



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2026 – 7:00 PM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

MINUTES

PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Ed Moyer, Mayor Pro Tem
Al Edwards, Councilmember
Jacqueline Palazzolo, Councilmember
Bruce Potts, Councilmember

ALSO: Paul Worley, City Administrator; Kyle Ellis, Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk, Mike Schutz, Fire Chief; and Ken Carson, Police Department.

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**
Welcome
Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
Invocation
Mayor Palmer gave the invocation.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. **Amendment or Approval of Proposed Agenda**
Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Councilmember Potts gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the executive session minutes of January 12, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

- B. Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the council meeting of January 12, 2026. Councilmember Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- C. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the City Attorney Interviews of January 15, 2026. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- D. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the special called meeting of January 22, 2026. Councilmember Edwards made gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- E. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the executive session of January 22, 2026. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

6. **Zoning Hearings and Comments**

7. **Other Public Hearings**

8. **Old Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the second 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. Mayor Palmer gave the second 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. The public hearing will be held February 9th.
- C. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a beer pouring application at a location of 220 South Wall Street, for El Cubano Restaurant. Richard Cardeno is the owner and the proposed manager. The public hearing will be held February 9th.

9. **New Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning the appointment of a City Attorney following the Request for Proposals for Professional Legal Services and applicant interviews conducted on January 15. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion recommending the appointment Brandon Bowen of Jenkins, Bowen and Walker P.C. as City Attorney. Councilmember Edwards gave a second with Councilmembers Moyer, Edwards and Potts voting aye, and Councilmember Palazzolo voting no, citing cost and accessibility concerns. Motion approved.
- B. Mayor Palmer announced that a reception honoring Ray Denmon will be held on February 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Calhoun Depot. A proclamation designating February 23rd as Ray Denmon Day will be read during the 7:00 p.m. council meeting. Mayor Palmer then called for a motion to approve the recommendation presented by Councilmember Potts to consider designations honoring former Councilmember Ray Denmon for his years of service on the Council and dedication to the community. The proposed recognitions included a reception to be held at the Calhoun Depot on

February 23, a proclamation designating February 23 as "Ray Denmon Day" in the City of Calhoun, and the renaming of the Black and Gold Playground to "Ray M. Denmon Black and Gold Park", with an official name designation to take place at the park this spring, including the installation of signage and a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Councilmember Potts made a motion to approve the recommendation. Councilmember Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

C. Mayor Palmer read a request to purchase a Live Investigative Application by the Calhoun Police Department Special Operations division using state forfeiture funds Account #1 in the amount of \$6,840.00. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye.

D. Mayor Palmer presented a recommendation to award the bid for municipal solid waste collection services to Mauldin Trash, the lowest responsible bidder. City Administrator Worley reported that two bids were received and evaluated in accordance with the RFP process. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to award the bid to Mauldin Trash as recommended. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

E. Mayor Palmer read a special event permit request by the DDA for a Valentine's Day "Love Local Social" event to be held in Downtown Calhoun on Saturday, February 14th from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Councilmember Potts made a motion to approve the special event permit. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

10. Other written items not on the agenda

11. Work Reports

A. City Administrator Worley gave a review of December 2025 general cash and hotel motel reports. (copy attached) Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

B. Utilities Administrator Ellis gave a review of the December 2025 utilities cash report. (copy attached) Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the report as presented. Councilmember Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

C. Utilities Administrator Ellis reported that, in response to the ice storms that occurred during the week of January 19, an electric crew consisting of nine (9) personnel was deployed to Holly Springs, Mississippi, to provide mutual aid assistance.

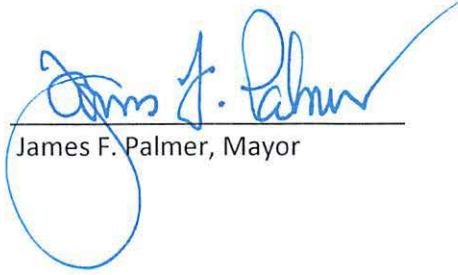
12. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

13. Motion to return to General Session

14. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Sharon Nelson, City Clerk

