

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
JANUARY 18, 1999, 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

PRESENT: JAMES F. PALMER, MAYOR
RONALD H. WOODS, MAYOR PRO TEM
JOHN D. SHELTON, JR., COUNCILMAN
HENRY HOLLAND, COUNCILMAN
RAY M. DENMON, COUNCILMAN

ALSO: WILLIAM P. BAILEY, CITY ATTORNEY
KELLY CORNWELL, DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS
EDDIE PETERSON, ASST. DIR. OF UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS
CATHY HARRISON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Mayor Palmer stated he would like to have the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag, and then he would ask Ms. Laura Pullum to come forward to give the invocation and offer a salute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Ms. Laura Pullum gave the invocation and gave a brief salute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She read excerpts from his final speech, and she also reviewed her professional life and the friends that she had made while teaching in the Calhoun City School System. She also reviewed the part that each person plays in God's overall plan.
4. Minutes of the January 11, 1999 regular City Council Meeting were approved as written.
5. Mayor's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Palmer once again reminded the Council of the planning retreat, which is to be associated with the GMA Mayor's Day meeting in Atlanta, from January 22 through 25.
 - b. Mayor Palmer stated the James W. Hobgood rezoning request had been held over and would be reopened on February 8, 1999 at 7:00 P.M.
6. Public hearings and comments:
 - a. A second reading was given of the beer, wine and liquor pouring license application of Cypress Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Riley's Irish Pub (Denny's) at 915 Highway 53 SE, at I-75 at a former licensed location of Savannah's. A public hearing was opened. Harrison reported the police report for the manager was clear. She also reported the Building Inspection Department had confirmed that no schools or churches had been built within the prohibited footage, since the location had been licensed by Savannah's. There were no further comments and the hearing was closed. Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to approve the license request, with James Whitaker as manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Holland, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Holland, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - b. A second reading was given of the beer pouring license application of Elizabeth Martinez, Manager, for the Grill Villa Juarez at 607 South Wall Street. A public hearing was opened. Harrison reported the police report was clear. Mayor Palmer reviewed the staff report, which indicated the 12 items required to be addressed for a new location had shown no negative response in any of the categories. He stated the report indicated, in addition to the clear police report, that the property had sufficient parking, was in a neighborhood that was primarily commercial, that the City had received no telephone calls or correspondence regarding the application, and that there were no outstanding taxes due, in addition to the other criteria within the 12 items to be considered. There were no other comments and the hearing was closed. Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to approve the request for the beer pouring license with Elizabeth Martinez as manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.
7. Old Business: none.

8. New Business:
 - a. Harrison briefly reviewed the proposed amendments to the 1998-1999 budget, stating the Council had all the information they would need to review each line item, and each requested amendment. She asked that any questions regarding any of the proposed amendments be forwarded to her at the earliest opportunity. Mayor Palmer stated the budget amendments will be considered for approval on February 8, 1999 at 7:00 P.M.
 - b. Mayor Palmer stated the City had received a manager change request for American Legion, Post 47, of Donna D. Hilgeman, for the beer, wine and liquor pouring license. The police report for Ms. Hilgeman was clear. Councilman Holland made a motion to approve the manager change request, second by Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Holland, Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.


9. Other written items not on the agenda:
 - a. A first reading was given to the Pizza Hut amusement license renewal request for one amusement machine for their location on Highway 53 East. Mayor Palmer stated the second reading would be held on February 8, 1999 at 7:00 P.M.
 - b. Mayor Palmer stated the Downtown Development Authority was requesting a replacement for himself, who presently serves as a voting member of the Downtown Development Board. He stated that he had resigned as a voting member, since he did not have the proper time to give to the authority, and he realized that an individual needed to be placed on the Board who had the time to go through the chairs and to serve as a leader in the Authority. He stated the Board recommended Jim Hobgood, currently associated with the Calhoun Times, as a member to serve the unexpired term of James F. Palmer. Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to approve Jim Hobgood for the unexpired term of James Palmer on the Downtown Development Authority Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelton, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Shelton, Councilman Holland and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried. Mayor Palmer stated he still plans to attend the Downtown Development Authority Board meetings. However, he would not be a voting member.

10. Work report of Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities and Public Works:
 - a. Cornwell reviewed the two bids, one from S & S Energy Products for \$3,395,600.00, and one from HRSG for a final bid of \$1,853,448.00, for the installation and startup contract for the gas generator. Cornwell stated he had reviewed both bids, item by item, and had found several things that could be withdrawn from the S & S Energy Products bid, such as the requirement for water tanks. He related that the City currently has a 2 million gallon tank located very near the project area, which could service the project, and that item had been eliminated from their bid. He also stated that HRSG had bid an alternate, which was needed for the project, and it had been added to the bid to give a current total of \$1,853,448.00. He stated that based on letters he had received from customers who had worked with HRSG, and found their work to be very capable, he would recommend the City accept the bid of HRSG. Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Woods stated that based upon the recommendation of Director Cornwell, and based upon the recommendation of satisfied customers, he would make a motion that the City enter into a contract with HRSG, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract following further negotiations and legal review. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.

11. Mayor Palmer stated there was no need to move to Executive Session.

12. Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:


Cathy Harrison, City Administrator