



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 10, 2025 - 7:00 PM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** James F. Palmer, Mayor  
Ed Moyer, Mayor Pro Tem  
Ray Mitchell Denmon, Councilmember  
Al Edwards, Councilmember  
Jackie Palazzolo, Councilmember

**ALSO:** Paul Worley, City Administrator; Kyle Ellis, Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief; Christy Nicholson, Police.

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**

**Welcome**

Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Invocation**

Mayor Palmer gave the invocation.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

3. **Amendment or Approval of Proposed Agenda**

Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.  
Councilmember Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**

Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council Executive Session of February 24, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of February 24, 2025. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Palmer stated that member of the Calhoun Gordon County Youth Leadership group was in attendance.

6. **Council Comments**

A. Councilmember Palazzolo submitted February reports as follows:

1) **Electric Department**

**Current Electric Department Engineering and Construction:**

- The LED Streetlight upgrade continues around the City.

**ENGINEERING**

New townhomes on Newtown Rd (Ridgeview) (65 units)

New townhomes at Spring Valley (177 units)

New McDonalds on Red Bud Rd

Chick-Fil-A remodel

New development on Peters St (102 homes)

**CONSTRUCTION**

New townhomes at Old Mill (40 units)

New townhomes on Professional Ct. (30 units)

Salacoa Subdivision (249 units)

The Ridge at Calhoun (236 units)(28 left to energize)

Continued system upgrades for new growth and system reliability

The new Rocket Express Convenient Store

7 Brew Coffee Shop

**WORK ORDERS IN PROCESS OR COMPLETED:**

• NEWLY CREATED	109
• COMPLETED AND CLOSED	65
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• CONSISTING OF:	
• CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION	52
• DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE	30
• OUTAGES / TROUBLE CALLS	5
• SECURITY / STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE	2
• TEMPORARY POWER HOOK UP	1
• WORK FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS	20
• NEW METER SETS	14
• METER MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT	8
• ELECTRIC LOCATE TICKETS PROCESSED-	231

The City of Calhoun's Electrical load for February 2025 was about 27 million kilowatt hours (kWh's).

2) **Telecommunications**

- Added 100 megabit bandwidth to existing point to point.
- Added two new internet services and submitted quotes for two new services.
- Participated in Northstar business process review.
- Opened 10 and closed 15 work orders.

**Geographic Information Systems**

- Updated Fire Department Station Zones Maps
- Generated Electric Usage Reports
- Updated data and mapping for the following:
  - Water system and meter updates
  - Fiber
  - Zoning
- Updated Physical addressing, building and billing information.
- Updated City and GIS web sites.

3) **Building Inspections**

Issued 127 permits for an estimated cost of \$2,557,405, collected \$28,510 in permit fees. This included 11 new residential, 3 residential remodel, 1 new commercial, 3 commercial remodel, 0 new industrial, 0 industrial remodel, 15 residential plumbing, 19 residential electrical, 27 residential HVAC, 2 commercial plumbing, 1 commercial electrical, 2 commercial HVAC, 0 industrial plumbing, and 0 industrial electrical. 703 total inspections.

4) **Library**

- There are 12,675 library card holders, 5,518 library visitors, and 6,891 total circulation.
- There were 215 story time attendance, 385 adult program attendance, 111 new users, 1,455 e-books, 1.924 audio books, 0 computer logins, and 6,171 Facebook visits.

B. Councilmember Edwards submitted February reports as follows:

1) **Water and Sewer Operations**

**Water Treatment Plant**

- Total gallons withdrawn: 301,050,000
- Daily average: 10,751,785
- Wells: 85,330,000
- Big Springs: 51,530,000
- % produced by Brittany Drive: 45.5%
  - Brittany Dr. daily production to capacity: 41.42%

- Mauldin Rd. daily production to capacity: 36.64%
- Rainfall for February – 7.22”

**Waste Water Treatment Plant**

- Treated a daily average of 8.391 MGD, with an average BOD effluent of 6, average suspended effluent of 12, and an average COD of 79.

**Water Distribution & Wastewater Collection**

- 245 work orders completed, 0 new water connections, 17 water service leaks repaired, 21 water main leaks repaired, 0 water services changed to new main lines, 78 meter changes, 47 utility locates called in for work orders, 641 utility locates responses.
- 2,200 feet of Sanitary Sewer Services TV inspected, 529 utility locates completed, 13,000 feet sanitary sewer lines cleaned, 0 new sewer connections installed, 25 sanitary sewer connections installed by contractors, 7 sanitary sewer services repaired.

2) **Water and Sewer Construction**  
**Projects Under Construction**

- Brittany Dr & Water Booster Stations Standby Generator Project – This project consists of installing a stationary and portable generator at the Brittany Dr WTP for emergency standby power, and retrofitting 5 water booster stations to accept the portable generator when it isn’t needed at the plant. All but one of the components for this project have arrived. Construction is expected to start in the coming weeks.
- Redbud & Hwy 41 Intersection Water & Sewer Relocation – This project consists of relocating approximately 600’ of water main, along with changing the elevation of a manhole to accommodate GDOT’s road widening / turning lane addition project. The construction for this project is now progressing towards completion.
- Spring Valley Sewer Rehabilitation Project – This project consists of improving an older segment of our sewer system to reduce I&I and free up additional capacity of this sub-basin. The scope will include upgrading approx. 3,000’ of sewer main from a 12 inch to 15 inches, and replacing an additional 3,000’ of 12-inch pipe. Material for this project is on order, with construction expected to begin in the spring.

**Projects in Design & Development**

- New Fire Tower Water Tank Project – Surveying Completed.
- Water Treatment Plant Modifications
- SR 53 & Brown Lee Mtn. Water Relocation – GDOT had bid out this project in January, with construction expected to begin in the upcoming months.
- SR 156 @ Salacoa Bridge Water Relocation

- Peters St. Phase III Water Relocation – Under preliminary review.
- Curtis Pkwy Water & Sewer Relocation – Right-of-way acquisition is currently underway, and the water & sewer design process is in the final stages.
- Yancey Lift Station Rehabilitation Project – Material for this project has been delivered, with construction scheduled for the spring.
- Spring Valley Sewer Phase II Rehabilitation Project
- Comprehensive Nutrient Optimization Plan (CNOP), which is a regulatory requirement for NPDES permit compliance
- Asset Management Plan Development – A regulatory requirement to renew our Permit to Operate at our Drinking Water facilities.
- The Engineering Department is actively working on 13 plan reviews, along with 18 inspections of developments that are progressively under construction.

#### **PFAS Update-February 2025**

For the month of February, the following updates concerning PFAS are as follows:

- The installation of GAC within all of the filters at our Mauldin Rd water treatment plant will begin March 12<sup>th</sup>, which will require approximately two weeks to complete. With this installation, we anticipate PFAs levels near non-detect for the entirety of our distribution system.
- The well sampling program is now underway with questionnaires being mailed to potential participants. The responses from our questionnaires will help determine eligibility of the program. The focus of this program is to provide clean water for residents throughout Gordon county who utilize wells as their primary drinking water source.
- The piloting program utilizing advanced technologies for PFAs removal at the Brittany Dr WTP is completed. Pilot summaries for this project are currently under development. Once all of the pilot summaries have been provided, we will begin the selection process for the best long-term solution for both of our water treatment facilities.
- Two additional filter exchanges for fresh GAC at our Brittany Dr WTP have been scheduled to arrive March 18th. These proactive exchanges will ensure continued PFAs removal.

C. Councilmember Denmon submitted February reports as follows:

1) **Public Works**

**Street Department**

- Completed 28 shop and 20 street dept. work orders.
- Installed 3 new street signs.
- Repaired a storm drain in Wexford subdivision.
- Repaired potholes on Ivy Lane.

**Cemetery**

- Performed routine maintenance on Fain and Chandler cemetery.

- Supervised the opening and closing of 8 grave sites.
- Sold 2 new grave spaces.

#### **Parks Department**

- The grounds crew picked up litter, mowed, trimmed bushes, hauled garbage to the dump, and maintained records at records room.
- The maintenance crew maintained designated buildings downtown.
- Installed new heater at the cemetery office.

#### **Animal Control**

- Housed 12 dogs and 3 cats
- Number of dogs adopted: 3
- Number of cats adopted: 1
- Number of dogs rescued: 1
- Number of cats rescued: 0
- Number of dogs reclaimed by owner: 2
- Number of cats reclaimed by owner: 0
- Number of dogs euthanized: 0
- Number of cats euthanized: 0
- Number of warnings given: 15
- Number of bite cases: 0
- Citations issued: 2

## **2) Recreation Department**

### **PROGRAMS:**

**YOUTH SOCCER** –A total of 430 participants registered for Spring Soccer. Registration ended February 7 and assessments were held February 10 and 11. Drafts were held February 13 and 14. Practices began February 20 and games will start March 22.

**YOUTH VOLLEYBALL** – Registration ended February 27 with 106 girls registered for Spring Volleyball. Assessments were held March 6 and drafts March 10. Practices begin March 11.

**YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL** – There are a total of 344 boys and girls participating in baseball and softball. Registration ended February 22. Assessments were held February 24-25 and drafts were February 26 and 27.

**PICKLEBALL CLASSES** - There were 42 participants in the February morning classes.

**ADULT FITNESS CLASSES** – Classes are available on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and 2 Saturday classes each month. There were 10 participants during the month of February.

**YOUTH BASKETBALL** - There were 6 teams that represented Calhoun in the GRPA 5<sup>th</sup> District Basketball Tournaments February 17 – 28. Our agency hosted the 9-10 Girls 5<sup>th</sup> District Basketball tournament February 17-21. There were 8 teams in the tournament with our 9-10 girls finishing as district runner-up.

**11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL UNITED WAY ALL-STAR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** - was held February 6-8. There were 35 teams that participated in the tournament. There were 420 participants and 1,260 spectators. This annual event is a United Way fundraiser sponsored by Calhoun Recreation and Gordon County Parks and Recreation. The proceeds from this event go to Gordon County United Way.

**TENNIS –**

**League Play:** EVTA Men's/Women's 2.5, 3.0, 3.5; Combo 18 and Over, +40 League ( Approx. 75 participants)

Tuesday/Thursday Morning Drills – 20 participants

CMS/CHS Tennis teams – daily practice; Matches began Feb. 6

**PARKS/FACILITIES:**

**Field Maintenance and Preparation:**

- Laid out multiple soccer fields for practice and games, including high school soccer fields.
- Sprayed pre-emergent on fields and common areas to control weed growth.
- Restriped parking lot at soccer fields to improve organization and safety.

**Disc Golf Course Improvements:**

- Cleared brush for new disc golf pads.
- Installed new disc golf pads
- Installed benches at disc golf pads

**Playground and Park Enhancements:**

- Installed new swings at the black and yellow playground
- Pressure washed bathrooms and pavilions to maintain cleanliness and hygiene standards.
- Ensured regular cleaning and restocking of supplies in park restrooms.

**Routine Maintenance:**

- Performed routine maintenance around parks, including trash collection, tree trimming, and weed eating.
- Conducted routine maintenance on fleet trucks and mowers to ensure optimal performance.
- Installed new blades on mowers for improved cutting efficiency.
- Ensured trails were clear of debris and safe for public use.

**WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIS USAGE:**

CalhounRec.com  
Page Views – 6,879  
Users – 2,173  
Sessions – 3,352  
Posts – 17

FACEBOOK  
Reach – 20,729  
Post Engagements – 3,731  
Posts – 19  
New Page Followers – 5,766

**UPCOMING EVENT:**

**MIRACLE RUN: SATURDAY, MARCH 15**

The annual Miracle Run will be held March 15. This fun run raises funds and awareness for The Winner's Club and Camp New Adventure. Entry fee is \$20.00 and participant selects which agency he/she would like portion of entry fee to benefit.

3) **Downtown Development Authority**

**DDA Board Strategic Planning Retreat**

We have secured a facilitator for the retreat and are finalizing date options with both the facilitator and the board.

**HPC Project**

Collaborating with the state historic preservation office, we now have the necessary information to assess the cemetery's historical significance. The evaluation must be completed before moving forward with an application. We plan to meet with the property caretakers in the coming weeks, as they will lead the project, with our support in providing resources and connections.

**Downtown Properties**

Sadly, Floret & Fromage closed in February, but there is strong interest in the space. We are also reaching out to restaurant owners in surrounding areas to ensure awareness of the property's availability. Given its proximity to the Gem Theatre and the demonstrated need for additional dining options downtown, we are prioritizing efforts to secure a restaurant tenant.

**Events**

With approximately 50 days until BBQ & Boogie, excitement is building. Downtown merchants have received a 2025 event calendar, along with details on BBQ & Boogie and Summer in the City.

This year, we are implementing a new festival layout designed to encourage visitors to explore downtown businesses. By making strategic adjustments, we aim to convert festivalgoers into long-term customers. Merchants have been provided with ideas to capitalize on increased foot traffic, such as extended hours, BBQ-themed specials, and promotional incentives. We are also offering assistance with advertising and social media content.

BBQ & Boogie takes place April 25–26, with a kickoff concert and food truck event on Friday (6–9 PM), followed by a full festival day on Saturday (12–8 PM), featuring retail, art, craft, and food vendors, four bands, a Kids' Zone,

and more. Marketing efforts include ads in *Atlanta Magazine*, *Southern Living*, *Calhoun Magazine*, and *Dalton Magazine*, as well as an aggressive social media campaign in partnership with Black Sheep Promotions. A branded “Downtown Calhoun” disposable cup may also debut at the event.

The Calhoun-Gordon County Community Foundation is the presenting sponsor for this year’s *Summer in the City* Block Parties, enabling us to enhance programming and book new talent. The first confirmed act, an all-girl band from Alabama, will perform in June. Dates for the block parties are June 20, July 18, and September 26, with band announcements following BBQ & Boogie.

#### **Farmers’ Market**

Planning for the 2025 Farmers’ Market is well underway, with vendors already reaching out for dates and eager to participate. Beverly Meek of Flatwood Flower Farm, a returning vendor, has offered to organize a Farmers’ Advisory Committee to help guide the market. We enthusiastically accepted her offer, and she is working to bring both past and new vendors on board.

Our goal is to ensure the market schedule aligns with the needs of our growers and farmers while maintaining essential food safety standards. The market will continue to focus on food and agriculture products, allowing handmade crafts but prohibiting non-handmade items.

Last year’s market saw a rough start but finished strong, with a notable transformation from June to September. Two vendors have already stepped up to share their financial success from last season, showing how the 2024 market significantly boosted their sales. Their insights will be instrumental in encouraging greater participation this year.

#### **Professional Development**

In February, I attended my first Main Street training, focusing on finance and real estate development within the downtown context. A key takeaway was the extensive network of funding resources available to bridge financial gaps and incentivize private development. The training also underscored the importance of strategic public investment in downtown properties to guide growth and encourage active property ownership. I think this is an area we can explore as a city in the future as properties become available.

D. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer submitted February reports as follows:

#### 1) **Police Department**

- Made 172 cases with 2 DUI’s
- Fines collected by Municipal Court - \$35,409
- Issued warnings – no information
- Investigated 58 highway accidents, 30 private property accidents

- Obstruction – no information
- Lethal Weapon Encounter – no information
- Alarm responses – no information
- Miles patrolled - no information

2) **Municipal Court**

- Citations from Police Department-172
- Court cases docketed- 180
- Probation cases assigned- 12
- Probation revocations- 3
- Bench warrants-5
- Failure to appear- 8

3) **Fire Department**

**Fire Suppression Division**

**189 Total Reported Calls for Service for the Suppression Division**

<i>Type of Dispatched Calls</i>	<b>Number of Dispatched Calls</b>
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<i>Structure Fires</i>	3
<i>Mobile Property Fire (Vehicle)</i>	0
<i>Natural Vegetation</i>	0
<i>Outside Rubbish Fire</i>	0
<i>Special Outside Fires</i>	0
<b>Total Fire Calls</b>	<b>3</b>

<i>Rescue Emergency Medical Call</i>	126
<i>Medical Assist</i>	7
<i>Motor Vehicle Accidents</i>	0
<i>Search for Lost Person</i>	0
<i>Water or Ice Related Rescue</i>	0
<i>Rescue / EMS Standby</i>	0

<b>Total Medical Calls</b>	<b>133</b>
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<i>Flammable Gas or Liquid Condition Other</i>	1
<i>Combustible/Flammable Spills &amp; Leaks</i>	4
<i>Chemical Release, Reaction, or Toxic Condition</i>	0
<i>Electrical Wiring / Equipment Problem</i>	3
<b>Total Hazardous Conditions Incidents (No Fire)</b>	<b>8</b>

<i>Smoke or Odor Problem</i>	3
<i>Unauthorized Burning</i>	1
<i>Person in Distress</i>	2
<i>Public Assistance</i>	3
<b>Total Service Calls</b>	<b>9</b>

<i>Dispatched and Canceled En-Route</i>	15
<i>Good Intent Call</i>	0
<i>Hazmat Release Investigation</i>	6
<i>No Incident Found at Dispatch Location</i>	0
<i>Smoke Scare Odor of Smoke</i>	0
<i>Steam Other Gas Mistaken for Smoke</i>	0
<i>CO Alarm Activation</i>	0
<i>System or Detector Malfunction</i>	3
<i>Unintentional System / Detector Operation (No Fire)</i>	9
<i>False Alarm or False Calls Other</i>	3
<b>Total False Alarms or False Calls</b>	<b>36</b>

<i>Flood Assessment</i>	0
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<i>Wind Storm Assessment</i>	0
<b><i>Severe Weather and Natural Disaster Calls</i></b>	<b>0</b>

**Monthly Fire Suppression Activities and Accomplishments**

- Department Average Turnout Times  
 Travel Time – 1:56  
 Turnout Time – 3:20  
 Total Response Time – 5:16
- February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Chief Nesbitt, Deputy Chief Mills, and Division Chief Saylor attended Firefighter Recognition Day at State Capital
- Investigated the following fires:
  - 16 Short North Wall St
  - 30 Short North Wall St

**Fire Inspection – Public Safety Education – Code Enforcement Division**

***Inspections and Enforcement Activities***

<i>Annual Inspections</i>	21
<i>New Business Inspections</i>	0
<i>Requested Inspections</i>	21
<i>Follow Up, Re-Inspections</i>	6
<i>Burn Site Inspections</i>	0
<i>Plan Review</i>	0
<i>Pre-Construction Meeting</i>	0
<i>Sprinkler Permits Issued</i>	0
<i>Fuel Tank Permit (Install, Removal, or Service)</i>	0
<i>Consultations</i>	14
<i>Illegal Burning Citations</i>	0
<i>Fire Extinguisher Classes</i>	0
<i>Fire Drills</i>	0

<i>Fire Prevention Programs</i>	0
<i>Zoning / Annexation Meetings</i>	1
<b><i>Total Inspection – Public Safety Education – Code Enforcement Activities</i></b>	<b>63</b>

**Monthly Fire Inspections – Public Safety Education – Code Enforcement Division Activities and Accomplishments**

- McMahan completed State certification for Fire Inspector 1at Ga Public Safety Training Center.
- Completed list for private fire hydrants in use in the City.
- Inspections working with Building official on downtown building deficiencies.

**Training and Special Operations Division**

***Monthly Training Hours***

<i>Company Training</i>	<b>554.00</b>
<i>Facility Training</i>	<b>177.00</b>
<i>Officer Training</i>	<b>8.00</b>
<i>Driver Training</i>	<b>7.00</b>
<i>Specialized Rescue Training</i>	<b>0.00</b>
<i>Hazardous Materials Training</i>	<b>0.00</b>
<i>Medical Training</i>	<b>364.00</b>
<i>Fire Inspector Training</i>	<b>104.00</b>
<i>Fire Investigation Training</i>	<b>6.00</b>
<i>Fire and Life Safety Educator Training</i>	<b>0.00</b>
<b><i>Total Monthly Training Hours</i></b>	<b>1220.00</b>

***2025 Annual Training Hours***

<i>Company Training</i>	<b>1086.00</b>
<i>Facility Training</i>	<b>188.00</b>
<i>Officer Training</i>	<b>98.00</b>

<i>Driver Training</i>	<b>9.00</b>
<i>Specialized Rescue Training</i>	<b>0.00</b>
<i>Hazardous Materials Training</i>	<b>14.00</b>
<i>Medical Training</i>	<b>614.50</b>
<i>Fire Inspector Training</i>	<b>104.00</b>
<i>Fire Investigation Training</i>	<b>6.00</b>
<i>Fire and Life Safety Educator Training</i>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total 2025 Annual Training Hours</b>	<b>2119.50</b>

#### Monthly Training and Special Operations Team Accomplishments

- February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Chief Nesbitt, Deputy Chief Mills, and Division Chief Saylor attended Firefighter Recognition Day at State Capital
- February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – FFII Richardson, FFII Holcomb, and FFII Thayer attended the Bearers of Oath Uncle Don’s Do Work Truck Class.
- February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Inspector McMahan successfully completed GPSTC Fire Inspector I
- Investigated the following fires:
  - 16 Short North Wall St
  - 30 Short North Wall St
- February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Engineer Hall successfully completed GPSTC Introduction to Fire Inspector: Basic Principles and practices.
- February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Engineer Hall successfully completed GEMA Incident Command/Emergency Operations Center Interface Course.

#### Upcoming Important Training and Special Operations Activities

- Basic EMT Program continues on every Monday.
- March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 – Fire Investigation Module II
- March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 – ALERRT Training
- March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – IAAI Spring Fire Investigation Conference

#### 4) Safety Committee

- The safety topic of discussion this month was Safe Driving. Safety inspections were performed at the Library and Municipal Court.
  - Vehicle accidents: 0
  - Workers’ compensation: 0

7. **Zoning Hearings and Comments**

Announce at this time, public hearings 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 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.

A. Public hearing of an annexation and zoning request from County A-1 to A-1, for 5.0 acres, at a location of Nelson Lake Road SW, being parcel 035-067E, by Elizabeth Box. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held March 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- Councilmember Edwards gave the report on Zoning Advisory Board stating that the board recommended approval of the annexation and zoning request.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments.
- There being none, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning annexation request. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning the zoning request of A-1. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the zoning request. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

B. Public hearing of a PRD Site Amendment at a location of 1391 & 1392 US Hwy 41 North, being parcels C42A013 & C42A-015, by Echota Fabrics, Inc. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held March 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- Councilmember Edwards gave the report on Zoning Advisory Board stating that there was no recommendation as the motion failed for want of a second.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments.
- John Robbins, 1287 Curtis Parkway, stated that he was attending the meeting for Terry Brumlow, attorney for the applicant. The applicant has requested to table the item in order to address items mentioned in the report generated after the Zoning Review Committee that were not addressed during the meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Applicant requests that the matter be submitted to the Zoning Review Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and be heard for a final decision by the Mayor and City Council on April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Councilmember Edwards made a motion to table the item as requested. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

C. Public hearing of an annexation and zoning request from County A-1 to R-2, for 0.12 acres, at a location of Dews Pond Road, being parcel 056A-030, by Fall Leaf Residential. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held March 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- Councilmember Edwards gave the report on Zoning Advisory Board stating that the board recommended approval of the request.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments.
- Neal Hendee, representing the applicant and located at 3280 Pointe Parkway, Suite 2300, Norcross, Georgia, stated that the adjoining property was rezoned in December. The inclusion of this small parcel will be used as the 50-foot buffer. Underground utilities will be provided as well. He noted that the homes will be at least 1,300 square feet and will contribute to a well-designed development that provides much-needed housing for the community.
- There were no other comments and Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning annexation request.
- Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the annexation request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with Councilmembers Edwards and Denman voting aye and Councilmembers Moyer and Palazzolo voting nay, resulting in a tied vote. Mayor Palmer cast the deciding vote, voting aye to approve the annexation request.
- Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning zoning change of R-2.
- Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the zoning request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with Councilmembers Edwards and Denman voting aye and Councilmembers Moyer and Palazzolo voting nay, resulting in a tied vote. Mayor Palmer cast the deciding vote, voting aye to approve the zoning request of R-2.

D. **WITHDRAWN** - Public hearing of a setback variance request of 70 feet, to vary from the required 100 feet to 30 feet for an electronic billboard, for 1.56 acres, at a location of 200 Union Grove Road, being parcel C46-031, by First Family Group, LLC. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held March 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Mayor Palmer stated that the applicant had withdrawn their application.

#### 8. Other Hearings and Comments

A. Public hearing of an ordinance to amend certain sections of Part II-Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14 – Animals, Section 14-43 Adequate indoor and out of doors shelter standards and requirements; required standards of care for pets, to update shelter requirements and materials, to repeal conflicting ordinances, to fix an effective date; and for other purposes.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments.

- City Attorney Govignon stated that the ordinance is amended to cover all pets and changes have been made to outdoor containment facilities for those pets.
  - There were no other comments and Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning ordinance amendment.
  - Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- B. Public hearing of a beer package application at a location of 1133 Street Wall Street, by 1133 Store N Gas, Inc. Cassandra Davenport is the owner and will also serve as the store manager.
- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
  - City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
  - Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments.
  - There being none, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning alcohol license application.
  - Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the alcohol request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- C. Public hearing of a beer pouring application at a location of 123 Columbus Circle, Shuggy Snacks, LLC. Mark Shugart is the owner and will also serve as the store manager.
- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
  - City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
  - Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments.
  - There being none, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning alcohol license application.
  - Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the alcohol request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

9. **Old Business**

10. **New Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of an annexation and zoning request from County A-1 to C-2, for 1.93 acres, at a location of 633 Peters Street, being parcel 071-037A, by Curtis & Peters LLC. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held April 10<sup>th</sup> and the public hearing April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Mayor Palmer read a request from the Purchasing Department to surplus a 2015 Ford F-350 used by Water and Sewer Construction. This vehicle needs many repairs and is being replaced. VIN# 1FDRF3HT2FEC40995 Mileage: 61,977. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the surplus request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- C. Mayor Palmer read a Special Event Permit request from Heavale Brewing Company to host a food truck stationed on Oothcalooga Street next to the brewery addressed at 118

S. Park Ave. The event dates requested are for Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Event times are from 3:00pm till 9:00pm. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

11. Other Written Items Not on the Agenda

12. Work Reports

A. Paul Worley, City Administrator

- 1) Mr. Worley stated that both Gordon County and the City of Calhoun has received a refund claim request from Modern Tax Group, LLC on behalf of Mohawk Industries, DBA: Aladdin Manufacturing concerning personal property assets there were reported in error for the 2024 tax year. Pursuant to OCGA 48-5-380 the company is requesting a total refund from the City of Calhoun, including Calhoun City Schools, in the amount of \$287,341.46. Gordon County Commissioners approved the request at last week's County Commission meeting for the refund request to the County. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the refund pursuant to OCGA 48-5-380. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

B. Kyle Ellis, Utilities Administrator had nothing to report.

C. George Govignon, City Attorney had nothing to report.

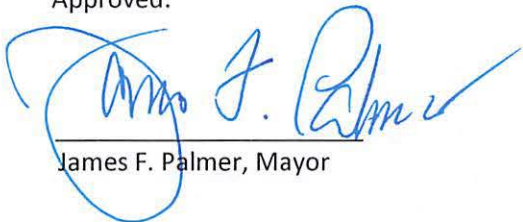
13. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

14. Motion to return to General Session

15. Motion to Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Council, Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:37p.m.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Sharon Nelson, City Clerk

