

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING ST
AUGUST 10, 2009 7:00 P.M**

PRESENT: **James F. Palmer, Mayor
George R. Crowley, Mayor Pro Tem
Ray Denmon, Councilman
David Hammond, Councilman
Al Edwards, Councilman**

ALSO: **Eddie Peterson, City Administrator
William P. Bailey, City Attorney
Garry Moss, Police Chief
Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities
Larry Vickery, Electric Superintendant**

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Councilman Denmon gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the proposed agenda. Councilman Hammond second the motion with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
4. Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the minutes of July 27, 2009 of the regular City Council meeting. Council Hammond second the motion with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
5. **Mayor's Comments**
 - A. Mayor Palmer reminded the council and the public of a zoning and annexation hearing scheduled for September 14, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. The Zoning Advisory will meet September 10, 2009 at 4:30 P.M.
 - Larry Mulkey/Garland Cook for annexation and zoning of C-2 for the property located at 1405 Hwy. 41 N. The acreage is 0.55.
6. **Council Comments**
 - A. Councilman gave the July reports as follows:
 - 1) Street Department

- Routine maintenance of street sweeping, bush hogging, and picking up brush
- Placed 5 new street signs
- Completed 22 shop and 31 street department work orders
- Ran storm water maintenance plan on July 7th checking all grates and pipes in the city
- Continued work on the Pine Street Project which included 800 feet of new sidewalk, curb and gutter and an additional lane to help with the flow of traffic at the school.
- Kevin McEntire attended Georgia Chapter APWA 58th annual meeting at St. Simons Island. Networking with surrounding cities and counties along with certificate of public works management training sessions were on the agenda.
- Repaired a section of sidewalk along East Line Street
- Cut and removed trees that were causing a sight problem for motorists on C.L. Moss Pkwy and Victory Drive.
- Repaired a catch basin on Saddle Mountain Drive
- Mulched around all trees and bushes at the Depot with pine straw
- Repaired potholes on River Street, Colormaster Drive, Wexford Drive, Crestmont Drive and Richardson Road using a total of 13.52 tons of asphalt
- Mowed the sides of runway at the airport with bush hogs

2) Cemetery Department

- Performed routine maintenance on Fain and Chandler Cemetery
- Supervised the opening and closing of 9 grave sites
- Sold 24 new grave spaces
- Worked 15 grave sites

3) Rabies Control

- Housed 24 dogs and 25 cats
- Issued- 8 warnings leash law violation
- Answered 56 customer calls

4) Parks Department

- The parks department grounds crew picked up litter, hauled garbage to the dump, books from the library and maintained records at records room
- Kept up maintenance on all equipment
- Cleaned City Hall at weekly intervals
- The building and maintenance crew replaced the water pump and motor in the fountain at the BB&T park
- Removed old dog doors at Rabies Control and replaced them with more energy efficient ones
- Installed tint on the windows at City Hall

- Completed roof extension on Cemetery shop

5) Main Street Partnership

- Have executed the contract for Phase III of Streetscape. This will include replacement of sidewalks, new street furniture, and lighting on the East side of Wall Street from City Hall to BB&T Bank. We will have the same consulting firm, The Jaeger Company, as the previous phases. We will proceed with bidding the project out for construction in the next couple of weeks. This project is the result of the Department of Transportation-Transportation Enhancement grant that we received in 2008 in the amount of \$250,000.
- August 15th will be the final concert of the year for the Main Street Partnership Concerts in the Park series. On Saturday, August 15, beginning at 7:00 P.M. there will be three local gospel groups will be performing- Redeemed, Joyful Praise and Turnin Point. The concert will last from 7 until 10 P.M. Everyone is invited

6) Safety Committee

- Safety topic for July was Lyme disease
- Inspected the Fire Department
- There was 1 workers compensation in the Water/Sewer Plant Maintenance department and 1 vehicle accident reported

B. Councilman Denmon gave the July reports as follows:

1) The Water Treatment Plant Facility

- Pumped a total of 365,107,000 gallons of water for a daily average of 11,777,645 million gallons
- The Brittany Drive Treatment Plant produced 34.5% of the City's potable water for the month.

2) The Waste Water treatment Plant Facility

- Treated a daily average of 4.931 MGD, with an average BOD effluent of 4, average suspended effluent of 9, and an average COD of 61.

3) Water Distribution

- 13 water connections installed
- 19 water connections changed out with new meter
- 52 water leaks repaired
- 13 2" meters changed out

- 1 6" meter changed out
- Responded to 375 utility locate calls
- 72 utility locates called in for work orders
- 30 emergency utility locates called in for repairs
- Responded to 174 miscellaneous calls

4) Sewer Construction Department

- Provided 6 sewer connection during the month
- Serviced 3 sewer service lines
- Repaired 2 sewer manholes
- TV inspected 4,000 ft of sewer mains
- TV inspected 650 ft of sewer services
- Completed 346 utility locates
- Responded to 8 customer sewer service calls (6 were on the customer's side)
- Opened and inspected 103 manholes
- Cleaned 7,300 ft of sanitary sewer lines
- Bush hogged 30 acres on the Big Springs Project property
- Continued work on berm at Water Treatment Plant
- Bored Mauldin Road in front of Water Treatment Plant to install 8" ductile iron sewer main to serve east side of Mauldin road with the help of Water Construction Department
- Tore down old house on King Street for the City School System

5) The Sludge Department

- Applied 1,488 cubic yards representing 176.7 dry tons of sludge

6) Building Inspection Department

- Issued 25 permits for an estimated cost of \$207,008.00. This included 4 residential remodeling, 2 commercial remodeling, 2 residential plumbing, 3 commercial plumbing, 2 new industrial HVAC, 5 residential electrical, 4 commercial electrical, and 2 sign permits.

C. Councilman Crowley gave the July reports as follows:

1) Electric Department

Long Term Projects under Construction

- The utilities construction crews continue to be supported by electric maintenance personnel as needed to complete all

remaining Water Dept. and Waste Treatment plant projects and controls

- Phase II of the System Loss Program for 2008-2009 is progressing. Switched capacitor installations will continue with the delivery of new equipment. The Electric Department has applied jointly with other Georgia cities in acquiring a stimulus based "Smart-Grid" Grant.
- The Padmount transformer Inspection Project by Electric Department personnel is continuing.
- The electric AMR is progressing with 3,708 residential and single phase demand electric meters and three phase meters set through July 31st.

Projects and Maintenance under construction

- The Pole Replacement project is near completion in the Maplewood Subdivision and Forrest Heights Apt
- Specialized training for substation operators required by MEAG Transmission to perform emergency operations has been scheduled to beginning in late July
- Planning and design is underway for the Coosa Valley Tech phase III. Ground breaking is expected in late August or September.
- Electric dept. has completed the design and engineering phase for the addition of 60 condominium and apartment units in the Villages Project off Curtis Pkwy. Construction should start in November.
- The Coosa Senior Complex Phase 2 engineering and design is complete. The construction is near completion. Lighting is being installed as construction progresses. Fifty-six electric meters have been set.
- Tree trimming and clearing will continue into the Line Street area. Spot trimming will also continue to target "Hot Spots" and dead tree removal in several locations continues in July.
- Preliminary Electrical design and engineering is complete and construction is near completion for the Bentley Project on McDaniel Station Rd. 15 fiberglass 55 foot poles have been assembled and installed, 5,220 feet of overhead primary wire and 2,705 feet of underground wire are being installed as well as, four 2,500 kVA three phase transformers and one 1,500 kVA transformer for phase 1 of the project. Phase 2 and 3 of the project have already begun and will require another 1,500 kVA transformer and two more 2,500 kVA transformers. An outdoor campus lighting project is being added and is in the design phase. The Phase II of this project is under consideration by the owners.
- Traffic light at Dews Pond Rd and Lovers Lane is being changed out to accommodate additional turn lanes.

- Traffic light at River Street and Pine Street is being changed to accommodate additional turn lane.
- Engineering has begun for DOT upgrade to intersection of Hwy 53 and Hwy 41
- Engineering has been completed for widening McDaniel Station Rd for addition of DOT traffic signal. Construction start is scheduled for mid-August
- Engineering has begun for changes needed for upgrade of eleven traffic signals throughout the city
- Engineering is underway on the DOT intersection improvement at the College Street and Red Bud Road location

Work orders in process or completed for June

- Street and security lighting-26
- New business and maintenance-39
- After hours trouble and callouts-11
- City Electrical Maintenance-34
- Meters set-239
- Meter maintenance/replacement-15
- Electric System purchased-27,232,627 KWH in June

2) Telecommunications Department

- Connected 3 new Internet circuits and 1 new T1 circuit. Received order for on more Internet connection
- Started pulling fiber on Wrights Hollow Road and Lakewood Drive
- Started evaluating internet bandwidth management equipment to replace aging equipment
- Continue to review, clarify and evaluate responses to electronics RFP
- Set up new department with the Utilities Protection Center for identifying service areas with underground
- Opened 45 and closed 29 work orders

3) Geographic Information Systems

- Started adding Wastewater Construction service lateral data into the system based on several years of collected camera data.
- Trained personnel in uploading and downloading water valve locations
- Finished adding fuses, jumpers and transformers to electric layer. Electric GIS is now up-to-date with CAD drawings. Started inputting backlog of work orders.
- Met with Fire Department personnel and trained them how to use GIS tools for inspections and retrieving water data information

- Added updates to the Fiber maps
- Developed and interface for Water and Sewer departments to upload documents to the city's website.
- Continue working with and testing new GIS web interface.

D. Councilman Hammond gave the July reports as follows:

1) Police Department

- Made 686 cases with 8 DUI's
- Fines collected by Municipal Court - \$467,886.00
- Issued 628 warnings
- Investigated 40 highway accidents, 32 private property accidents
- Provided 95 escorts
- Files 1,847 incident reports
- Responded to 377 alarms
- Patrolled 52,458 miles
- Responded to 5,507 calls for service by E-911

2) Fire Department

- Responded to 57 calls for service, 5 fire incidents for damages
- Responded to 14 medical service calls with 12 injuries and 2 deaths
- Responded to 8 hazardous conditions incidents
- Responded to 5 miscellaneous service calls, 19 false alarms, 4 good intent, and 1 special incident call
- Completed testing on all fire hose (1.5" to 5" sizes)
- Fireman completed outside painting of Station #1
- Fireman changed out 30 year old lights in bay at Station #1
- Conducted a Fire Extinguisher class; Peace Hospice Care
- Participated in Calhoun Housing Authority Block Party with Eng 11 and Crew
- Completed Preventative maintenance on all fire engines servicing all water pump transfer cases

3) Fire Inspection Department

- Provided 187 inspections during the month: 14 annual, 2 new business, 36 requested inspections, 8 follow up, and 127 consultations
- Conducted a Fire Extinguisher Class; Peace Hospice Care for 9 employees

- Inspectors attended North West Georgia Fire Investigators meeting
- Lt. Dooley attended city safety meeting; conducted inspection at the Calhoun Fire Department station # 3
- Inspectors issued one Tank Removal Permit
- Both inspectors attended the LEPC July meeting
- Inspectors completed inspection of all City School Buildings

7. Public Hearings

A. Mayor Palmer read a request from Hermelindo J. Davila, 90 East May St. Calhoun for a Taxi License

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing
- Mayor Palmer stated all requirements had been met
- Mayor Palmer asked if there were any there were any questions/comments. There were none.
- The public hearing was closed.
- Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edwards with all voting aye.

B. Mayor Palmer read a request from Maximiliano C. Soriano, 1116 South Wall St. for a Taxi License.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing
- Mayor Palmer stated all requirements had been met
- Mayor Palmer asked if there were any there were any questions/comments. There were none.
- The public hearing was closed.
- Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon with all voting aye.

C. Mayor Palmer read a request from Jason B. Marshall, for Beer Pouring License for 165 Outlet Center Dr. Ste # 5. DBA Dawg Pound.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing
- Mayor Palmer stated all requirements had been met
- Mayor Palmer asked if there were any there were any questions/comments. There were none.
- The public hearing was closed.
- Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hammond with all voting aye.

D. Mayor Palmer read a request from Balkishan Soni, 767 Hwy. 53 E, Calhoun for Beer, Wine and Liquor package License.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing
- Mayor Palmer stated all requirements had been met
- Mayor Palmer asked if there were any there were any questions/comments. There were none.
- The public hearing was closed.
- Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Crowley with all voting aye.

E. Mayor Palmer read a request from Dilip S. Patel, 100 hwy. 53 SE, Calhoun for Beer, Wine and Liquor package License.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing
- Mayor Palmer stated all requirements had been met
- Mayor Palmer asked if there were any there were any questions/comments. There were none.
- The public hearing was closed.
- Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hammond with all voting aye.

F. Mayor Palmer read a request from Derrick Williams, 119 Kelly Ct., Calhoun for a beer and liquor license.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing
- Mayor Palmer stated all requirements had been met
- Mayor Palmer asked if there were any there were any questions/comments. There were none.
- The public hearing was closed.
- Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Crowley with all voting aye.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business

A. Mayor Palmer read a Parade request on the traditional route by Gordon Central High School for their annual Homecoming Parade to be held on September 3, 2009 at 3:30 P.M.

- Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon with all voting aye.

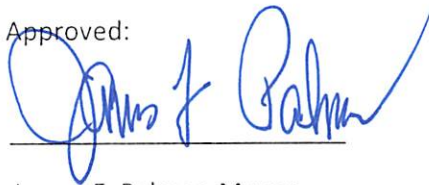
- B. Mayor Palmer read a Parade request on the traditional route by Bud Owens for the annual Northwest Georgia Fair Parade to be held on September 12, 2009 at 11:00 A.M.
- Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon with all voting aye.
- C. Mayor Palmer read a Parade request on an extended route by the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce for the annual Calhoun Christmas Parade of Lights to be held on December 10, 2009 at 7:00 P.M
- Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edwards with all voting aye.
- D. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of an annexation and zoning request of R1-B by Philip Beamer for property located at 128 Columbus Circle. The acreage is 0.46. He stated that the earliest date for the public hearing will be October 12, 2009 with a ZAB date of October 8, 2009.
- Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing for that date. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

10. Work Reports

- a) Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities
- b) Eddie Peterson, City Administrator

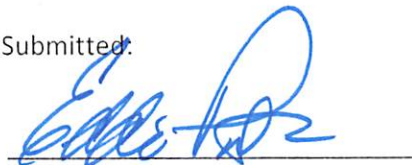
11. Councilman Crowley made a motion to adjourn. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Eddie Peterson, City Administrator