

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING ST
NOVEMBER 9, 2009 7:00 P.M**

MINUTES

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

ALSO: Eddie Peterson, City Administrator
William P. Bailey, City Attorney
Garry Moss, Police Chief
Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities
Jerry Crawford, Director of Water/Sewer Treatment
Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief
Terry Mills, Assistant Fire Chief

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
 - a) Mayor Palmer 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 Edwards second the motion with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
4. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the minutes of October 26, 2009 of the regular City Council meeting. Council Denmon second the motion with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
5. **Mayor's Comments**
 - A. Mayor Palmer reviewed the election results submitted by Shea Hicks, Gordon County Voter Registrar. Mayor Palmer thanked Councilman Denmon for his ten years of service to the citizens of Calhoun and stated that Councilman Denmon will be missed. Mayor Palmer congratulated and welcomed Matt Barton as Councilman elect and thanked him for his willingness to serve.
 - B. Mayor Palmer requests that the Council conduct a first quarter work session to be held on November 14, 2009 to discuss City finances and budget projections. All were in agreement that a session would be held on November 14, 2009 to discuss General

Government and a session would be held on November 21, 2009 to discuss Calhoun Utilities.

6. Council Comments

A. Councilman Edwards gives the October reports as follows:

1) Street Department

- Routine maintenance of street sweeping, bush hogging, and picking up brush
- Placed 16 new street signs
- Completed 18 shop and 44 street department work orders
- Ran storm water maintenance plan on October 13th checking all grates and pipes in the city
- Cleaned out ditches with the Grade-All on Richardson Road, South Industrial Boulevard, Gee Road and McDaniel Station Road.
- Cut and removed dead trees from North Wall Street and the playground at Eastside School.
- Repaired storm drain catch basins on Court Street and Hillcrest Drive.
- Replaced a 12 ft. X 4 ft. section of sidewalk on College Street.
- Replaced the storm drain crossing Carters Street at its intersection with East May Street
- Repaired Pot-Holes and rough spots in the roadway on Richardson Road, Marine Drive, East Line Street, Mauldin Road, Boston Road and Yellow Jacket Drive using a total 34 tons of asphalt.
- Cleaned our ditches and installed a section of pipe in order to widen a driveway at Tom B. David Airport.

2) Cemetery Department

- Performed routine maintenance on Fain and Chandler Cemetery
- Supervised the opening and closing of 4 grave sites.
- Sold 17 new grave spaces
- Worked 10 grave sites

3) Rabies Control

- Housed 33 dogs, and 23 cats.
- Issued 6 warnings leash law violation.
- Answered 55 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 maintained all City fountains
- Performed routine maintenance on all designated City buildings

5) Main Street Partnership

- Main Street Partnership sponsored the Black Tie and Blue Jean Ball with Longhorn Steakhouse to benefit the GEM Theatre in downtown Calhoun on November 7th. All funds raised will go directly toward the restoration of the interior of the building.
- Main Street Partnership is co-hosting an early morning coffee with MSP member, Thurston's Café to benefit Gordon County United Way on Thursday November 12, 2009.
- The DDA will be decorating the downtown with giant reindeer in the park, gift boxes on the sidewalks, lights and other decorations the week prior to Thanksgiving. The tree at BB&T Park will be decorated and the lights turned on Thanksgiving Day.
- The HPC continues to work toward the designation of the City's first residential historic district and the Historic Downtown Business District's nomination to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

6) Safety Department

- Safety topic- Computer Work Stations
- Safety Inspection- Recreation Department
- Accidents- Workers Comp-4 (Water Construction), Vehicles- 0

B. Councilman Denmon gave the October reports as follows:

1) Water Treatment Plant Facility

- Pumped a total of 317,235,000 gallons of water for a daily average of 10,233,387 million gallons
- The Brittany Drive Treatment Plant produced 38.2% of the City's potable water for the month.

2) Waste Water Treatment Plant Facility

- Treated a daily average of 7.892 MGD, with an average BOD effluent of 4, average suspended effluent of 10, and an average COD of 38.

3) Water Distribution

- 1 water connection installed
- 33 water connections changed out with new meter
- 39 water leaks repaired
- 3-2" meters changed out

- Responded to 380 utility locate calls
- 40 utility locates called in for work orders
- 21 emergency utility locates called in for repairs
- Responded to 92 miscellaneous calls

4) Sewer Construction Department

- Serviced 14 sewer service lines
- Repaired 4 sewer manholes
- TV inspected 4,675 ft of sewer mains
- TV inspected 1,650 ft of sewer services
- Completed 271 utility locates
- Responded to 7 customer sewer service calls (5 were on the customer's side)
- Lift Station Repairs-1
- Opened and inspected 98 manholes
- Cleaned 6,400 ft. sanitary sewer lines
- Continued changing out sewer services on West Side Sewer Project and working to assist contractor doing the project
- Continued on Big Springs Water Project
- Replaced 100 ft. of 8" concrete line with 8" pvc pipe off McConnell Road

5) Sludge Department

- Applied 1,680 cubic yards representing 210 dry tons of sludge

6) Building Inspection Department

- Issued 23 permits for an estimated cost of \$174,730.00. This included 2 residential remodeling, 3 residential plumbing, 2 commercial plumbing, 4 residential HVAC, 1 commercial HVAC, 4 residential electrical, 2 commercial electrical, 4 sign permits, 1 pool permit.

❖ Councilman Denmon expressed his gratitude to the citizens of Calhoun for allowing him to serve as Councilman for the past 10 years. Councilman Denmon praised the work of the Mayor and Council as well as the department heads and all the City employees.

C. Councilman Crowley gave the October 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 Project is progressing with 4339 residential and single phase demand electric meters and three phase meters set through October 31st. A meter shipment was received in early November and should allow for this project to be near completion by December.

Projects and Maintenance under construction

- The Pole Replacement project continues as a result of 2009 pole inspections. A major replacement at US 41 and GA Hwy 53 was completed recently.
- Planning and design is underway for the Georgia Northwestern technical College phase III. Construction and design of the campus is being revised.
- The Big Springs electrical project should begin panel and wiring installation on the second week of November.
- 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 has been delayed until 2010.
- Tree trimming and clearing will continue into the Hillcrest Drive area. Spot trimming will also continue to target "Hot Spots" and dead tree removal in several locations continues into November.
- Preliminary Electrical design and engineering is complete and construction is near completion for the Bentley Project (now known as Engineered Flooring) on McDaniel Station Rd. An outdoor campus lighting project is being added and is under construction. The Phase II of this project is under construction by the owners. Phase III is planned for 2010.
- Traffic light at Dews Pond Road and Lovers Lane continues under construction with November completion anticipated.
- Shaw plants D4 and D5 are in the process of upgrading service entrances requiring transformer change outs. Scheduled for December 19-26.
- The new Heritage Baptist Church is in the design stage.
- McDonald's on Hwy 53 renovations are in the planning stage.
- Engineering has begun for DOT upgrade to intersection of Hwy 53 and Hwy 41. DOT estimates are underway.
- Engineering has been completed for widening McDaniel Station Rd for addition of DOT traffic signal. Construction started in October with a completion date if spring 2010.
- Engineering continues for changes needed for upgrade of eleven traffic signals throughout the city. This project is delayed until early 2010.
- Engineering is underway on the DOT intersection improvement at the College Street and Red Bud Rd. location.

Work orders in process or completed for June

- Street and security lighting-63
- New business and maintenance-59
- After hours trouble and callouts-16
- City Electrical Maintenance-27
- Meters set-74
- Meter maintenance/replacement-71
- New Customer sets-3
- Electric System purchased-24.659,256 KWH in September

2) Telecommunications Departments

- Connected 2 new internet circuits
- Started engineering new fiber connection with Windstream.
- Upgraded application software on Police Department and GPS servers.
- Filed quarterly reports with the PSC and FCC
- Started evaluation of Sandvine's network management appliances.
- Opened 35 and closed 32 work orders

3) Geographic Information Systems

- Continue correcting water line maps based on new GPS valve locations
- Cleaned up database attributes and created AMR reports for Electric Department
- Updated Annex and Zoning information
- Continue development of application interface for fiber GIS
- Continued GIS web development
- Continue to clean up address data on work order system and integrating work order database with GIS database
- Started testing new GIS software release.

4) Revolving Loan Committee

- Councilman Crowley reviewed the Revolving Loan Committee's recommendation to approve a \$120,000 loan request by Jamie Layson and Daniel Jastram d/b/a iWispr, LLC located at 1015 South Wall Street. After a review of the RLF meeting Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve a loan of \$120,000 at 2% for a five year term for capital equipment as requested by iWispr. The motion included restricting cash draws from the company greater than normal wages in an effort to ensure cash flow for all debt payments. The loan will be secured with personal guarantees from Layson and Jastram and a 5 year lien against the new equipment. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

D. Councilman Hammond gave the October report as follows:

1) Police Department

- Made 558 cases with 8 DUI's
- Fines collected by Municipal Court - \$69,260.80
- Issued 504 warnings
- Investigated 46 highway accidents, 32 private property accidents
- Provided 81 escorts
- Files 1,772 incident reports
- Responded to 380 alarms
- Patrolled 54,259 miles
- Responded to 5,138 calls for service by E-911

2) Fire Department

- Responded to 75 calls for service, 3 fire incidents for damages
- Responded to 34 medical service calls with 26 patients and 0 deaths
- Responded to 13 hazardous conditions incidents
- Responded to 2 miscellaneous service calls, 15 false alarms, 6 good intent, 0 severe weather & natural disaster, and 2 special incident call
- Firefighter Billy Green completed and passed the National Registry for EMT
- Participated with Ashworth Middle School for a bonfire.
- October was Fire Safety month... Crews and Inspectors conducted the following Fire Safety Presentations
 - Calhoun Pre-K-180 students
 - Calhoun Primary-850 students
 - Calhoun Elementary-850 students
 - Tallatoona Head Start-108 students
 - Calhoun Church of Christ-40 students
 - First Baptist Pre-School-90 students
 - King Pre-School-35 students
 - Fire Extinguisher class: George Chambers Center- 30 students, Gordon Health Care- 35 students
 - Worked on required Firefighter Core Competencies

3) Fire Inspection Department

- 107 total reported activities/inspections which included 2 annual inspections, 3 new business inspections, 27 requested inspections, 17 follow-up or re-inspections, 1 burn site inspections, 2 plan reviews, and 55 consultations
- Conducted safety inspection at Calhoun recreation Center
- Inspectors attended City Zoning review committee meeting
- Issued 1 burn permit
- Both inspectors attended the LEPC meeting
- Assisted with the LEPC booth at the Business Expo
- Worked on required Firefighter Core Competencies

7. Public Hearings and Comments

A. Mayor Palmer announced at this time, public hearings on zoning matters 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 speaking having filed a financial disclosure statement five days prior to the hearing if required, 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. (***Reminder – Annexation first and zoning as a second motion**)

1) Mayor Palmer read a variance request by Jimmy Phillips, Gordon County Chamber of Commerce, for new a new digital sign at 300 South Wall St. An increase of 24 sq ft of sign area for a monument type sign.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing
- Peterson stated signs on the property, notices to the adjoining property owners and notices to the local legal organ were completed.
- Councilman Edwards stated the Zoning Advisory Board wished to recommend to the Mayor and Council that this request be approved.
- Mayor Palmer asked if there were any questions/comments
 - Jimmy Phillips, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, asked the Mayor and Council if there were any questions.
- There were none and the public hearing was closed.
 - Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the sign variance. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

2) Mayor Palmer read an amendment to the West Calhoun Urban Redevelopment Plan dated September 22, 2008. Amendment to include West End Neighborhood Revitalization Phase I Policies and Procedures.

- Mayor Palmer asks that the amendment to the West Calhoun Urban Redevelopment Plan be extended until the next regular Council meeting on November 23, 2009 to allow time for additional review of the exhibits.

3) Mayor Palmer stated that the taxi license request by Jeffery Allen Scheetz d/b/a El Borato taxi located at 114 Erwin St S.E. Calhoun, GA had been withdrawn by the applicant.

4) Mayor Palmer read the new Soil and Sedimentation Control Ordinance. This ordinance is to replace ordinance # 765. Mayor Palmer explained that from time to time the State of Georgia makes changes to the Soil and Sedimentation laws and that in order to stay in compliance the City of Calhoun's Soil and Sedimentation Ordinance #765 should be amended to reflect the new State laws. The City of Calhoun is currently an authorized agent to implement the Soil and Sedimentation Ordinance.

- Councilman Hammond made motion to amend the Soil and Sedimentation. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. New Business

A. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a variance request by Larry Henderson to set up a 12' x55' mobile commercial, industrialized building to be used as a classroom at the airport. The earliest date for a public hearing is January 11, 2010 with a ZRC meeting scheduled for December 29, 2009 and a ZAB meeting scheduled for January 7, 2010.

- Councilman Crowley made a motion to set the public hearing for January 11, 2010. The motion was second by Councilman Edwards with all voting affirmatively, motion carried

B. Mayor Palmer read a request by Kevin McEntire, Public Works Director, to declare five vehicles surplus and for them to be sold on GovDeals:

- 1999 International Dump Truck Model 4700 #HTSCABMOXH1589202
- 1990 Ford F-800 Dump Truck #1FDXK84A3LVA15637
- 1996 Ford F-150 Pickup Truck #1FTEF15N5TLB28204
- 1995 Caterpillar 426 B Backhoe w/ hydraulic thumb 6KL00397
- 1990 Ford C & C 1-ton dual axel truck #1FDJF37H9LNA87240

The purpose of this sell is to fund a purchase of a new 4-door crew cab 1-ton service vehicle. This will cut down on the numbers of vehicles that go out to a job. This new vehicle will accommodate up to five crew members at a time. The cost of the new truck will approximately be \$35,000.00.

- Councilman Denmon made a motion to declare five vehicles surplus as requested by Kevin McEntire. The motion was second by Councilman Edwards with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

C. Mayor Palmer discussed the 2009 LARP contract, S012011-LAU, regarding the resurfacing of Crest Drive and Hunts Drive a total of 0.9 mile.

- Councilman Denmon made a motion to allow Mayor Palmer to sign the 2009 LARP contract, S012011-LAU, submitted by the Georgia Department of Transportation. The motion was second by Councilman Edwards with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- D. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of the Beer-Wine-Liquor Renewal request.(Second reading will be November 23, 2009)

Beer-Wine- Liquor Pouring

- ❖ Jeff Mathis for Longhorn Steakhouse
- ❖ Ian Wonderling for Ruby Tuesday
- ❖ Livario Hernandez for Los Maguey's
- ❖ Juan Leon Escamilla for El Nopal

Beer Pouring

- ❖ Kitty Leung for Great Wall Chinese restaurant
- ❖ Melba Jane Price for Southeastern Pizza Group d/b/a Pizza Hut
- ❖ Juana Naranjo for El Pueblito Restaurant
- ❖ Jason B. Marshall for Dawg Pound Sports & Grill

Beer-Wine Pouring

- ❖ Kristina Maddux- Lawrence for Schroeder's

Combination beer Package / Pouring and Liquor Pouring in Private Club

- ❖ William Whittenburg for American Legion Post 47

Beer Package

- ❖ Tajash Patel for A- Night Hi-Tech
- ❖ Phil Beamer for Phil Beamer Distributor-Red Bud Rd
- ❖ Phil beamer for Phil Beamer distributor- Hwy 53
- ❖ Hannah Soliman for LA Kyrillos, LLC-Food Mart #530
- ❖ Raymond Brown for J & J's Package Store
- ❖ Ray Tierce for Tierce's Little Giant
- ❖ Alex Warren for Mapco Express #3520
- ❖ Ram Chandra Thapa for ABC Convenience
- ❖ Barbara Bishop for Dixie Beverage Shop

Beer-Wine Package

- ❖ Ashish Kumar Chaudhari for Chaudhari Enterprises
- ❖ Douglas Lloyd Busch for Kroger #393
- ❖ Terry Bouldin for Ingles Food Market
- ❖ Leslie Mashburn for The Pantry Inc d/b/a Kangaroo Express #3519
- ❖ Karen Aldridge for The Pantry Inc d/b/a Kangaroo Express #3563
- ❖ Karen Aldridge for The Pantry Inc d/b/a Kangaroo express #3513

- ❖ Michael Boling for Wal-mart Supercenter #1215
- ❖ Laura Fritz for Rite Aid #4751
- ❖ Terry Vonderbogart for Rite Aid #11828

Beer-Wine-Liquor Package

- ❖ Jaimin Patel for Liquor Mart
- ❖ Yogesh Patel for Siya Enterprise Inc d/b/a Party Liquor
- ❖ Champ Kelly for Red Bud Liquor Store Inc
- ❖ Mukesh Patel for Mukhi Inc d/b/a Calhoun Liquor
- ❖ Dilip Patel for ABC Liquor

E. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of Taxi Cab License renewal request.(Second reading will be November 23, 2009)

- ❖ Edwin Herrera- Bojorequez for Taxi Edwin
- ❖ Hermelindo Davila for Taxi Abuelo
- ❖ Miguel Catalan for Old American Taxi

F. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of Pawn License renewal request.(Second reading will be November 23, 2009)

- ❖ Robert Reich for Georgia Auto Pawn Inc
- ❖ Nancy Long for D & S Pawn Shop
- ❖ Kent Popham for Complete Cash Holdings
- ❖ Larry E. Knight for Corner Pawn
- ❖ Frank McDonald for National Title Pawn of Calhoun

G. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a variance request by Thane Langille, 220 Dogwood Dr, for a 4'x 8' x4' accessory building in front set back. Request is for a 3' variance for set back to right of way for a residential well pump house. Earliest date for a public hearing is January 11, 2010 with a ZRC meeting scheduled for December 29, 2009 and ZAB meeting scheduled for January 7, 2010.

- Councilman Edwards made a motion to set the public hearing for January 11, 2010. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

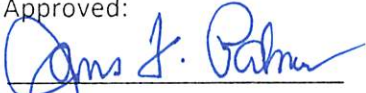
9. Other written items not on the agenda.

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