

**CITY OF CALHOUN**  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Depot Community Room  
109 South King Street  
May 18, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.

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

**Also:** Eddie Peterson, City Administrator  
Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief  
Garry Moss, Police Chief  
Jerry Crawford, Water/Sewer Director  
William P. Bailey, Attorney

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance and explained that the regular May 25, 2009 meeting was rescheduled to May 18, 2009 due to the Memorial holiday.

A. Mayor Palmer gave the invocation

2. Mayor Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

3. Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the proposed agenda. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All voted aye.

4. Mayor Palmer ask that the approval of minutes dated May 11, 2009 be postponed due to some language clarification within the City/County 489 Agreement. Everyone agreed with the request.

**5. Mayor's Comments:**

A. Mayor Palmer stated that the second public hearing non the FY 2009 - 2010 City Budget would be held during the regular Council Meeting on June 8, 2009.

B. Mayor Palmer remarked on a visit to Calhoun and Gordon County by Georgia Department of Community Affairs Commissioner, Mike Beatty, on May 13 at 10:00 A.M. at the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Palmer stated that Commissioner Beatty was pleased with the partnership between Calhoun, Gordon County, and DCA. A list of projects during the past 10 years indicated many jobs, substantial infrastructure, and economic growth had occurred partly due to CDBG, EDGE, EIP, and other joint

agreements between the parties involved.

Commissioner Beatty also sponsored a roundtable discussion on May 14, 2009 at the Gordon Auditorium on the Calhoun/Gordon County Campus of Coosa Valley Technical College.

#### **6. Council Comments:**

#### **7. Public Hearings:**

A. Mayor Palmer opened a Public Hearing on a taxi license request by Edwin Herrera-Borjorquez for a business location of 1310 Hwy 41 North. There were no comments by the public. The public hearing was closed. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approved the taxi license request by Edwin Herrera-Borjorquez. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All voted aye.

#### **8. Old Business:**

A. Mayor Palmer announced that a Public Hearing would be held on June 8, 2009 concerning the new City of Calhoun Zoning Map. The new map is on display at the Depot. Mayor Palmer indicated that the new map was the product of work between Calhoun GIS, Building Inspection Department, and the Calhoun Property Tax Division.

B. Mayor Palmer announced that a Public Hearing would be held on June 8, 2009 to change from C-2 to a wireless tower facility by T-Mobile South, LLC at a location of 805 Curtis Parkway.

C. Mayor Palmer announced that a Public Hearing would be held on June 8, 2009 concerning a variance request by James E. Warren for a 10 foot rear setback to construct a 480 sq. foot building at 125 Brandon Court.

D. Mayor Palmer announced that a Public Hearing would be held on June 8, 2009 concerning an annexation and C-2 zoning request by SunTrust Bank for 67.337 acres located at Interstate-75 and SR 225.

E. Mayor Palmer announced that a Public Hearing would be held on June 8, 2009 concerning an annexation and C-2 zoning request by Paul Lusk for 5.07 acres located at SR 225 near I-75.

F. Mayor Palmer and the Council reviewed a request by the Georgia Department of

Transportation concerning a Notice of Intent by GDOT to construct a South Calhoun By-Pass beginning near SR53 / Switch Road running east to near SR 53 / Mason Road. The new South Calhoun By-Pass would be designated as SR 1208 and would be approximately 6.80 miles. GDOT has made a request to the City of Calhoun that upon completion of the South Calhoun By-Pass, that Calhoun would accept ownership and maintenance of the existing SR 53 which is within the corporate limits of Calhoun as of May 18, 2009. This request would not include any part of the I-75 interchange which is owned by the United States Federal Government. The portion of the existing, as of May 18, 2009, SR53 within the City of Calhoun is approximately 2.4 miles. There is no particular time frame for the South By Pass project and no acceptance by the City of Calhoun of ownership and maintenance of the 2.4 miles between the City and GDOT until the SR 1208 is complete. Councilman Hammond made a motion to accept the GDOT Notice of Intent relating to SR 53 and SR 1208. Councilman Denmon seconded the motion. All voted aye. (Copy Attached)

9. **New Business:** There was no new business.

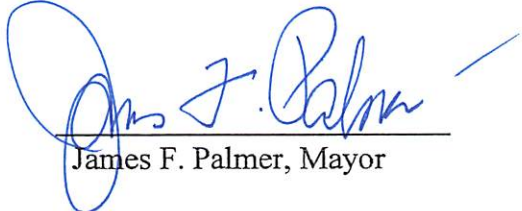
12. **Work Reports:**

A. Director of Utilities - Mr. Cornwell was not present.

B. Administrator Peterson presented the Mayor and Council a General Fund cash report for May 18, 2009. (Copy Attached)

There being no further business Councilman Crowley made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Hammond seconded the motion. All voted aye.

  
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Eddie Peterson, Administrator/Clerk

  
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James F. Palmer, Mayor