

CITY OF CALHOUN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM  
109 SOUTH KING ST.  
JANUARY 25, 2010 7:00PM

MINUTES

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

ALSO: Eddie Peterson, City Administrator  
William P. Bailey, City Attorney  
Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities  
Garry Moss, Calhoun Chief of Police  
Jerry Crawford, Director Water/Sewer

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.
  - a) Mayor Palmer welcomed and recognized members of Youth Leadership from Georgia Cumberland Academy.
3. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the proposed agenda. Councilman Edwards second the motion with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
4. Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the minutes of January 11, 2010 of the regular City Council meeting. The motion was second by Councilman Edwards.
5. **Mayor's Comments:**
  - A. Mayor Palmer gave the oath of office for the office for the City School Board of Education to Rhoda Washington for Post 2. (Exhibit attached)
  - B. Mayor Palmer reported on activities during the 2010 Georgia Municipal Association's Mayor's Day in Atlanta over the weekend. Highlights of the event included among others; training, committee conferences and policy recommendations forwarded to the 2010 Georgia Legislative Session.

- C. Mayor Palmer reminded the public and Council of a zoning change request for Pauline O. Davis Revocable Trust for a zoning change from R-2 to C-2 for property located on Curtis Parkway a portion of parcel C52-040. The property is 0.923 acres. Public hearing is March 8, 2010 with a ZAB meeting on March 4, 2010 and a ZRC meeting on February 25, 2010.
- D. Mayor Palmer again stated the importance of an accurate 2010 Census Count in March and April 2010 for Calhoun and Gordon County. He urged all residents to become involved in the information gathering process.

**6. Public Hearings: NONE**

**7. Old Business:**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the second and final reading of Alcohol License renewals request for Patsy Colleps for J & P Package.
- Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the beer/wine package license. The motion was second by Councilman Edwards with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- B. Mayor Palmer gave the second and final reading of Martin Carranza . Los Gallos De Mexico for beer/liquor pouring.
- Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the beer/liquor pouring license. The motion was second by Matt Barton with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- C. Mayor Palmer gave the second and final reading of Renis Barrett Memorial Home DBA: VFW Post 5376 for beer/liquor pouring license in a private club.
- Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the beer/liquor pouring license in a private club. The motion was second by Matt Barton with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- D. Mayor Palmer gave second and final reading for taxi license renewal for Olga Moss De Leon for Los Buenos Amigo Taxi.
- Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the taxi license renewal license. Councilman Barton second the motion with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

**8. New Business:**

- A. Councilman Crowley made a motion to table a discussion on a GMA Restatement amendments on employee pension plans until certain items could be clarified. Councilman Edwards second the motion.
  
- B. Dan McBee, Director of the New Echota Rivers Alliance, made a presentation to the Mayor and Council explaining the purpose of NERA and its work in Calhoun and Gordon County. Mr. McBee request usage of the practice field off of Conn.136 on Memorial Day as a staging point for a canoeing trip on the Oostanaula River. Mayor Palmer saw no problem with the request and ask Mr. McBee to coordinate the activities with Mr. Peterson.
  
- C. Mayor Palmer read a request by Suzanne Roland, representing the Historic Preservation Commission, to re-appoint Mr. Ed Weldon and Mr. Jim Lay to the Commission. Their terms will expire on 2012.
  - Councilman Crowley made the motion to approve the request. Councilman Barton second the motion with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
  
- D. Jimmy Phillips and William Thompson explained Project Renew (Shaw Industries Group, Inc.) for a two phase project with capital equipment investments of \$17,000,000 and \$22,000,000. The proposed project would create an initial 175 jobs and an additional 125 jobs for Phase II. This project is an incentive program by the Development Authority of Gordon County and uses bond issuance mechanisms provided by state and federal law for loans and property tax abatements. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the recommendation by the Development Authority of Gordon County for Project Renew, as presented by William Thompson, after a review of all documents by City Attorney William P. Bailey. Councilman Edwards second the motion, with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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

- A. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the monthly cash report presented by Administrator Peterson with the closing of a savings account titled Sale of Land to MEAG and transferring the \$142,299.33 into an account titled Renewal and Replacement. The Council approved the opening and closing of CDs as listed on the

cash report. Council Edwards second the motion, with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

**10. Work Reports: None**

11. Councilman Crowley made a motion to adjourn. The motion was second by Councilman Edwards, with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James F. Palmer", written over a horizontal line.

James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eddie Peterson", written over a horizontal line.

Eddie Peterson  
City Administrator