



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 24, 2022- 7:00 PM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

**MINUTES**

PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor  
Ray Mitchell Denmon, Councilmember  
Jackie Palazzolo, Councilmember  
Ed Moyer, Councilmember

ALSO: Paul Worley, City Administrator; Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk;  
George Govignon, City Attorney; Lenny Nesbitt, and Tony Pyle, Police Chief.

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**

**Welcome**

Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Invocation**

Utilities Administrator Vickery 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 Moyer made a motion to approve the October 24, 2022 agenda as presented. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**

Councilmember Moyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of October 10 2022. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

A. **Trick or Treat Downtown Calhoun**

Mayor Palmer announced that downtown Calhoun merchants and businesses will host Trick or Treat in Downtown Calhoun on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:00pm until 6:00pm. Also, the City of Calhoun will observe Halloween on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00pm to 9:00pm for ages 12 and under.

B. **Proclamation-National Family Literacy Day**

Mayor Palmer read a proclamation recognizing November 1<sup>st</sup> as National Family Literacy Day in Calhoun, submitted by Karen Brisendine. Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the proclamation. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

C. **Proclamation – Poppy Day**

Mayor Palmer read a proclamation recognizing November 11<sup>th</sup> as Poppy Day in Calhoun, submitted by Dr. Joann T. Meadows. Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the proclamation. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

D. **Proclamation – National Education Week**

Mayor Palmer read a proclamation recognizing November 14-18 as National Education Week in Calhoun, submitted by Dr. Joann T. Meadows. Councilmember Moyer made a motion to approve the proclamation. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

E. **Certificate of Achievement – Excellence in Financial Reporting**

Mayor Palmer announced that the City of Calhoun has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The certificate of achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Individual award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to Jacob Fox, Director of Finance.

F. **Recreation Department – 2022 Agency of the Year**

The City of Calhoun Parks and Recreation Department also received the 2022 5th District Class B Agency of The Year award. This award is also based on accomplishments withing the year and service up to 15,000 youth.

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H. **Early Voting Hours**

Early voting began Monday, October 17th and ends Friday, November 4th. Early voting will also be held on Saturday October 22nd and Saturday, October 29th. All early voting will be held from 9AM to 5PM at the Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office, located at 408 Court Street.

I. **Voting Precinct Information**

Election Day is November 8th. Polling places will be open from 7AM to 7PM. If you are uncertain of your voting precinct you can find it online at [www.mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov), or contact Gordon County Voter Registration at 706-629-7781. If you have your

precinct number but do not know its location, a list of voting precincts can be found on the Gordon County website at <https://gordoncounty.org/departments/board-of-elections/voting-precincts/>

6. **Public Hearing and Comments**

None

7. **Old Business**

A. **BWL Pouring – Doros Italian Calhoun LLC**

Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a distilled spirits, wine, and beer pouring license request at a location of 114 Court Street, by Doros Italian Calhoun LLC. Miguel Villegas is the officer of the corporation and will also be the store manager. The public hearing will be held November 14<sup>th</sup>.

8. **New Business:**

A. **Manager Change Request – Food City #212**

Mayor Palmer read a manager change request at a location of 225 Lovers Lane Road, by Food City #212. The prior manager was Myron McCormick and the proposed new manager is Calvin Johnson. Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the manager change. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

B. **Manager Change Request – Circle K #3518**

Mayor Palmer read a manager change request at a location of 1310 North Hwy 41, by Circle K #3518. The prior store manager was Karen Aldridge and the proposed new store manager is Cristy Long. Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the manager change. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

C. **Manager Change – Circle K #3519**

Mayor Palmer read a manager change request at a location of 702 Hwy 53 SE, by Circle K #3519. The prior store manager was Karen Aldridge and the proposed new store manager is Natasha Kirby. Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the manager change. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

D. **Forfeiture Fund Request – Red Ribbon Week**

Mayor Palmer read a request by the Calhoun Police Department to spend \$500 of Federal Forfeiture funds Account #5, Federal Treasury Funds, as a Silver Sponsorship for Red Ribbon Week, the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation reaching millions of Americans during the last week of October every year. This year's sponsorship will go to "The Haunting Truth-Pathways to Prevention!" Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

9. **Other Written Items Not on the Agenda**

10. **Work Reports**

A. Paul Worley, City Administrator gave the September general cash report noting that the general government operating ended the month with a balance of \$2,637,525.49. the revolving loan account had a balance of \$488,888.46. The current interest rate

for loans from this account is 3 1/8%. Hotel motel taxes were \$103,437.03, which was down from \$109k last year, resulting in a 5% decrease. Councilmember Moyer made a motion to approve the reports as submitted. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Mr. Worley notified those present that tax bills would be mailing out Wednesday with a due date of December 31<sup>st</sup>. Taxes may be paid at City Hall or online.

B. Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator gave the September utilities cash report noting that total operating revenues for the month were \$4,985,092.73 and total savings and reserves were \$13,645,531.17. Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the report as submitted. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

C. George Govignon, City Attorney

Councilmember Palazzolo addressed those present stating that she would like to thank officers Courtney Wilkerson and Jody Faulkner for teaching a Women's Defense Class to the Beta Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a teacher-based organization in Gordon County of which she is a member.

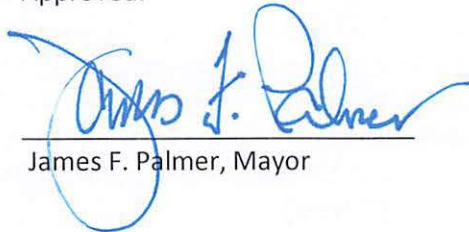
11. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

12. Motion to return to General Session

13. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Moyer made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Sharon Nelson, City Clerk

