



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 11, 2022 - 7:00 PM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

MINUTES

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

ALSO: Paul Worley, City Administrator; Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator; Kyle Ellis, Assistant Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Tony Pyle, Police Chief; Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief; and Jeff Defoor, Director of Electric.

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**
Welcome
Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
Invocation
Utilities Administrator Vickery 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**
Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the July 11, 2022 agenda as presented. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**
Councilmember Moyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of June 20, 2022. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. Mayor's Comments

None

6. Council Comments

A. Councilmember Palazzolo submitted June reports as follows:

1) Water and Sewer Operations

Water Treatment Plant

- Total gallons withdrawn: 385,010,000
- Daily average: 12,833,667
- Wells: 66,100,000
- Big Springs: 85,190,000
- % produced by Brittany Drive: 42.0%
 - Brittany Dr. daily production to capacity: 42.73%
 - Mauldin Rd. daily production to capacity: 48.69%
 - Rainfall for June – 2.15"

Waste Water Treatment Plant

- Treated a daily average of 4.954 MGD, with an average BOD effluent of 3, average suspended effluent of 14, and an average COD of 63.

Water Distribution & Wastewater Collection

- 182 work orders completed, 25 new water connections, 23 water service leaks repaired, 17 water main leaks repaired, 0 water services changed to new main lines, 34 meter changes, 61 utility locates called in for work orders, 684 utility locates responses.
- 1,350 feet of Sanitary Sewer Services TV inspected, 504 utility locates completed, 6,500 feet sanitary sewer lines cleaned, 6 new sewer connections installed, 4 sanitary sewer services repaired.

2) Water and Sewer Construction

Projects Under Construction

- 319 Grant Lynn Creek Project- Agricultural project materials are being ordered.
- Fox Subdivision 2" galvanized water line replacement project 286. City crews currently installing new mains and swapping customers from the old mains.
- Eastside sewer replacement project- Original project is complete. Engineering has approached the contractor regarding adding 100K of additional work to the project scope, but has not received confirmation that contractor is willing to do the additional work.
- Project Stream Sewer Extension- Materials are on site, and waiting on contractor to begin.
- McCraney Water & Sewer Line Extension- Materials are on order. Construction will be scheduled once materials arrive on-site.

Projects in Design & Development

- South Interceptor Flow Study
- Union Grove North & South Sewer Extension

3) **Library**

- There are 10,815 library card holders, 5,325 library visitors, and 7,739 total circulation.
- There were 214 story time attendance, 98 adult program attendance, 168 new users, 1,058 e-books, 923 audio books, 421 computer logins, and 3,564 Facebook visits.

B. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards submitted June reports as follows:

1) **Police Department**

- Made 289 cases with 3 DUI's
- Fines collected by Municipal Court - \$42,589.50
- Issued 384 warnings
- Investigated 28 highway accidents, 35 private property accidents
- Obstruction - 3
- Lethal Weapon Encounter - 2
- Alarm responses - 142
- Miles patrolled: 43,689

2) **Municipal Court**

- Total Court cases- 289
- Court cases dropped- 34
- Number of Bond forfeitures- 214
- Number of Probation cases- 11
- Failure to appear- 27
- Subpoenas served- 0

3) **Fire Department**

183 Total reported calls for service for the Suppression Division	
Number of Calls	Dispatched Calls
1	Fire, Other
3	Structure Fire
1	Mobile Property (Vehicle) Fire
1	Natural Vegetation Fire
2	Outside Rubbish Fire
1	Overpressure, Rupture, Overheat, Explosion or other
9	Total Fire Calls

0	Rescue Emergency Medical call (Other)
33	Medical Assist
79	Emergency Medical Services Incident
1	Lock-In
0	Search for Lost Person
1	Water or ice related rescue
0	Extrication
1	Rescue or EMS Standby
115	Total Medical Calls
0	Flammable Gas or Liquid Condition / other
1	Combustible / Flammable Liquids Spills and Leaks
0	Chemical Release, Reaction or Toxic Condition
1	Electrical Wiring / Equipment problems
2	Total Hazardous Conditions Incidents (NO FIRE: Leaks, Spills, Electrical Hazards; All Other Hazardous Conditions without injuries)
1	Potential Accident
0	Service Call other
0	Water Problem
0	Smoke / Odor Problem
5	Public Service Assistance
1	Person in Distress
0	Good Intent call
1	Unauthorized Burning
8	Total Service / Good Intent Calls (Non-Emergency; Water Leak; Assist Other Agencies; Odors)
23	Dispatched and Canceled En-Route
8	Wrong location / No Emergency Found
0	Controlled Burning
0	Steam or gas mistaken for smoke
0	Haz Mat Release investigation w/ no Haz Mat found
8	False Alarm and False Call Other
0	Bomb Scare (Nothing Found)
0	Malicious Mischiefous false alarm
6	System or Detector Malfunction
4	Unintentional System / Detector Operation (No Fire)
49	Total False Alarms or False Calls
0	Severe Weather & Natural Disaster
0	Total Severe Weather & Natural Disaster Calls
1	
0	Special Incident Type (Citizen Complaint; Other)
0	Total Special Incident Type

Additional Fire Department Activities:

Completed routine Dept. Maintenance and station duties.

Participated in meetings on COVID-19 and Community issues with local agencies (by video conference).

Training Division

361 Total Man Hours of training during the month

Training consisted of:

Training consisted of Fire Engine and Equipment Familiarization for new recruits, Natural Gas Emergencies from Ga Natural Gas (for whole Dept.)

Fire Inspections - Public Safety Education - Code Enforcement Division

144 Total Reported Activities / Inspections completed during the month

Inspections / Enforcement Activities

35	Annual Inspection
0	New Business Inspections
21	Requested Inspections
53	Follow Up, Re-Inspections
0	Burn Site Inspections
5	Plan Reviews
0	Pre-Construction Meeting
0	Sprinkler Permits Issued
0	Fuel Tank Permit (Install, Removal or Service)
29	Consultations
0	Illegal Burning Citations
0	Fire Extinguisher Classes
0	Fire Drills
0	Fire Prevention Programs
1	Zoning / Annexation Meetings
144	Total

Additional Inspection - Public Safety & Codes Division Activities

Duval participated with City Safety Inspection @ Calhoun Rec Center buildings.

Duvall attended Sprinkler class hosted by Dalton Fire Dept.

Fox and Duvall attended State of Ga Fire Safety Symposium at the Fire Academy

4) **Safety Committee**

- The safety topic of discussion this month was Seat Belt Safety. A safety inspection was performed at the Calhoun Utilities Building on June 30, 2022.
- Vehicle accidents: 0
- Workers' compensation: 0

C. Councilmember Denmon submitted June reports as follows:

1) **Public Works**

Street Department

1. Completed 28 shop and 26 street dept. work orders.
2. Installed 4 new street signs.
3. Repaved several streets including Trammell, Willard, Cherry Hill Circle, Cherry Hill Drive, Woodland Drive, Sherwood Drive, Lake Drive, Highland Court, South Industrial Drive, and Mimms Drive.
4. Replaced storm drains, curbs, gutters and sidewalk on Pisgah Way.

Cemetery

1. Performed routine maintenance on Fain and Chandler cemetery.
2. Supervised the opening and closing of 6 grave sites.
3. Sold 17 new grave spaces.

Parks Department

1. The grounds crew picked up litter, mowed, trimmed bushes, hauled garbage to the dump, and maintained records at records room.
2. The maintenance crew maintained designated buildings downtown.
3. Replaced fencing with concrete block at the Animal Control building.

Animal Control

- Housed 17 dogs and 3 cats
- Number of dogs adopted: 10
- Number of cats adopted: 0
- Number of dogs rescued: 0
- Number of cats rescued: 3
- 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: 19
- Number of bite cases: 0
- Citations issues: 1

2) **Recreation Department**

1. **PROGRAMS:**

Camp South River – Camp was held four weeks during the month of June. 136 participants have attended camp participating in outdoor activities throughout the park, attending field trips, swimming, and arts and crafts throughout each week.

Tennis: The following leagues were held throughout the month - Spring Tennis 101; Spring Quads, Flex league and MAP tennis.

Adult Softball – The adult softball league concluded the Spring season with 28 games being played throughout the month.

Fall Programs: Registration for all fall programs began Tuesday, July 5.
Fall programs include –
Youth Football, Cheerleading, Volleyball, and Fall Soccer

2. TOURNAMENTS:

USSSA – GIRLS 10u TOURNAMENT – JUNE 18, 2022 – There were 10 teams that participated in this one-day event. A total of 324 players, coaches and spectators visited our park during this event. An estimated economic impact of \$21,060.

GRPA 5th District Baseball and Softball tournaments - We had six teams participating in the GRPA district tournaments held June 10 – 16, 2022. Our 7-8 Boys finished runner-up at Whitfield County; 7-8 Girls finished runner-up at Whitfield County; and 9-10 Boys Pitching Machine won the D5 Championship. The 7-8 Girls advanced to the GRPA State at Whitfield County and placed 3rd; the 9-10 Pitching machined team played in the state tournament at Statesboro.

3. **POOL** – The pool has been open to the public throughout the month Mondays through Saturday 1:00pm-5:00pm; A total of 2,600 swimmers for open Swim in June. There were 10 pool parties during the month. The Blue Barracudas had 2 home swim meets.

4. **FACILITY USAGE:**

Billy Bearden Recreation Center
Black and Yellow Pavilion – 12 events
Meeting Room – 2 events
Ratner Pavilion – 7 events
Community Room – 7 events
Gym – 4 events

5. **SOCIAL MEDIA**

CalhounRec.com	Facebook
Page Views – 4,524	Reached – 15,600
Users – 2,063	Post Engagements – 7,747
Posts – 16	Posts - 18

6. **PARK MAINTENANCE:**

The following tasks were completed through the month

- Daily park clean up –
- Added new mulch to the dog park, playground on River Street side of park
- Began adding new rubber mulch to black and yellow playground should be completed early July
- Mowed all parks – weekly
- Groomed all parks -weekly
- Pressure wash Ratner Pavilion and bathrooms
- Groomed Dog Park – weekly
- Baseball field maintenance -weekly
- Groomed island and front — weekly
- Pool maintenance – daily
- Prepared fields for tournaments
- Trimmed hedges at football field
- Repaired fencing and poles
- Trimmed tree limbs

3) **Downtown Development Authority**

The DDA and HPC held their regularly scheduled meetings. The DDA has partnered with the Harris Arts Center to have a summer concert series in the City of Calhoun park planned for July 22nd with Curiosity Shoppe playing. The HPC held their regularly scheduled meeting with one COA approval. Cheyenne’s Boutique will be moving from its current location to 112 Court Street. The HPC is working on adding five more historic signs to historic buildings. The DDA partnered with KCGB to plant new arrangements in the large planters downtown. The DDA is planning another food truck and concert event for September 23rd. The downtown event calendar was updated and includes all events scheduled for the GEM and HAC as well. The Farmer’s Market has begun and will continue through September. It is Mondays and Thursdays from 10-2 in the Depot parking lot.

D. Councilmember Moyer submitted June reports as follows:

1) **Electric Department**

- The LED Streetlight upgrade continues around the City.
- Electrical Engineering continues and materials are being ordered for the Exchange Apartments and the Manor Lake Cottages of Calhoun on Curtis Parkway, the 53 Townhomes at Old Mill, the Hamilton Medical Complex and the new Chipotle Restaurant at 530 East Hwy 53.
- Electrical Engineering has begun for I-75 crossings so Calhoun can serve new customers.

WORK ORDERS IN PROCESS OR COMPLETED FOR JUNE:

• NEWLY CREATED	110
• COMPLETED AND CLOSED	107
• CONSISTING OF:	

• CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION	17
• DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE	16
• OUTAGES / TROUBLE CALLS	38
• SECURITY / STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE	7
• TEMPORARY POWER HOOK UP	4
• WORK FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS	29
• NEW METER SETS	4
• METER MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT	14
• ELECTRIC LOCATE TICKETS PROCESSED	327

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The City of Calhoun’s Electrical load for June 2022 is estimated to be about 36 million kilowatt hours (kWh’s). This is about the same as June of 2021. Actual numbers will be released around July 18th.

In June the Educational Solar Array, a partnership between Calhoun Utilities, Calhoun City Schools and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), produced 7,410 kWh’s of electricity and provided a carbon offset of 11,299 pounds or the equivalent carbon sequestration of 131 trees.

Monthly Energy Production Report

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This report provides energy production for June.

Week	Peak Power	Energy Produced
06/01/2022 - 06/07/2022	39.1 kW	1.57 MWh
06/08/2022 - 06/14/2022	39.1 kW	1.90 MWh
06/15/2022 - 06/21/2022	39.1 kW	2.05 MWh
06/22/2022 - 06/28/2022	39.1 kW	1.53 MWh
06/29/2022 - 06/30/2022	36.7 kW	365 kWh
June 2022 Total:		7.41 MWh
Previous Month Total:		7.64 MWh
Year to Date:		40.2 MWh
Lifetime Production:		93.5 MWh

Your **Carbon Offset** for this month: 11,299.999999999998 lbs

You have offset the equivalent of: **131 Trees**



2) **Telecommunications**

- Connected one new internet customer.
- Connected and provisioned one new 100-megabit point-to-point service.
- Repaired fiber drop cut.
- Added 50 megabits of bandwidth to existing customer.
- Acquired Windows server licenses for new financial software upgrade. Finished building 1 of 3 servers required for upgrade.
- Added 150 gigabytes of hard disk space to email server.
- HP replaced a server motherboard at DR site. Working with HP and Nutanix to correct errors in fan speed and monitoring software.
- Finished configuring new switch for new police department building.
- Ordered new phones and headsets to test for police department and school system.
- Performed inventory and worked with Hiperweb to fix reports after software conversion.
- Opened 13 and closed 11 work orders.

Geographic Information Systems

- Updated
 - Water system and water meter data and mapping.
 - Updated Fire pre-plan for buildings
 - Cemetery mapping
 - Fiber mapping
 - New storm water mapping
- Generated Electric usage reports.
- Updated Physical addressing, building and billing information.
- Updated City and GIS web sites

3) **Building Inspections**

- Issued 172 permits for an estimated cost of \$33,924,137, collected \$183,906 in permit fees. This included 30 new residential, 2 residential remodel, 3 new commercial, 1 commercial remodel, 2 new industrial, 1 industrial remodel, 24 residential plumbing, 38 residential electrical, 3 commercial plumbing, 15 residential HVAC, 1 commercial HVAC, 4 commercials electrical, and 0 industrial plumbing, 2 industrial HVAC and 2 industrial electrical. 516 total inspections.

7. **Public Hearing 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. **Annexation – Stephanie Brown – Parcel 056B-056**

Public hearing of an annexation and zoning request from County to R-1 for .689 acre, at a location of 158 Thornwood Drive SE (056B-056), by Stephanie Brown. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held July 7th.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- Mayor Pro Tem Edwards gave the report on the Zoning Advisory Board meeting stating that the recommendation was to approve the annexation and zoning request.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments beginning with the applicant. Stephanie Brown, the applicant, asked if the application was approved what date would it be effective. City Administrator Worley stated the effective date would be August 1st.
- There being no further comments, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning Annexation Request.
- Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the annexation request. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning zoning request of R-1.
- Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the zoning request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

B. **Annexation – Corey Campbell – Parcel 033B-223**

Public hearing of an annexation and zoning request from County to C-2 for 2.10 acres at a location of 1462 Hwy 53 Spur (033B-223), by Corey Campbell. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held July 7th.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- Mayor Pro Tem Edwards gave the report on the Zoning Advisory Board meeting stating that the recommendation was to approve the annexation and zoning request.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments beginning with the applicant. There being none, Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning the annexation request.
- Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the annexation request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning zoning request of C-2.
- Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the zoning request. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

C. **Annexation – Brannon Fain – Parcel 058B-086A-Tabled to July 25th**

Public hearing of an annexation and zoning request from County to R-2 for 6.27 acres, at a location of Morrow Road (058B-086A), by Brannon Fain. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held July 7th.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- Mayor Pro Tem Edwards gave the report on the Zoning Advisory Board meeting stating that a motion was made to approve the annexation and zoning request, but failed for lack of a second, therefore there was no recommendation.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments beginning with the applicant. Brannon Fain, the applicant stated that he would give his time to Ryan Rogowski of AJC Consulting to present to the Council. Mr. Rogowski gave a history of the property. He noted that there was a high demand for multi-housing and stated that the 96-unit apartments would be class A apartments. They are currently working with stream mitigation but their main focus right now is utility connection. Northeast of the property is zoned residential and there is a school within walking distance. Sewer is available across the street. The plan is to totally support all of the setbacks and take steps with wetland mitigation. The only way to make it viable is to have the 96 units. Encroachment on the back of the property is their biggest issue. They are asking for the buffer variance and will screen the buffer and add some type of evergreen/hollies. He then gave a review of the property manager policies that are set for the apartments as follows: registered and licensed vehicles only; limit number of cars per apartment; no abandoned vehicles; no stored vehicles; renters insurance requirement for all residents; pets and breeds limited; professional landscaping and grooming. He stated that they understand that if the property is annexed more design documents would be needed, but they felt annexation was a good start. Two access roads will be added from the south to keep traffic on Morrow Road. Mr. Rogowski gave a brief overview of the flood plain map as well as a map of the lay of the land with the unnamed tributary. They understand there is work to do with the US Corps of Engineers. They plan to cut water from the ponds and respect and enhance stream lines. They are committed to provide the buffers noted on the application and would like to go ahead with the annexation.
- Susan Martin, 263 Blackwood Court, SE, addressed council members stating that she understood the residents of her community were in a very good location with Buc-ee's and the outlet mall being nearby. She also understood the need for additional housing in Gordon County; however, she still has issues as this property is directly in her back yard. She gave a list of her issues with the annexation as follows: she felt having the apartments would not be safe for her family or the renters of the apartments; it would not be good for the environment as we don't even know how current construction in the area will affect the environment; moving water could cause damage to some properties; insurance will go up in the area; the owners property backs up to a county school, not a city school; Georgia State Patrol and fire trucks already have issues trying to get down Morrow road because of its narrowness; Belwood school buses would be meeting City school buses and having to pull over to bypass each other. She requested council members not allow the 10-foot buffer and asked Mr. Fain not to negate privacy fencing should the

annexation be approved, noting this would protect families and properties. She stated that a twelve-foot noise reduction privacy fence would be preferable. She also noted that the lake may look like a pond but it isn't and she was concerned for the safety of the lake and the children that live in the area. She felt safety issues should be addressed prior to the annexation if council members planned to approve it. She also stated that had she known about other attempts to build on this property she would have been at those meetings to voice her concerns.

- City Attorney Govignon stated that no prior authorization has come before this body before and are not relevant to this application.
- Ethan Smith, 217 Blackwood Court stated that he bought his home because of the private back yard which allows his children to play safely and he would not be able to have that same safety if the apartments are built, as people would be able to look directly into his back yard. He asked council members to consider the people already living in the area. He also stated that he feels Mr. Fain is trying to maximize profits by putting in as many units as possible.
- Mr. Fain rebutted stating that the stigma of apartments is old school thinking. Renters at these apartments will have extensive back ground checks and screening. He stated that his research shows that apartments increase property values. He then addressed council members stating that he would like to table the item until the next meeting in order to allow them to do their homework and gather more information pertaining to the proposed project.
- Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion pertaining to Mr. Fain's request to table the item.
- Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to table the item until the next meeting of the City Council to be held July 25, 2022. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

D. WITHDRAWN Impervious Setback Variance – Brannon Fain – Parcel 058B-086A

Public hearing of a variance request to vary from the impervious setback of 75 feet and create alternate impervious surfaces in quantities necessary to mitigate encroachment for 6.27 acres, at a location of Morrow Road (058B-086A), by Brannon Fain.

WITHDRAWN Stream Setback Variance – Brannon Fain – Parcel 058B-086A

- E. Public hearing of a variance request to reduce the 50-foot stream setback to encroach in isolated areas at building 400 (20 feet) and building 100 (10 feet) encroachment for 6.27 acres, at a location of Morrow Road (058B-086A), by Brannon Fain.

F. Zoning Buffer Variance – Brannon Fain – Parcel 056B-086A

Public hearing of a variance request to reduce the R-2 zoning buffer from 50 feet between R-1 and R-2 to 40 feet encroachment, for 6.27 acres, at a location of Morrow Road (058B-086A), by Brannon Fain. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held July 7th.

- This item was not discussed due to the annexation and zoning request being tabled until the next meeting of the City Council.

G. Zoning Change – Olga Lopez – C11-025

Public hearing of a zoning change request from C-2 to R-1B for .38 acre, at a location of 457 West Line Street (C11-025), by Olga Lopez. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held July 7th.

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

H. Annexation Request – Robert Owens – Parcel 053-003A

Public hearing of an annexation and zoning request from County to R-1 for 2.19 acres, at a location of 937 Dews Pond Road (053-003A), by Robert Owens. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held July 7th.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- Mayor Pro Tem Edwards gave the report on the Zoning Advisory Board meeting stating that the recommendation was to approve 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 the annexation request.
- Councilmember Moyer made a motion to approve the annexation request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning the zoning request of R-1.
- Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the zoning request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

I. Annexation Request – Joana Sanchez – Parcel 042B-007

Public hearing of an annexation and zoning request from County to R-1B for .45 acres, at a location of 1355 US 41 North (042B-007), by Joana Sanchez. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held July 7th.

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

- Mayor Pro Tem Edwards gave the report on the Zoning Advisory Board meeting stating that the recommendation was to approve 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.
- Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the annexation request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning zoning request of R-1B. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the zoning request. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

8. Old Business:

None

9. New Business:

A. Annexation Request – Global Design Logistics, LLC – Parcel 057B-092

Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of an annexation and zoning request from County Agricultural to C-2, for 5.13 acres located on Outlet Center Drive (057B-092), by Global Design Logistics, LLC. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held on August 4th and the Public Hearing on August 8th.

B. Zoning Request – Stanley Simpson – C33B-018

Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a zoning change request from C-2 to R-2 for 1.72 acres located on Harris Beamer Road (C33B-018), by Stanley Simpson. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held on August 4th and the Public Hearing on August 8th.

C. Ordinance – Personal Transportation Vehicles

Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of an ordinance to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Calhoun by regulating the operation of personal transportation vehicles or PTV, more commonly known as “golf carts,” by restricting their use to certain low volume, low speed residential municipal streets, who may legally operate these vehicles, and the issuance of operational permits for such use. Eligible for a public hearing July 25th. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to set the public hearing for July 25th. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

D. FY2021 Utility Division Charge-Offs

Mayor Palmer read the Utility Division charge off request for unpaid debts for Fiscal Year 2021. Utilities Administrator Vickery addressed council members stating that the total billing for the fiscal year was \$57,107,656. The beginning balance for charge offs was \$171,299.99, which was reduced to \$82,910.10 due to the collection efforts of the Customer Service Department by either transferring old accounts to current accounts, adjustments, or sending collection letters. He also noted that Customer Service is very diligent in getting these numbers down and do an excellent job,

lowering the amount to be collected to 1/14 of 1% of billed services. Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the recommended charge offs as presented. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Council members expressed their appreciation to Judith Arnold and her department for a job well done.

E. **Library Reappointment – Kathleen Shirley – Term to end June 30, 2025**

Mayor Palmer read a recommendation from the Calhoun-Gordon County Public Library to reappoint Kathleen Shirley for a three-year term ending June 30, 2025 (may approve or deny). Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the reappointment. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

F. **Library Appointment – Beth Holcomb – Term to end June 30, 2025**

Mayor Palmer read a recommendation from the Calhoun-Gordon County Public Library to appoint Beth Holcomb to serve the unexpired term of Susan Bennett, ending June 30, 2025 (may approve or deny). Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the appointment. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

G. **Special Event – Unity Run 2022**

Mayor Palmer read a Special Event Permit and road closure request by United Way of Gordon County for Unity Run 2022, to be held on Tuesday, September 27th. Setup will begin at 4:00 pm and breakdown at 9:00 pm. The Unity Run will have a new route this year beginning at the Calhoun Depot on South King Street, heading towards Pine Street between the Calhoun High School softball field and bus parking, turning right on Pine Street, then left on River Street towards the Calhoun Recreation Department, turning right into the Calhoun Recreation Department at the traffic light, going straight past the tennis courts and then circling the Recreation Department staying on the main road, then turning left onto River Street towards Calhoun High School, staying straight past Calhoun High School and Calhoun Middle School, turning left on Oothcalooga Street, then turning right on GA-53 Spur, then turning left on River Street at the traffic light, then turning right onto 2nd Avenue, which is the only residential street on the route, then turning right on to South King Street towards the Depot and past the Post Office, with the race ending at the same place it started in front of the Calhoun Depot. Recommended for approval by the Downtown Development Authority on July 6th. Councilmember Moyer made a motion to approve the street closures for the named streets. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

H. **Manager Change Request – Aldi**

Manager change request at a location of 647 Highway 53 East, by Aldi#43. The prior manager was Johnanna Lugo and the proposed new manager is Robert Peters (may approve or deny). Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

10. **Other written items not on the agenda:**

11. **Work Reports:**

- A. Paul Worley, City Administrator had nothing to report.
- B. Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator had nothing to report.
- C. George Govignon, City Attorney had nothing to report.

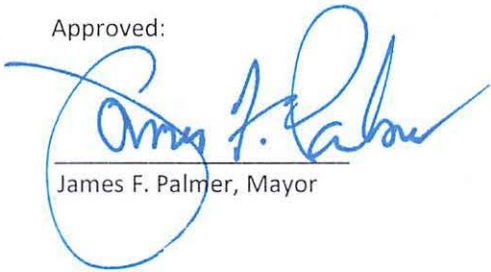
12. **Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed:**

13. **Motion to return to General Session:**

14. **Motion to Adjourn**

There being no other business to come before the Council, Councilmember Moyer made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Sharon Nelson, City Clerk



