

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM  
109 SOUTH KING ST  
September 28, 2009 7:00 P.M**

**MINUTES**

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

**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  
Larry Vickery, Superintendent of Electric Department**

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. He extended a special welcome to Cub Scout Pack 46 joined by their troop leaders Mark Chamblee and Paul Overboe.
  - a) Councilman Crowley gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Mayor Palmer asked to amend the proposed agenda by adding the 2009 LARP list from GDOT.
  - Councilman Hammond made a motion to amend the agenda as proposed to reflect the request of Mayor Palmer. Councilman Crowley second the motion with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
4. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2009 of the regular City Council meeting. Councilman Crowley second the motion with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
5. **Mayor's Comments**
  - A. Mayor Palmer stated that the Calhoun City School Board had appointed Mr. Eddie Reeves to fulfill the unexpired and vacated term of Board member Mr. Matt Barton who had earlier resigned from this position to run for City Council Post 3. Mr. Eddie Reeves will fill this position for the remainder of Mr. Matt Barton's term which is due to expire December 31, 2011. Mr. Eddie Reeves has qualified, unopposed, for the Calhoun City

School Board of Education Post 4 for the November 3, 2009 City of Calhoun School Board Elections. Mayor Palmer gives the School Board oath of office to Mr. Eddie Reeves.

- B. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and public of annexation and zoning request of R1-B by Philip Beamer for property located at 128 Columbus Circle. The acreage is 0.46. The public hearing will be October 12, 2009 with a Zoning Advisory Board meeting being October 8, 2009.
- C. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and public of 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. The public hearing is November 9, 2009 with a ZRC meeting scheduled for October 29, 2009 and ZAB meeting scheduled for November 5, 2009.
- D. Mayor Palmer reviewed an internal letter from the Georgia Department of Transportation regarding the 2009 LARP projects which have been allocated to the City of Calhoun. The two streets that have been chosen for GDOT resurfacing are Hunts Drive and Crest Drive. These two streets equal 0.93 miles of resurfacing.

#### **6. Public Hearings**

- A. Mayor Palmer read a beer package license request by Ram C. Thapa of ABC Convenience located at 703 Oothcalooga St. He stated that the public hearing will have to be postponed due to the pending necessary public notices. The next earliest date for the public hearing will be October 12, 2009.

#### **7. Old Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a wine pouring license request by Kristina Maddux-Lawrence of Schroder's New Deli located at 120 Cornerstone Way, Suite 2.
  - The public hearing is set for October 12, 2009.

#### **8. New Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer reviewed a renewal contract between the City of Calhoun and the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission regarding the 2010 Agreement of Transportation of the Elderly. Mayor Palmer stated that the City of Calhoun has been involved with this program since 1975 and Calhoun provided the driver, fuel, and repairs to the van which is supplied by a Federal Grant through the NWGRC. He stated that this program provides meals and certain transportation for those who are unable to meet these needs themselves.
  - Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the renewal of this contract with the NWGRC. Councilman Crowley second the motion with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

B. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a beer package request by Cleopatra Alvarez of La Costena Mini Market located at 609 North Wall Street.

- Earliest date for public hearing will be October 26, 2009.
  - Councilman Crowley made a motion to set the public hearing for October 26, 2009. Councilman Edwards second the motion with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

C. Mayor Palmer read a request by Main Street Partnership Director, Suzanne Roland, to close Court Street and Park Ave for the annual Harvest Fest. The date is Saturday October 24, 2009 with the road closing hours of 9:00a.m until 5:00p.m. These times allows for set up and take down time.

- Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the request by Suzanne Roland. Councilman Crowley second the motion with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

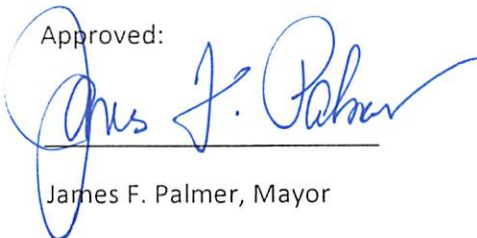
#### 9. Work Reports

- a) Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities
- b) Eddie Peterson, City Administrator

- Administrator Peterson reported on the limited amount of pooled cash in the General Fund and explained that vital to this fund was the collection of 2009 property taxes. Peterson explained that the 2009 tax digest, currently being reviewed by the Gordon County Tax Assessors Office, was the key in collection of 2009 property taxes. Peterson stated that until the digest is approved by the Georgia Department of Revenue the tax bills could not be sent out to the taxpayers.

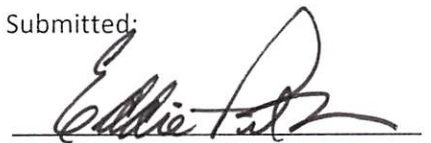
10. Councilman Crowley made a motion to adjourn. The motion was second by Councilman Edwards with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Eddie Peterson, City Administrator