

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
CALHOUN, GA
MARCH 23, 2009 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

**ALSO: Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities
Bill Bailey, City Attorney
Eddie Peterson, City Administrator
Heather Evans, City Clerk
Garry Moss, Police Chief
Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief**

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Mayor Palmer gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
4. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2009 regular City Council Meeting as written. The motion was second by Councilman Edwards with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
5. **Mayors Comments:** None
6. **Public Hearings and Comments:**
 - A. Mayor Palmer read a taxi license request by Isidro Sanchez Barrera d/b/a Taxi Latino for a location of 802 North Wall Street.
 - Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing
 - Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments
 - Administrator Peterson stated he wished to add certain stipulations if approved until a new ordinance is put into place concerning taxi license requirements. The stipulations to include.
 1. Verification of location by a lease or purchase agreement
 2. The location building should be marked with an appropriate sign with the business name.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the taxi license request by Isidro Sanchez Barrera d/b/a Taxi Latino for a location of 802 North Wall Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edwards with 1 opposition by Councilman Hammond.

- B. Mayor Palmer read a taxi license request by Marchelle Gaines d/b/a PEACE Ride for a location of 806 Court Street.
- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing
 - Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments
 - Administrator Peterson stated he wished to add certain stipulations if approved until a new ordinance is put into place concerning taxi license requirements. The stipulations to include.
 1. Verification of location by a lease or purchase agreement with owner of building.
 2. The location building should be marked with an appropriate sign with the business name and street address.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the taxi license request by Marchelle Gaines d/b/a PEACE Ride for a location of 806 Court Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edwards with 1 opposition by Councilman Hammond. Councilman Hammond stated he feels we have adequate taxi services available for the City and he will be voting nay on all new taxi license request until the ordinance is revamped.

7. **Old Business:**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave a 2nd reading of a taxi license request by Edwin Herrera Borjorquez d/b/a Taxi Edwin for a location of 315 West Belmont Drive.
- The public hearing is set for April 13, 2009
- B. Mayor Palmer gave a 2nd reading of a beer pouring license request by Southeastern Pizza Group, LLC with Joy Vandezande as authorized agent for a location of 613 Hwy 53 East.
- The public hearing is set for April 13, 2009

8. **New Business:**

- A. Mayor Palmer read a request by Community Development to declare a 1997 Ford Explorer Vin# 1FMDU32P5VUA26395 as surplus and sell on Govdeals.com.
- Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the vehicle as surplus and to sell on Govedeals.com. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon with all voting aye, motion carried.
- B. Mayor Palmer read a request by the Harris Art Center for a “Walk of Fame” project request.
- Mayor Palmer asked Ricardo Morris, Executive Director, of the Harris Art Center to make his presentation.
 - Mr. Morris stated July 1, 2009 will be the 10 year anniversary of the Harris Art Center and they are proposing a project/partnership with the City of Calhoun to provide engraved bricks to complement the next phase of the historic downtown streetscape. (Project information attached)
 - Mayor Palmer explained the approval process would require a Memorandum of Understanding for the project.
 - Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the project. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting aye, motion carried.
- C. Mayor Palmer read an address change request by Taxi Local from 802 North Wall Street to 708 North Wall Street.
- Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the address change upon receipt of a purchase or lease agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon with all voting aye, motion carried.

- D. Mayor Palmer read a request from the Downtown Development Authority for the reappointment of Mr. Ray Towers for another 4 year term.
- Mayor Palmer stated that Mr. Towers currently serves on the board as Treasurer.
 - Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the reappointment of Ray Towers for a four year term expiring in 2013. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon with all voting aye, motion carried.
- E. Mayor Palmer read a request by the Georgia Department of Transportation to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and complete the Internal Control Questionnaire for the TE Project - Streetscapes.
- Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the MOU and Questionnaire and approve the Mayor to sign. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edwards with all voting aye, motion carried.
- F. Mayor Palmer read an address change request by Oasis Taxi from 802 North Wall Street to 708 North Wall Street.
- Councilman Hammond made a motion to table the item until receipt of a purchase or lease agreement. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting aye, motion carried.
- G. Mayor Palmer read a request by the Calhoun-Gordon County Library and the Calhoun-Gordon County For a Literate Community to designate April as Library month.
- Mayor Palmer read the Proclamation.
 - Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the Proclamation and approve the Mayor to sign. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edwards with all voting aye, motion carried.
 - Mayor Palmer stated the Library open house will be held Thursday April 2, 2009 from 5:30-7:30 pm.
- H. Mayor Palmer read a request from Community Development to adopt a new City zoning map.
- Mayor Palmer stated the item must go through the zoning procedure and will be brought back at a later date.
- I. Mayor Palmer read a request to adopt a Resolution to apply for recertification to remain a Certified City of Ethics.
- Mayor Palmer read the Resolution.
 - Councilman Hammond made a motion to adopt the Resolution as written. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting aye, motion carried.

9. **Other Written Items not on the Agenda:** None

10. **Work Reports:**

- A. Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities: NONE
B. Eddie Peterson, City Administrator: NONE

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

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Eddie Peterson, City Administrator

**CITY OF CALHOUN
CALHOUN, GEORGIA
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Georgia Municipal Association has established a Certified City of Ethics program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calhoun wishes to be recertified as a Certified City of Ethics under the GMA program; and

WHEREAS, part of the recertification process requires the Mayor and Council to subscribe to the ethics principles approved by the GMA Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia that as a group and as individuals, the governing authority subscribes to the following ethics principles, as defined in GMA's "Model Code of Ethics for Georgia City Officials," dated September 1999, and pledges to conduct its affairs accordingly:

- Serve Others, Not Ourselves;
- Use Resources With Efficiency And Economy;
- Treat All People Fairly;
- Use The Power Of Our Position For The Well Being Of Our Constituents;
- Create An Environment Of Honesty, Openness And Integrity.

Adopted this the 23rd day of March, 2009.

City of Calhoun, Georgia

By:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Attest:



Eddie Peterson, City Administrator

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY
OF CALHOUN ANNEXING
CERTAIN PROPERTY

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun:

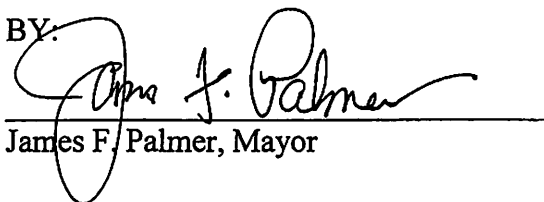
- (1) That upon written application of **Terry D. Goble** for hereinafter described property, which is contiguous to the present corporate limits of the City of Calhoun, said property be annexed to the City of Calhoun in accordance with Georgia Code § 36-36-1.

Property being described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, lying and being in the 14th District and 3rd Section of Gordon County, Georgia, and being a part of Land Lot No. 237 thereof and being in the Thornwood Subdivision Phase II and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin corner on the East side of Shadow Lane and said beginning point being South 01 degree 03 minutes West a distance of 850 feet from the Southeast intersection of Thornwood Place and Shadow Lane; thence running East a distance of 200 feet to an iron pin corner; thence running South 01 degree 03 minutes West a distance of 200 feet to an iron pin corner; thence running West to the East side of Shadow Lane a distance of 200 feet to an iron pin corner; thence running North 01 degree 03 minutes East along the East side of Shadow Lane a distance of 200 feet to the point of beginning.

- (2) The City Election Superintendent shall add the annexed area to the municipal election district and/or precinct, and report said change to the Secretary of State as provided in O.C.G.A 21-3-162(d) and to the U.S. Justice Department pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C.1973(c).
- (3) In accordance with Georgia Territorial Election Service Act, Georgia Laws, 1973 annexation will become effective April 1, 2009.
- (4) The foregoing ordinance is duly passed and approved at the regular meeting of the City of Calhoun on the 9th day of March 2009.

BY:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

ATTEST:


City Administrator