stanton discussed the effectiveness of the Safe Streets Task Force and explained that the FBI gets involved through this task force to fight against the criminal enterprises that are most harmful to local communities. Agent Stanton expressed his gratitude for the cooperation with the entire CPD and Chief Moss who is an executive on the board for the Safe Streets Task Force. Agent Stanton discussed the many successes of the program, and he stated that there has been a recent success involving a significant public corruption case in the Metro Atlanta area. Agent Stanton stated that this case needed a special talent for a highly sensitive undercover operation, and Sergeant Jay Marquez was utilized with great success in the operation. Agent Stanton presented a Certificate of Recognition to Chief Moss and Sergeant Marquez to help show the FBI's appreciation for the close partnership between themselves and the Calhoun Police Department. Mayor Palmer stated how proud he and the Council are of the Calhoun Police Department. Mayor Palmer discussed how beneficial being a partner in the Safe Streets Program has been for the community. Mayor Palmer also thanked the representatives of the FBI for taking the time to come to the meeting to make the presentation.

**6. Public Hearings: None**

**7. Old Business:**

- A. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a beer pouring license request by Richard Hughes, manager, D/B/A: Captain D's, LLC, for a location of 463 Highway 53 East. The public hearing will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a zoning change request from PRD to A-1 for Worth Enterprises, Inc. at a location of Dews Pond Road parcel number CG55-127 which contains 176 acres. The ZAB will meet on December 8<sup>th</sup> and the public hearing will be on December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Mayor Palmer stated that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has requested a replacement appointment for resigning member John Willis. Mr. Willis resigned due to job relocation. The appointment will fulfill the remainder of Mr. Willis' term with an expiration date of November 1, 2012. Councilman Edwards stated that the DDA has

requested Holly Carpenter, co-owner of the Sweet Spot, to fulfill the remainder of Mr. Willis' term. On behalf of the DDA Councilman Edwards made a motion to appoint Holly Carpenter to the Downtown Development Authority. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

**8. New Business:**

- A. Mayor Palmer reviewed a Transportation Enhancement Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Calhoun and the Georgia Department of Transportation for Streetscape phase 4. This phase will be making improvements on both sides of South Wall Street from Hicks Street to Piedmont Street. Councilman Edwards made a motion to allow Mayor Palmer to sign the Transportation Enhancement Memorandum of Understanding. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- B. Mayor Palmer read a parade request from Saint Clements Catholic Church for the Pilgrimage to our Lady of Guadalupe Procession. The parade would follow a route beginning at the K-Mart parking lot, to SR 41 North, left onto SR 53, Court Street and down the 53 Spur to the Civic Auditorium on December 11, 2011 at 12:30 P.M. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the parade request. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- C. Mayor Palmer conducted the first reading of a taxicab regulatory license request by Daniel A. Leon D/B/A Taxi Daniel, at a location of 94 East May Street. The public hearing will be on November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Mayor Palmer read a pawn shop manager change request for Title Exchange & Pawn of Calhoun, Inc. at a location of 105 South River Street. The prior manager was Michael Bradley and the proposed manager is Melissa Tomlinson. Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the pawn shop manager change request. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- E. Mayor Palmer read a request by the Calhoun Police Department to purchase \$2,690.00 worth of electronic equipment for criminal investigations using the Police Federal Funds account number three. Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the purchase of the electronic equipment. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

**9. Other written items not on the agenda:**


**10. Work reports:**

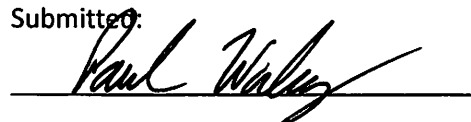
- A. General Government
  - None

B. Calhoun Utilities

- Water and Sewer Director Jerry Crawford reported that Calhoun Utilities has been in negotiations with the City of Chatsworth for an amended wholesale water rate. Mr. Crawford stated that the wholesale reduction rate per 1000 gallons would be reduced from \$1.40 down to \$1.20. Also, Chatsworth's daily water received will increase from 0.5 million gallons to 0.6 million gallons. The increase in volume should offset the reduction in wholesale rate. Attorney Bailey stated that the wording in the contract has remained the same except for the changes in water rate and water volume. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the amended water contract with City of Chatsworth. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

11. Councilman Barton made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Hammond seconded with all voting aye, motion approved.

Approved:  
  
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James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:  
  
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Paul Worley, Deputy Clerk