

CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING ST.
MARCH 22, 2010 7:00PM

MINUTES

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

ALSO: Eddie Peterson, City Administrator
William P. Bailey, City Attorney
Garry Moss, Calhoun Chief of Police
Jerry Crawford, Director Water/Sewer
Larry Vickery, Superintendent/Electric Department

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
 - a) Councilman Crowley gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the proposed agenda. Councilman Crowley second the motion with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
4. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the minutes of March 8, 2010 of the regular City Council meeting. Councilman Crowley made the second with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
5. **Mayor's Comments:**
 - A. Mayor Palmer stressed the importance of everyone completing their 2010 census document and returning it to ensure an accurate count for Calhoun and Gordon County. Over the next 10 year period millions of dollars in Federal and State money will flow into Calhoun and Gordon County based on the population count of our jurisdictions.
6. **Public Hearings:**
 - A. Mayor Palmer read a Wine and Beer License request by Mitzi

Hutchinson, D/B/A Thurston's Café and Coffeehouse, Inc. located at 114 Court Street, Calhoun.

- All required notices and advertising for this request have been completed.
- There being no other comments, Mayor Palmer closed the Public Hearing.
- Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the request, Councilman Crowley made a second. All voted affirmatively, motion carried.

7. Old Business:

- A. Mayor Palmer read a renewal request by Pawn Mart located at 460 Hwy. 53 SE, Calhoun.
 - Councilman Crowley made the motion to approve the request, Councilman Edwards made the second. All voted affirmatively, motion carried.

- B. Mayor Palmer read the second reading on a Beer Package License request by Mariano Velasquez and Pablo Escobar D/B/A Calhoun Beverage located at 607 South Wall Street, Calhoun.
 - Public hearing will be April 12, 2010.

- C. Mayor Palmer read the second reading on a Pawn Shop License request by Joseph Summerfield, D/B/A Gold N Guns located at 406 South Wall Street, Calhoun.
 - Public hearing will be April 12, 2010.

- D. Administrator Peterson reviewed 15 budget amendments. The amendments includes the General Fund expenses and revenues and the Golf Course expenses and revenues. (Copy attached)
 - Councilman Crowley made the motion to approve the amendments, Councilman Edwards made the second. All voted affirmatively, the amendments approved.

- E. A second reading was held for certain amendments and changes within Chapter 82 of the Calhoun Code of Ordinances pertaining to Streets, Sidewalks and other public places. Administrator Peterson reviewed the current ordinance and remarked on several specific items to be changed.
 - Councilman Crowley made a motion to set the public hearing for April 12, 2010, Councilman Barton made the second with all voting affirmatively.

8. New Business:

- A. A first reading on an ordinance amending the Revolving Loan Program of the City of Calhoun. Councilman Crowley explained that the original revolving loan program was constructed around a 5% interest rate on fixed asset and working capital loans. Councilman Crowley and Administrator Peterson had an earlier meeting with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and discussed changing the interest rate to reflect current market conditions. It had become apparent during 2009 that loans were not being made and existing loans were being paid early due to the difference in market and RLF loan rates. DCA agreed and authorized the City of Calhoun to lower the RLF rates to a market rate based on recommendations from the Revolving Loan Fund Committee to the Mayor and Council and subsequent approval on loans by the Mayor and Council. The purpose of the RLF is job creation. (Copy of amendments attached).
- o Councilman Crowley made the motion to set the Public Hearing for April 26, 2010, Councilman Barton made the second. All voting affirmatively.

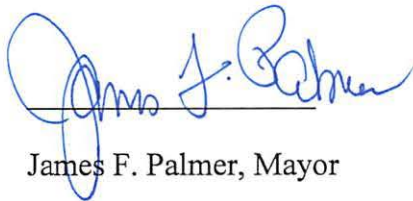
9. Other written items not on agenda: None

10. Work Reports:

a) Eddie Peterson, City Administrator

11. Councilman Crowley made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Barton made the second with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



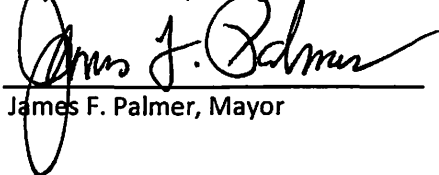
Eddie Peterson
City Administrator

**City of Calhoun
Budget Amendment #2- Fiscal 2010**

		Original Budget	Revised Budget	Budget Amendment	Amended Budget
General Fund					
Sale of Assets	1000000-392100	(10,000)	(10,000)	(30,220)	(40,220)
Street Capital Outlay- Vehicles	1404220-542200	-	-	30,220	30,220
<i>Five surplus vehicles sold by street department to be replaced with one new vehicle.</i>					
Property Taxes	1000000-311000	(1,900,000)	(1,900,000)	700,000	(1,200,000)
Property Taxes- Prior Year	1000000-311001	(55,000)	(55,000)	(45,000)	(100,000)
Penalites & Interest- Del Taxes	1000000-319000	(7,000)	(7,000)	(13,000)	(20,000)
Building Permits	1000000-322111	(77,040)	(30,170)	(25,000)	(55,170)
Contingency	1101110-576000	100,000	50,000	(50,000)	-
Use of Fund Balance	1000000-399000	(669,000)	(669,000)	(567,000)	(1,236,000)
<i>The budget was set with a millage increase for property taxes that was not approved when the millage rate was actually set at a later date. Prior year property tax collections and penalites and interest higher than budgtd because of late prior year collections. Building permits budget was decreased in the first amendment because of extremely low collections but has now increased some because of the Bentley Dye project. Contingency of \$50,000 used in first budget amendment as match for DOT Streetscap Phase 3.</i>					
Tellers- Wages & Benefits	1101515	39,969	39,969	23,180	63,149
Building Insp- Wages & Benefits	1107220	278,254	278,254	(23,180)	255,074
<i>Move one employee from building inspection to City Hall teller.</i>					
Department of Justice- Vest	1000000-331120	-	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Protective/Safety Supply	1323223-531104	3,500	3,500	5,000	8,500
<i>Safety vest grant from Department of Justice not budgeted.</i>					
Golf Course Fund					
Golf Course Revenues	5600000	(904,550)	(904,550)	30,076	(874,474)
Golf Pro Shop Department	5616125	282,817	282,817	(10,076)	272,741
Golf Maintenance Department	5606125	621,733	621,733	(20,000)	601,733
<i>To balance golf fund through January.</i>					

ADOPTED this 22nd day of March 2010

City of Calhoun, Georgia


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Attest:


Eddie Peterson, City Administrator