

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING ST
DECEMBER 28, 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

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 Edwards made a motion to approve the proposed agenda. Councilman Crowley second the motion with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
4. Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2009 of the regular City Council meeting. Councilman Hammond second the motion with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
5. **Mayor's Comments**
 - A. Mayor Palmer welcomed Matt Barton and his family. He congratulated Matt Barton on being elected to the City Council and David Hammond on his re-election to the City Council in November 2009. Mayor Palmer thanked Councilman Denmon for his 8 plus years of service to the City of Calhoun. Mayor Palmer expressed his appreciation to Councilman Denmon for studying the issues and making good decisions for the City of Calhoun.
 - ❖ Mayor Palmer explained that under the City Charter the oath of office for City Council members must be given no later than 60 days from the date of election. Mayor Palmer then gave the oath of office to Matt Barton, effective January 1, 2010, who will serve as City Councilman Post 3 for the next four years. Mayor Palmer then gave the oath of office to David Hammond who will continue to serve City Council Post 4 for the next four years. (Attached)

- B. Mayor Palmer explained that the City of Calhoun had a line of credit, called a tax anticipation note, during 2009 and will be paying off the note on December 29, 2009. This loan is for the operations of the City of Calhoun school system. Mayor Palmer then read a resolution allowing the City of Calhoun to enter into a tax anticipation note for the calendar year 2010 for a line of credit of \$3,500,000 for the City of Calhoun School system.
- Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the TAN. Councilman Denmon second the motion with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- C. Mayor Palmer announced that although the City property taxes were not going to be mailed out until the week of January 4, 2010, property owners can pay their taxes beginning on December 29th at City Hall.
- D. Mayor Palmer encouraged all residents to engage in the 2010 U.S. Census Count in March and April 2010. He stated the importance of an accurate count to Calhoun and Gordon County cannot be stressed enough due to the fiscal impact it has on our citizens. Mayor Palmer thanked Misty Caudle, Property Tax Director, for the City of Calhoun, for the tireless work and leadership involving the 2010 census count for Calhoun.
- E. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and public 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 public hearing is January 11, 2010 with a ZRC meeting scheduled for December 29, 2009 and a ZAB meeting scheduled for January 7, 2010.
- F. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and public 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. The public hearing is January 11, 2010 with a ZRC meeting scheduled for December 29, 2009 and ZAB meeting scheduled for January 7, 2010.
- G. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and public that the City offices will be closed Friday January 1, 2010 in observance of New Year's Day.

6. Public Hearings: NONE

7. Old Business

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the second and final reading of the Beer-Wine-Liquor Renewal request. May be approved or denied.

Beer-Wine Pouring

- ❖ Saleh Rashid for Atlanta Gate

Beer Pouring

- ❖ Dimitrios Pateritsas for Gondolier's Pizza

Beer Wine Package

- ❖ Soni Balkishan for ABC 1017 Beverage Inc.
- ❖ Quenton Brian Morris for Food Lion
- ❖ Davis Michael Bernier Jr. for Retail Marketing Group d/b/a Food Outlet IGA

Beer Package

- ❖ Jeff Knight for Knight's Grocery
- ❖ Cleopatra Alvarez for La Costena Mini Market

- Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the Beer-Wine-Liquor renewal request. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- B. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a taxi license request by Jose Manuel Lima Alveno D/B/A Taxi Service Emanuel's located at 804 N. Wall Street. The public hearing is set for January 11, 2010.
- C. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading for a zoning change request for Pauline O. Davis Revocable Trust for a zoning change from R-2 to C-2 for property located on Curtis Parkway a portion of parcel C52-040. The property is 0.923 acres. Public hearing is March 8, 2010 with a ZAB meeting on March 4, 2010 and a ZRC meeting on February 25, 2010.

8. New Business

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of taxi license renewal request. (Second and final reading will be January 11, 2010)
 - ❖ Romualdo Rojo Martinez for Taxi Latino
- B. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of Pawn License renewal request. (Second and final reading will be January 11, 2010)
 - ❖ Clifford Cochran for Pete's Music & Pawn
 - ❖ Tracy Young for Title Max of Calhoun Inc.
- C. Councilman George Crowley reviewed two Revolving Loan requests that had been submitted to the Revolving Loan Advisory Committee on December 23, 2009. Councilman Crowley explained that John E. Bryant d/b/a Phoenix Chemical, Inc, 202 Gee Road, Calhoun, Georgia had provided the required information and the Revolving Loan Committee had recommended a \$600,000 revolving loan based on; retention and creation of 40 permanent jobs, purchase of capital equipment, 10 year loan at 2 %,

collateral 1st lien property and all other requirements of Chapter 34 of the City of Calhoun Code of Ordinances.

- Councilman Crowley made these recommendations in the form of a motion. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon, with all voting affirmatively, motion carried

Councilman Crowley explained that Mr. Bob Masson and Mr. Michael Terebecki, d/b/a the Bison Group, LLC. , 805 Curtis Parkway, Calhoun, Georgia had requests \$450,000 in revolving loan funds for capital expenditures. The newly formed company, the Bison Group, would merge JRC Transportation and Thurman Flooring into a wholesale distribution of floor covering products from Calhoun, Georgia to markets in the southeast and southwest of North America. Councilman Crowley recommended a \$200,000 revolving based on; retention or creation of 54 permanent jobs, purchase of capital equipment, 5 year loan at 2%, collateral being a \$200,000 certificate of deposit, and all other requirements of Chapter 34 of the City of Calhoun Code of Ordinances.

- Councilman Crowley made these recommendations in the form of a motion. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond, with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

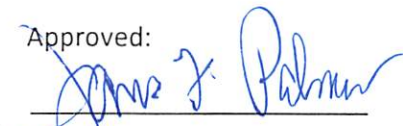
9. Other written items not on the agenda.

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

"Exhibit A"
CITY OF CALHOUN
2009 OATHS OF OFFICE FOR
CITY OFFICIALS

"I Madison (Matt) Barton, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will truly perform to the best of my abilities the duties of City Councilman, Post 3, by adopting and enforcing such measures as in my judgment shall be best calculated to promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Calhoun and the common interest thereof."

THIS, the 28th day of December, 2009

Madison (Matt) Barton

"I Wm. David Hammond, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will truly perform to the best of my abilities the duties of City Councilman, Post 4, by adopting and enforcing such measures as in my judgment shall be best calculated to promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Calhoun and the common interest thereof."

THIS, the 28th day of December, 2009

Wm. David Hammond

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY LOAN FOR OPERATING EXPENSES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IX, Section 5, paragraph 5 of the Georgia Constitution, a municipality is authorized to obtain temporary loans each year to pay expenses, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun that it may be necessary to obtain a temporary loan to pay the expenses of the City for calendar year 2010, and

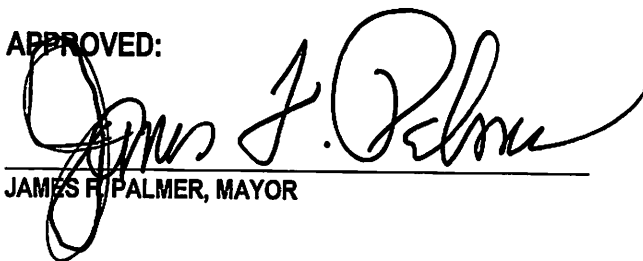
WHEREAS, as of December 31, 2009 no temporary loan from any prior year is unpaid.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that James F. Palmer, Mayor, or Eddie Peterson, City Administrator are hereby authorized to borrow money on behalf of the City of Calhoun to pay expenses incurred during calendar year 2010 on such terms and conditions as they deem best provided (1) the total amounts of any temporary loans do not exceed 75% of the gross amount of taxes collected in calendar year 2009, (2) the temporary loans are payable on or before December 31, 2010, and (3) the temporary loans are for no more than the anticipated revenue for the City of Calhoun for the calendar year 2010.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED in open, public meeting this 28th day of December, 2009.

CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

APPROVED:



JAMES F. PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



EDDIE PETERSON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK