



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 22, 2025 – 7:00 PM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

MINUTES

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

ALSO: Paul Worley, City Administrator; Kyle Ellis, Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Tony Pyle, Police Chief; Michele Taylor, CCS Superintendent; Calhoun Board of Education members Andy Baxter; Rhoda Washington; Stephen King; and Becky Gilbert George.

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**
Welcome
Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
Invocation
Councilmember Edwards gave the invocation.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. **Swearing in of elected officials by Mayor Palmer (copy attached)**

A. Andy Baxter	Calhoun Board of Education Post 1
B. Rhoda Washington	Calhoun Board of Education Post 2
C. Stephen King	Calhoun Board of Education Post 3
4. **Amendment or Approval of Proposed Agenda**

- A. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the December 22, 2025 agenda as presented. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

- 5. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 8, 2025. Councilmember Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

- 6. **Mayor's Comments**
 - A. Calhoun City offices will be closed on December 25th and 26th in observance of the Christmas holiday. Offices will be closed on January 1st for New Year's Day.

- 7. **Zoning Hearings and Comments**

- 8. **Other Public Hearings**

- 9. **Old Business**
 - A. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a variance request for a proposed accessory building that would exceed the allowable maximum size of 50% of the primary structure's footprint. The proposed garage exceeds this limit by 181 square feet. The request pertains to 0.225 acres located at 500 Pisgah Way, being parcel C24-030, and is submitted by Montana Etheridge. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held on January 8th and the public hearing January 12th.
 - B. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an ordinance to amend Section 10.14 of the City of Calhoun Code of Ordinances, revising sign and copy area regulations for billboards adjacent to designated state routes and Interstate 75; updating public street right-of-way setback requirements and required separation from residential zoning districts; establishing an effective date; and for other purposes. The public hearing will be held January 12th.
 - C. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an ordinance to amend Section 2-99 of the City of Calhoun Code of Ordinances, revising residency qualifications, establishing an effective date; and for other purposes. The public hearing will be held January 12th.
 - D. Mayor Palmer read a resolution extending the moratorium on the acceptance or consideration of all applications for zoning decisions, land disturbance permits, and licenses for gas stations, convenience stores, food marts, and other related establishments seeking to sell alcoholic or THC-infused consumable for off-premise consumption to May 1, 2026, unless the same ends earlier by the affirmative action of the City Council. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved (copy attached).

- 10. **New Business**
 - A. City Administrator Worley submitted FY 2025 fourth quarter budget amendments (copy attached). Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the amendments as presented. Councilmember Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

- B. Mayor Palmer read an alcohol manager change request at a location of 115 Travelers Pathway, by North Indian Flame Bar & Restaurant. The prior manager was Ramondeep Kenwal the proposed new store manager is Sunil Kenwa, who is also the owner. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the manager change. Councilmember Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- C. City Attorney Govignon presented a Deed of Gift conveying approximately sixteen (16) acres, identified as a portion of Tax Parcel C31-071, from Oostanaula Holdings, LLC to the City of Calhoun for dedication to public use. The deed also provides for the future granting of a twenty-foot (20') easement to the donor for the installation of utilities. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to accept the donation on the terms presented. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion Approved.

11. Other written items not on the agenda

12. Work Reports

- A. City Administrator Worley gave a review of November 2025 general cash and hotel motel reports (copy attached). Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Councilmember Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved. Mr. Worley relayed condolences to the family of David Locke after his passing on December 9th. David was a dedicated City employee and excelled as Golf Course Superintendent of Fields Ferry Golf Club.
- B. Utilities Administrator Ellis gave a review of the November 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. City Attorney Govignon had nothing to report.

13. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

14. Motion to return to General Session

15. 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 7:23 p.m.

Approved:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:


Sharon Nelson, City Clerk

