

CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
APRIL 13, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: JAMES F. PALMER, MAYOR
GEORGE CROWLEY, MAYOR PRO TEM
DAVID HAMMOND, COUNCILMAN
RAY DENMON, COUNCILMAN
AL EDWARDS, COUNCILMAN

ALSO: EDDIE PETERSON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
HEATHER EVANS, CITY CLERK
WILLIAM P. BAILEY, CITY ATTORNEY
KELLY CORN WELL, DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES
LENNY NESBITT, FIRE CHIEF
GARRY MOSS, POLICE CHIEF

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Mayor Palmer gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon with all voting aye, motion carried.
4. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the March 23, 2009 minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Councilman Edwards with all voting aye, motion carried.
5. **Mayor's Comments:**
 - A. Mayor Palmer announced GMA will hold the spring 2009 district meeting on Wednesday April 29, 2009 beginning at 11:30 in Rome in Building H Rooms B&C at Coosa Valley Technical College. He asked anyone wishing to attend to please RSVP.
 - B. Mayor Palmer stated the City of Calhoun received a letter from the Georgia Department of Human Resources dated March 13, 2009 to inform that the City water system has received the 2007 Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention. He stated this award

recognizes those communities that have maintained a consistent level of optimally fluoridated water for the calendar year.

- C. Mayor Palmer commended the electric and street departments for their work during the recent storms to restore power and clean up debris.
- D. Mayor Palmer stated the drive-thru at City Hall has re-opened, however for a drop box location only.

6. Council Comments:

A. Councilman Edwards gave his March reports as follows:

1) The Street Department:

- Routine maintenance of brush truck, leave vacuum, and street sweeper routes.
- Placed 9 new street signs
- Completed 37 shop and 26 street department work orders
- Ran storm water maintenance plan on March 13th checking all grates and pipes inside the City.
- Dressed the shoulders of East May Street and Nelson Street.
- Grade ditch on Park Avenue to correct a drainage problem
- Sawed rough spots in the roadway on East Line Street, Richardson Road, and Marine Drive in preparation for patching.
- Replaced a 30 ft x 2 ft section of curb on South Wall Street.
- Cut and removed dead trees on College Street, Little Pine Drive and Camelot Circle.
- Dug out old storm drain and replaced with open ditch to correct drainage problem on Maplewood Drive.
- Graded the ball fields at the recreation department and hauled off the excess dirt.
- Cleaned out ditches with the Grade-All on Saddlebrook Drive.

2) The Parks and Maintenance Department:

- Picked up litter, cleaned up leaves in addition to hauling garbage to the dump, books from the library and maintain records at records room
- Kept up maintenance on all equipment
- The building and maintenance crew reconfigured islands in City Hall drive-thru
- Performed normal maintenance on all designated department buildings
- Began revamping break room for Street Department

3) Cemetery Department:

- Supervised the opening and closing of 12 grave sites
- Performed routine maintenance on Fain and Chandler Cemeteries
- Sold 5 new grave spaces
- Worked 15 grave sites

4) Animal Control:

- Housed 17 dogs and 10 cats
- Answered 56 customer calls
- Issued 0 warnings for lease law violation

5) Safety Committee:

- Had a safety topic of Labels
- Inspected Sewer Plant on March 10, 2009.
- Reported 1 workers comp accident

6) Downtown Development Authority:

- Councilman Edwards stated that the Heart and Soul Bus Tour had chosen Calhoun as one of the City's to visit and stated they would arrive on Thursday April 16, 2009 to tour downtown key points such as the Harris Arts Center, the old Ford Building, and the Gem Theater.
- Councilman Edwards stated the annual More Than A Taste of Calhoun will be held Saturday April 25 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

B. Councilman Denmon gave the March reports as follows:

1) The Water Treatment Plant Facility:

- Pumped a total of 312,620,000 gallons of water for a daily average of 10,084,516 million gallons
- The Brittany Drive Treatment Plant produced 35.4% of the City's potable water for the month.

2) The Waste Treatment Plant:

- Treated a daily average of 8.282 MGD, with an average BOD effluent of 14, average suspended effluent of 13, and an average COD effluent of 80.

3) The Water Construction Department:

- Installed 11 water connections
- Changed out 9 water connection with new meter
- Repaired 26 water leaks
- Installed 5 2" meters
- Installed 1 4" meter
- Replaced 1 fire hydrant
- Responded to 358 utility locates
- Called in 46 utility locates for work orders
- Called in 24 emergency located for repairs
- Responded to 296 misc calls

4) The Sewer Construction Department:

- Installed 8 sanitary sewer connections
- Repaired 24 sanitary sewer services
- Repaired 2 sanitary sewer mains
- TV inspected 16,207 feet of sanitary sewer mains
- TV inspected 210 feet of sanitary sewer services
- Completed 350 utility locates
- Repaired 1 lift station
- Answered 7 sewer calls (6 for service lines – 5 on customer side)
- Cleaned 11,900 feet of sanitary sewer lines
- Opened and inspected 168 manholes
- TV inspected 1,500 ft. of sewer main for Chatsworth Water to assist with inflow

5) The Sludge Department:

- Applied 1,776 cubic yards representing 179 dry tons of sludge

6) Building Inspection Department:

- Issued 26 permits for an estimated cost of \$672,100.00. This included 2 grading, 1 residential remodeling, 4 commercial remodeling, 1 new industrial, 1 commercial plumbing, 1 residential HVAC, 3 commercial HVAC, 1 new industrial plumbing, 3 residential electrical, 5 commercial electrical, 1 industrial electrical, 1 sign permit, 1 soil and erosion, 1 NOI.

C. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave his March reports as follows:

1) The 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 2007-08** is progressing. Switched capacitor installations will continue with the delivery of new equipment.
- The **System Reliability Program** included new installations at High Point Dr., Barrett Rd. and Golden Circle. These installations of Recloser equipment and controls have been energized. The manufacturer technicians monitored the installation of new equipment by our staff.
- **The Padmount Transformer Inspection Project** by Electric Department personnel is continuing.
- The electric **AMR Project** is progressing with **3,343** residential and single phase demand electric meters set through April 1st.

- A detailed formal proposal was prepared and a prospect meeting was held with a **potential new industry** to Calhoun. Additional negotiations continued into April.

PROJECTS AND MAINTENANCE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- The **Pole Replacement** Project is near completion in the Maplewood Subdivision and Forrest Heights Apts..
- **Specialized training** for substation operators required by MEAG Transmission to perform emergency operations should be completed by May 31st.
- Planning and design is underway for the **Coosa Valley Tech phase III**. Ground breaking is expected in May.
- Electric dept. is in the process design and engineering for the addition of 60 condominium and apartment units in the **Villages Project off Curtis Parkway**. Construction should start in April.
- The **Coosa Senior Complex Phase 2** engineering and design is complete. The construction is near completion. Lighting will be installed as construction progresses.
- **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 April.
- Preliminary Electrical design and engineering is complete for the **Bentley Project on McDaniel Station Rd**. Planning meetings with the construction group have determined the location of temporary power and it is now under construction by electric crews.

WORK ORDERS IN PROCESS OR COMPLETED FOR FEBRUARY:

- Street and security lighting- 34
- New business and maintenance- 131
- After hours trouble callouts- 14

DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH:

- Meters Set-7
- Meter Maintenance/ Replacement-18
- 18 AMR Meter changes in February

The electric system purchased -22,439,126 KWH in February

2) Telecommunications Department:

- Connected 2 new internet circuits
- Repaired fiber cut on Highway 41 South.
- Watched introductory meeting from the National Telecommunication and Information Association (NTIA). They are seeking comments on spending \$4.7 billion from the stimulus spending bill on telecommunications projects.
- Released RFP for new electronics delivery system.
- Continue to coordinate with GIS department to re-write Harris billing reports.
- Opened 47 and closed 43 work orders.

GIS Department:

- Turned up new City website at www.cityofcalhoun-ga.com. Continue to receive comments and make updates.
- Continue GIS development of fiber mapping tools and update fiber maps.
- Updated and printed new 2009 zoning maps
- Started converting Fire Department pre-fire plans and linking them to buildings on GIS .82 buildings have been completed.
- Continue to support Wastewater data collection and adding new Electric elements
- Developed new AMR reports to help identify and resolve issues

D. Councilman Hammond gave his March reports as follows:

1) The Police Department:

- Made 724 cases with 8 DUI's
- Fines collected by Municipal Court - \$110,055.00
- Issued 736 warnings
- Investigated 57 highway accidents and 13 private property accidents
- Provided 116 escorts
- Filed 1,975 incidents reports
- Responded to 333 alarms
- Patrolled 52,248 miles
- Responded to 5,833 calls for service by E-911

2) The Fire Department:

- Responded to 52 calls for service, 6 fire incidents with an estimated \$255,500 in damages
- Responded to 19 emergency medical service calls with 16 injuries and no deaths
- Responded to 10 hazardous conditions incidents
- Responded to 2 miscellaneous service calls, 14 false alarms, and 1 special incident.
- Page McEntyre (13 year veteran) was selected as Fire Fighter of the year and was recognized by the Local Elks Club at the annual ceremony for Officers of the Year.
- 3 personnel (Scott Fox, Billy Green, Adam Moore) attended and completed the 8 day structural collapse class for GSAR; This completes their GSAR training with over 400 hours of training for each man. 3 additional men (Brian Holt, Jim Chance, Robbie Evans) will complete their training in about 3 weeks.
- C-shift cooked 630 hamburger plates to raise money for Relay for Life. Over \$2000 was made after buying all supplies.
- Hosted station tour and gave a safety presentation for 30 children at Station 1.
- Members of the Haz Mat Team participated in the WIPP (Waste Isolation Pilot Program) Drill.

3) **Fire Inspection Department:**

- Provided 101 inspections/activities during the month: 1 new business, 15 requested, 30 follow-up re-inspections, 51 consultants, 1 burn site inspections, and 2 plan reviews and 1 pre construction meeting.
- Inspectors processed 14 Tier II Hazardous Materials reports from local industries
- Lt. Dooley attended city safety meeting and city department safety inspection at the Sewer Plant
- Inspectors attended and completed 55 hours of required hours of training
- Both inspectors attended and completed 55 hours of required hours of training
- Both inspectors attended the Greater Atlanta Fire Safety conference
- Inspectors assisted with the Relay For Life C-shift event
- Inspectors assisted in work to complete two upstairs offices in the training building
- Lt. Duvall participated in the WIPP (Waste Isolation Pilot Program) Drill/
- Lt. Dooley attended the Safety Coordinator II class in Gainesville

4) **Coosa Valley RDC:**

- Councilman Hammond stated that the CVRDC has changed its name to Northwest Regional Development Commission and because of new by-laws the Commission discussed new mandates on membership and it was determined the largest city would be chosen. Since that time it was then re-voted that the County would be over the Municipality and a third vote recently took place by roll call with Municipality being favored with a 47 to 1 vote.
- Councilman Hammond stated the Department of Community Affairs has awarded \$54.4 million to 23 neighborhood stabilization program projects statewide. He stated the Coosa Valley RDC regional application includes the following counties : Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Floyd, Gordon, Haralson, Paulding, Polk, and Walker with a total NSP award amount of \$6,526,830 in which the City of Calhoun would be eligible for \$27,481 of that amount.

7. **Public Hearings:**

- A.** Mayor Palmer read a taxi license request by Edwin Herrera Borjorquez d/b/a Taxi Edwin for a location of 315 West Belmont Drive.
- Administrator Peterson stated the applicant has withdrawn his application.
- B.** Mayor Palmer read a beer pouring license request by Southeastern Pizza Group, LLC with Joy Vandezande as authorized agent for a location of 613 Hwy 53 East.
- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing
 - Mayor Palmer asked if there were any questions/comments. There were none.
 - The public hearing was closed.

- Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the beer pouring license request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edwards with all voting aye, motion carried.

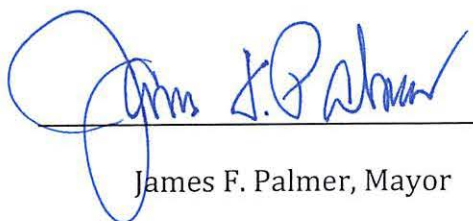
8. Old Business: NONE

9. New Business:

- A.** Mayor Palmer gave a 1st reading of the new City Zoning Map.
- Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be June 8, 2009 with a ZAB date of June 4, 2009.
 - Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing for June 8, 2009. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edwards with all voting aye, motion carried.
- B.** Mayor Palmer gave a 1st reading of a zoning change from C-2 to a wireless facility tower site by T-Mobile South LLC for a location of 805 Curtis Parkway.
- Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be June 8, 2009 with a ZAB date of June 4, 2009.
 - Councilman Hammond made a motion to set the public hearing for June 8, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting aye, motion carried.
- C.** Mayor Palmer gave a 1st reading of a taxi license request by Hopeton W. Foster d/b/a Calhoun Taxi Company for a location of 528 Court Street.
- Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing is May 11, 2009
 - Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing for May 11, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting aye, motion carried.
- D.** Mayor Palmer gave a 1st reading of a variance request by James E. Warren for a 10 foot rear set back to build a 480 sq foot building at 125 Brandon Court.
- Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing is June 8, 2009 with a ZAB date of June 4, 2009.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to set the public hearing for June 8, 2009. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edwards with all voting aye, motion carried.
- E.** Mayor Palmer gave a 1st reading of a pawn license request by Luke Lester d/b/a Title Pawn Lenders, Inc for a location of 330 Piedmont Street.
- Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing is May 11, 2009.
 - Councilman Hammond made a motion to set the public hearing for May 11, 2009. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon with all voting aye, motion carried.
- F.** Mayor Palmer stated Darla Langston, local business owner, wished to address the Council regarding downtown streets and parking ordinances.
- Ms. Langston stated the Street Department along with the Mayor and Council were already helping with the problem she was facing concerning parking spaces for her business and she did not have anything to further to add to the complaint but wanted to thank them for the cooperation.
- G.** Mayor Palmer gave a 1st reading of an annexation and C-2 zoning request by SunTrust Bank for 67.337 acres located at Interstate 75 and Hwy 225.


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 - Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing for June 8, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting aye, motion carried.
- H.** Mayor Palmer gave a 1st reading of an annexation and C-2 zoning request by Paul Lusk for 5.07 acres located on Hwy 225.
- Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing is June 8, 2009 with a ZAB date of June 4, 2009.
 - Councilman Hammond made a motion to set the public hearing for June 8, 2009. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon with all voting aye, motion carried.
- 10. Work Reports:**
- A.** Kelly Cornwell – Director of Utilities:
- 11.** Councilman Hammond made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting aye.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Eddie Peterson, City Administrator