



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2023 - 7:00 PM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** James F. Palmer, Mayor  
Ray Mitchell Denmon, Councilman  
Al Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem  
Ed Moyer, Councilman  
Jackie Palazzolo, Councilwoman

**ALSO:** Paul Worley, City Administrator; Kyle Ellis, Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief; Margaret Boyd, Purchasing Director; Joey Moore, Community Development Director; and, Christy Nicholson, Calhoun 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**  
Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the February 13, 2023 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 January 23, 2023. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Palmer announced the members of Youth Leadership were in attendance and asked each person to give their name and the school they attend.

6. **Council Comments**

A. Councilwoman Palazzolo submitted January reports as follows:

1) **Water and Sewer Operations**

**Water Treatment Plant**

- Total gallons withdrawn: 356,760,000
- Daily average: 11,508,387
- Wells: 118,320,000
- Big Springs: 3,410,000
- % produced by Brittany Drive: 35.1%
  - Brittany Dr. daily production to capacity: 34.32%
  - Mauldin Rd. daily production to capacity: 46.65%
  - Rainfall for November – 5.13”

**Waste Water Treatment Plant**

- Treated a daily average of 8.591 MGD, with an average BOD effluent of 4, average suspended effluent of 10, and an average COD of 50.

**Water Distribution & Wastewater Collection**

- 146 work orders completed, 17 new water connections, 6 water service leaks repaired, 7 water main leaks repaired, 0 water services changed to new main lines, 37 meter changes, 28 utility locates called in for work orders, 472 utility locates responses.
- 2,200 feet of Sanitary Sewer Services TV inspected, 371 utility locates completed, 5,950 feet sanitary sewer lines cleaned, 3 new sewer connections installed, 2 sanitary sewer services repaired.

2) **Water and Sewer Construction**

**Projects Under Construction**

- McCraney Water & Sewer Line Extension- Project Complete

**Projects in Design & Development**

- South Interceptor Flow Study
- Union Grove North & South Sewer Extension
- Piedmont Water Line Replacement
- Water Tank Inspection & Evaluation Project

3) **Library**

- There are 11,769 library card holders, 4,828 library visitors, and 5,534 total circulation.
- There were 272 story time attendance, 112 adult program attendance, 103 new users, 1,077 e-books, 892 audio books, 349 computer logins, and 6,352 Facebook visits.

B. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards submitted January reports as follows:

1) **Police Department**

- Made 227 cases with 1 DUI
- Fines collected by Municipal Court - \$33,314
- Issued 442 warnings
- Investigated 47 highway accidents, 33 private property accidents
- Obstruction - 11
- Lethal Weapon Encounter - 1
- Alarm responses - 109
- Miles patrolled: 48,537

2) **Municipal Court**

- Total Court cases- 222
- Court cases dropped- 27
- Number of Bond forfeitures- 200
- Number of Probation cases- 27
- Failure to appear-25
- Subpoenas served- 2

3) **Fire Department**

**January 2023 Activities Report**

<b>Fire Suppression Division</b>	
<b>204 Total reported calls for service for the Suppression Division</b>	
<b>Number of Calls</b>	<b>Dispatched Calls</b>
2	Structure Fire
1	Mobile Property Fire (Vehicle)
1	Fire, Other
1	Natural Vegetation Fire
2	Outside Rubbish Fire
0	Excessive Heat, Scorch burns with no ignition
<b>7</b>	<b>Total Fire Calls</b>
0	Rescue Emergency Medical call (Other)
50	Medical Assist
95	Emergency Medical Services Incident

2	Lock-In
0	Search for Lost Person
0	Water or ice related rescue
1	Extrication
0	Rescue or EMS Standby
<b>148</b>	<b>Total Medical Calls</b>
0	Flammable Gas or Liquid Condition / other
0	Combustible / Flammable Liquids Spills and Leaks
0	Chemical Release, Reaction or Toxic Condition
1	Electrical Wiring / Equipment problems
<b>1</b>	<b>Total Hazardous Conditions Incidents (NO FIRE: Leaks, Spills, Electrical Hazards; All Other Hazardous Conditions without injuries)</b>
0	Potential Accident
0	Service Call other
0	Water Problem
0	Smoke / Odor Problem
2	Person in Distress
4	Public Service Assistance
1	Good Intent call
2	Unauthorized Burning
<b>9</b>	<b>Total Service / Good Intent Calls (Non-Emergency; Water Leak; Assist Other Agencies; Odors)</b>
18	Dispatched and Canceled En-Route
4	Wrong location / No Emergency Found
0	Controlled Burning
0	Steam or gas mistaken for smoke
0	Haz Mat Release investigation w/ no Haz Mat found
5	False Alarm and False Call Other
0	Bomb Scare (Nothing Found)
0	Malicious Mischievous false alarm
6	System or Detector Malfunction
6	Unintentional System / Detector Operation (No Fire)
<b>39</b>	<b>Total False Alarms or False Calls</b>
0	Severe Weather & Natural Disaster
<b>0</b>	<b>Total Severe Weather &amp; Natural Disaster Calls</b>
1	
0	Special Incident Type (Citizen Complaint; Other)
<b>0</b>	<b>Total Special Incident Type</b>
<b>Additional Fire Department Activities:</b>	
Graduation held for the 7 new Firefighters that completed the recent 8 week Firefighter class and 2 week Hazardous Materials Operations level class along with State testing.	

**Training Division**

**Total Man Hours of training during the month**

**Training consisted of:**

Fire Fighters took State classes, Transitional and Interpersonal Leadership (@ Gordon Fire), Structural Fire Control, and Interior Search and Rescue (@ Dalton fire)  
2 Firefighters still in Basic EMT classes.

**Fire Inspections - Public Safety Education - Code Enforcement Division**

**74 Total Reported Activities / Inspections completed during the month**

**Inspections / Enforcement Activities**

2	Annual Inspection
2	New Business Inspections
18	Requested Inspections
22	Follow Up, Re-Inspections
0	Burn Site Inspections
4	Plan Reviews
0	Pre-Construction Meeting
0	Sprinkler Permits Issued
0	Fuel Tank Permit (Install, Removal or Service)
26	Consultations
0	Illegal Burning Citations
0	Fire Extinguisher Classes
0	Fire Drills
0	Fire Prevention Programs
0	Zoning / Annexation Meetings
<b>74</b>	<b>Total</b>

**Additional Inspection - Public Safety & Codes Division Activities**

- Jan 3/13 -23 McMahan assisted Chief Mills with ISO documentation for audit
- Jan 4 - 23 Duvall attended City Safety meeting
- Jan 19-23 Inspections attended LEPC meeting at Gordon County Fire

Jan 19-23	Duvall participated in ISO audit
Jan 20/24-23	McMahan developed Juvenile Fire Setter Program / Policy required by ISO
Jan 25-23	Duvall, McMahan, & Lt. Gilbert met Catoosa County Inspections to give demo of ESO software
Jan 25 - 23	Inspections and Code Enforcement Neal Russell had assistance from state Fire Marshal's Office regarding violations at Travel Lodge @ 716 Hwy 53
Jan 26-23	Duvall and McMahan attended workforce Luncheon at CHS
Jan 27-23	Inspections attended LIV safety training at Cartersville Fire Department

4) **Safety Committee**

- The safety topic of discussion this month was Winter Driving. No safety inspections were performed in December.
  - Vehicle accidents: 1
  - Workers' compensation: 0

C. Councilman Denmon submitted January reports as follows:

1) **Public Works**

**Street Department**

1. Completed 25 shop and 14 street dept. work orders.
2. Installed 4 new street signs.
3. Continued the annual leaf cleanup.
4. Repaired utility cuts and potholes around town using 15 tons of asphalt.

**Cemetery**

1. Performed routine maintenance on Fain and Chandler cemetery.
2. Supervised the opening and closing of 5 grave sites.
3. Sold 3 new grave space.

**Parks Department**

1. The grounds crew picked up litter, mowed, trimmed bushes, hauled garbage to the dump, and maintained records at records room. The maintenance crew maintained designated buildings downtown.
2. Removed all Christmas decorations from downtown.

**Animal Control**

- Housed 18 dogs and 6 cats
- Number of dogs adopted: 5
- Number of cats adopted: 0
- Number of dogs rescued: 5
- Number of cats rescued: 4
- Number of dogs reclaimed by owner: 1
- Number of cats reclaimed by owner: 1
- Number of dogs euthanized: 0

- Number of cats euthanized: 0
- Number of warnings given: 25
- Number of bite cases: 0
- Citations issues: 1

2) **Recreation Department**

1. **YOUTH SPORTS:**

**Youth Basketball:** The regular season of the youth basketball league concluded on January 30, 2023. Games were played 5 days per week using Calhoun Recreation and Calhoun Middle School gyms. A total of 107 games were played throughout the month. Basketball all-star meetings were held January 17 and 18. There will be 7 teams representing Calhoun Recreation Department in the GRPA 5<sup>th</sup> District Basketball tournaments beginning February 18. Calhoun Recreation Dept will be hosting the 9-10 Girls District tournament. We will also be hosting the 9th Annual United Way All-Star Basketball Warm-up tournament February 9-11, 2023 along with the GRPA State 7-8 and 9-10 Girls Basketball tournament March 3-4, 2023.

**Youth Baseball and Softball** – Registration began January 9 and will go through Thursday February 23. Baseball and Softball assessments will be held February 25.

**Spring Soccer** – Registration for Spring soccer began January 9 and will go through February 23. Soccer assessments will be held February 27.

**Spring Volleyball** - Registration for Spring volleyball began January 9 and goes through March 2 with assessments on March 6.

**Tennis** – Adult Leagues in January – Winter Combo 18 & over and Over 40 leagues with 75 participants. Flex program has 100 participants. CHS/CMS held tryouts and began practices – Monday through Friday 4:00pm – 6:00pm

2. **EVENTS/PROGRAMS:**

**202.3 Walking Challenge-** This is a free program for all ages. Participants will walk 202.3 miles before December 15, 2023. All that reach the goal will receive a t-shirt. There are currently 52 participants registered. Registration ends March 31, 2023

**Adult Fitness Classes** – New fitness classes started January 2. Classes are available on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week with 2 Saturday classes each month. There were 68 participants during the month of January.

Studio 74 Dance Classes - Ballet classes began in January for 2 – 14-year-old participants. Classes are held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. There were 12 participants during the month.

**3. PARKS/FACILITIES –**

Soccer Fields were laid out and painted for Calhoun High School and Middle school practices.

Maintenance on equipment was started for spring season

All parks inspected – repairs scheduled as needed

Playgrounds inspected – repairs completed as needed

Field maintenance on baseball and softball fields

Mulched leaves through park as weather permitted

Serviced all equipment

Painted all soccer fields at Soccer complex

**4. WEBSITE USAGE –**

CalhounRec.com

Sessions – 3,334

Page Views – 6,150

Users – 3,704

Posts – 14

**Facebook**

Post Engagements – 4,497

Reached – 10,288

Posts – 14

Page Views – 329

Page Likes – 4,555

**5. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

GRPA District Meeting – Douglasville – January 4 - 4 staff members attended.

Leadership Calhoun-Gordon County – 1 staff member participating.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

February 9 – 11, 2023 – Calhoun-Gordon County United Way All-Star Basketball Warm-up Tournament

February 18 – 23, 2023 – GRPA District Basketball Tournament -9-10 Girls – CMS Gym

February 18, 2023 – Arbor Day – Recreation Gym

March 3 – 4, 2023 – GRPA State Basketball Tournament – 7-8 Girls; 9-10 Girls

March 17, 2023 – Miracle Run – 5k Fun Run – benefitting Camp New Adventure and Winners Club

**3) Downtown Development Authority**

The DDA held their regularly scheduled meeting. The DDA, Mainstreet & Historic Preservation work plan was approved for the year of 2023. The DDA

and participating downtown merchants will be having monthly themed sales for the 2023 calendar year. The first one is scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup> with a "Galentines Day" theme. Kase Aesthetics has been selected as the Merchant of the Quarter. The Historic Preservation Commission had a meeting. They are looking for a new member for a vacant spot on the board. The commission is planning an event for Historic Preservation Month in May. The Harris Arts Center, Calhoun/Gordon County Library and DDA are working on a project for the caboose. The HAC and DDA were awarded \$10,000 for the Summer Concert Series for 2023-2025. The dates for the series are June 16<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup> & September 21<sup>st</sup>. Bands will be announced soon. The 11<sup>th</sup> annual BBQ, Boogie & Blues has been scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. \$6500 in sponsorships has been raised so far. Applications for teams and vendors are available online at [bbqboogieblues.com](http://bbqboogieblues.com) and at the Depot.

Visits		
4-Jan	Pintage	Pam Mills
6-Jan	HAC	Miranda Bentley
10-Jan	Trackside Pizza	Derrick Williams
12-Jan	Coast to Coast	Mitch Payne
18-Jan	Sweet Table	Brittany Logan
19-Jan	When I was A Child Antiques	Employee
25-Jan	Haney Jewelry	Sue Haney
26-Jan	Front Row Boutique	Brooke Towe
27-Jan	Gift of Seasons	Sharon Black
31-Jan	Kase	Kim Evans
Social Media		
7-Jan	Cheyennes	
8-Jan	GEM	
11-Jan	Calhoun Coffee Company	
20-Jan	Harris Arts Center	
20-Jan	Baxter/Dean	
24-Jan	Nana's Home Cooking	
26-Jan	Galentines Day Downtown	

D. Councilman Moyer submitted January reports as follows:

1) **Electric Department**

**Current Electrical Department Engineering and Construction:**

- The LED Streetlight upgrade continues around the city.
- Electrical Engineering continues for the new Mavis Tire and Brakes, H. D. Fibers.
- Construction continues on the Hamilton Medical Complex, the new Convenience Store at 601 S. Wall, the 53 Townhomes at Old Mill, I-75 crossings so Calhoun can serve new customers on the east side of I-75. The Electric Dept is continuing system upgrades necessary for the new growth and increased reliability.
- Construction continues and materials are being ordered for the Exchange Apartments, Manor Lake Cottages of Calhoun on Curtis Parkway and Seefried Ind.

**WORK ORDERS IN PROCESS OR COMPLETED FOR JANUARY:**

• NEWLY CREATED	95
• COMPLETED AND CLOSED	99
• CONSISTING OF:	
• CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION	36
• DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE	29
• OUTAGES / TROUBLE CALLS	18
• SECURITY / STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE	6
• TEMPORARY POWER HOOK UP	2
• WORK FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS	19
• NEW METER SETS	10
• METER MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT	13
• ELECTRIC LOCATE TICKETS PROCESSED-	222

The City of Calhoun's Electrical load for January 2023 is estimated to be about 30 million kilowatt hours (kWh's). This is about two million kWh's less than January of 2022. Actual numbers will be released around February 17<sup>th</sup>.

In January the Educational Solar Array, a partnership between Calhoun Utilities, Calhoun City Schools and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), produced 3,890 kWh's of electricity and provided a carbon offset of 2.76 tons or the equivalent carbon sequestration of 47 trees.

## Monthly Energy Production Report

Generated for Jeff DeFoor  
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Calhoun Utilities

Calhoun, GA

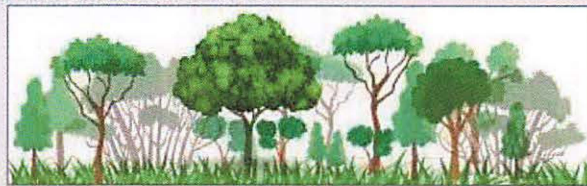


This report provides energy production for January.

Week	Peak Power	Energy Produced
01/01/2023 - 01/07/2023	37.9 kW	902 kWh
01/08/2023 - 01/14/2023	37.9 kW	783 kWh
01/15/2023 - 01/21/2023	37.9 kW	1.10 MWh
01/22/2023 - 01/28/2023	37.9 kW	991 kWh
01/29/2023 - 01/31/2023	20.1 kW	120 kWh
<b>January 2023 Total:</b>		<b>3.89 MWh</b>
<b>Previous Month Total:</b>		<b>3.66 MWh</b>
<b>Year to Date:</b>		<b>3.89 MWh</b>
<b>Lifetime Production:</b>		<b>134 MWh</b>

Your **Carbon Offset** for this month: 2.76 tons

You have offset the equivalent of: 47 Trees



### 2) Telecommunications

- Continue to work on one new internet service connection started in late December.
- New Police Department project is complete. Transitioning to normal support.
- Ordered equipment for Wi-Fi project. Started design for Wi-Fi at BBT Park.

- Asked for support to install latest report software to support 2022 tax forms.
- Setup tax forms for HR and Finance.
- Installed and configured new replication backup server. Working out the kinks.
- Added an additional 50 gigabytes of hard drive space to MCare server.
- Started another email phishing campaign as part of continued cybersecurity employee training and awareness. Happy to report everyone passed.
- Employee Self Service portal setup and training is scheduled to start beginning of March.
- Performed 10 pole transfers.
- Met with Municipal Court for locations to install security cameras.
- Filed quarterly reports to the federal and state agencies.
- Opened 26 and closed 21 work orders.

#### **Geographic Information Systems**

- Started planning for GIS layer for new Lead and Copper water line project.
- Participated in Fire Department ISO meeting and submitted data.
- Printed utility maps for proposed developments from developers.
- Updated
  - Water system and water meter updates and mapping.
  - Cemetery mapping
  - Fiber mapping
  - Zoning
- Updated Physical addressing, building and billing information.
- Updated City and GIS web sites

#### **3) Building Inspections**

- Issued 122 permits for an estimated cost of \$5,041,113, collected \$33,633 in permit fees. This included 34 new residential, 2 residential remodel, 0 new commercial, 1 commercial remodel, 0 new industrial, 0 industrial remodel, 14 residential plumbing, 7 residential electrical, 1 commercial plumbing, 14 residential HVAC, 2 commercial HVAC, 6 commercial electrical, and 0 industrial electrical. 366 total inspections.

#### **7. Public Hearing and Comments**

Announce at this time, public hearings will be held. The public will have the opportunity to make pro and con comments with a ten-minute maximum time limit for each side of the matter, with each person giving their name and address. An inquiry should be made to determine if any elected official has filed a disclosure statement regarding ownership or special interest in any of the agenda items. Zoning Land Use Maps on display in Council Chambers for Zoning Advisory Board and Council hearings.

A. Public hearing of a variance request for a signage variance for sign area and sign quantity, varying from one maximum 25 square foot freestanding sign to two maximum 50 square foot free standing signs, for 7.40 acres located at 215 Curtis Parkway, NE (C65-034), by Caruso & Drye Design Group on behalf of Hamilton Medical Center, Inc. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held February 9<sup>th</sup>.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- Mayor Pro Tem Edwards gave the Report on Zoning Advisory Board stating the board recommended approval of the variance request.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments beginning with the applicant. Mark Drye of 358 Roswell Street, Suite 2170, Marietta, GA, spoke on behalf of the applicant stating that the request covered two variances; to allow two signs where only one is allowed, as there are two entrances to the development; and to increase the sign area to allow for larger lettering to provide visibility by the public. Mr. Drye also stated there were two addresses for 215 Curtis Parkway; one being Northeast and the other Southeast, and he felt having the larger signs will also address this issue. The proposed signs are similar to the scale of other signs already in place on Curtis Parkway. The road is three lanes wide and the lettering on the sign face needs to be big enough for vehicle traffic to see properly.
- There were no other comments and Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning variance request. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the variance request. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards stated that council members are reviewing the existing sign ordinance to consider making changes to certain streets within the city that have become more commercial in order to eliminate the need for these type requests.

B. Public hearing of a liquor pouring request at a location of 188 WC Bryant Parkway, by Jose Estrada, dba El Sol, Inc. Mr. Estrada is the owner and will also serve as the store manager.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments beginning with the applicant.
- There being none, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning the alcohol request. Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye, Motion approved.

**8. Old Business:**

A. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a beer, wine and liquor pouring request at a location of 201 South Wall Street, by Brittny Bullock, dba The Sweet Table. Ms.

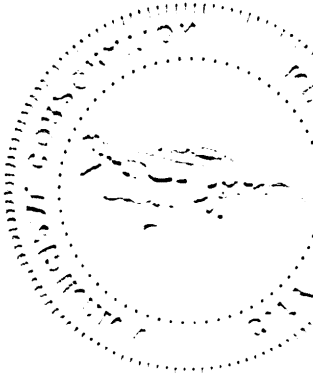
Bullock is the owner and will also serve as the store manager. The public hearing will be held February 27<sup>th</sup>.

**9. New Business:**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a setback variance request, varying from 10 feet to 4 feet on the north side of the property for a detached garage, and varying from 10 feet to 2 feet on the south side of the property for a retaining wall, for .28 acres located at 500 Pisgah Way (C24-030), by Montana Etheridge. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held March 9<sup>th</sup> and the public hearing on March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Mayor Palmer read a road dedication request by Brent Stepp Construction Co., Inc. for Waterside Drive, Waterside Ridge, and Waterside Trail located within Waterside Subdivision, stating that all roads met City specifications. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to accept the roads as city streets. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye.
- C. Mayor Palmer read a road dedication request by Stanley Simpson for the street extension and cul-de-sac of Travelers Path, stating that all roads met City specifications. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to accept the roads as city streets. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye.
- D. Mayor Palmer gave the floor to City Attorney Govignon for discussion of new documentation pertaining to the national opioid litigation settlement and request to allow Mayor Palmer to execute participant agreements authorizing the City of Calhoun to join in one or more of these settlements. City Attorney Govignon stated that a vote was needed for approval for the city to continue participation in the litigation and allowing Mayor Palmer to sign the necessary documents. He also noted that he had spoken with counsel and no second reading was necessary. Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- E. Mayor Palmer stated that the DDA is requesting street closings in connection with the Annual BBQ Boogie & Blues Festival. The professional BBQ competitors will be in downtown to set up for the competition on Thursday, April 27, 2023. This will require that the short block of King Street between Court Street and Oothcalooga Street be limited access only. This block will remain closed until Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00pm. In addition to this short block closure, we request the section of Park Avenue from Harlen Street to Oothcalooga Street be closed/limited access only from Friday afternoon at 2:00pm until Saturday at 7:00pm. Request permission to completely close the section of Court Street from King Street to Wall Street on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm until 7:00pm Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the request. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards gave a second with all voting aye.
- F. Mayor Palmer gave the floor to Utilities Administrator Ellis to discuss a request from the Electric Department for consideration of a capital asset purchase. Utilities Administrator Ellis stated the Electric Department has an Altec bucket truck on order with a 30-month lead time. The quote for the truck, which has a 41-foot bucket, is \$209,478. The salesman we use has offered to sell the city a 48 foot bucket truck 4x4 with a material handler that just came out, that we can get now for \$169,262. This is an unbudgeted item; however, the Electric Department has funds to purchase the truck in their operating account, if Council approves. This would be a cost savings of

\$40,000. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the purchase request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

- G. Mayor Palmer gave the floor to Utilities Administrator Ellis pertaining to a request from Calhoun Utilities to serve sewer to a development in Gordon County without requiring annexation due to affordable housing grant obligations. Utilities Administrator Ellis stated that the request is specifically for Belwood Terrace, a low-income housing development in the county. The property is eligible for annexation; however, the Department of Community Affairs bases low-income tax credits on a points system within a particular designated county or municipality serving to make placement within the County without annexation a more beneficial approach to qualification by DCA. We currently have two low-income developments under construction in the city and the county has one low-income development in this area. The community would see greater benefit by leaving the property in Gordon County in order to receive needed DCA assistance for the development of Belwood Terrace. City Attorney Govignon added the caveat that any waiver of the annexation policy regarding water or wastewater service should be limited only to the property that is the subject of this development project, and should additionally be restricted to a requirement that it take effect only if Belwood Terrace actually receives DCA approval for the low-income tax credits. Any waiver of the annexation requirement shall not extend to any project or use of the proposed land parcel for any other purpose. The developer will be responsible for all costs involved with obtaining the sewer. Councilmember Moyer made a motion to approve the request pending DCA approval of Belwood Terrace. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.



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

**11. Work Reports**

- A. Paul Worley, City Administrator thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their efforts in the last few weeks regarding the shootings we have had. City Administrator Worley also announced that Don McGinnis, Community Development Director has retired following 45 years of service to the city. A reception will be held on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> honoring him. City Administrator Worley stated that he would like to recommend Joey Moore as the new Community Development Director. Joey has 22 years of faithful service to the city. He is a man of great character and has detailed knowledge of the city. Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the appointment. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Mayor Palmer congratulated Mr. Moore stating that he has done an outstanding job and the city was very fortunate to have him.
- B. Kyle Ellis, Utilities Administrator had nothing to report.
- C. George Govignon, City Attorney had nothing to report.

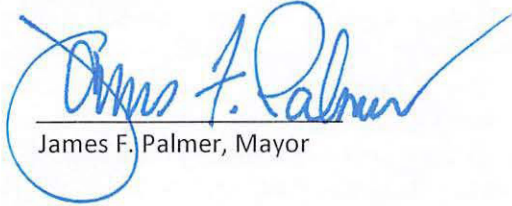
**12. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed**

13. Motion to return to General Session


14. Motion to Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Council, Councilmember Moyer made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved:

  
James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:

  
Sharon Nelson, City Clerk

