

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING ST
AUGUST 27, 2012 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

**ALSO: Eddie Peterson, City Administrator
Larry Vickery, Utilities General Manager
Paul Worley, City Clerk
Jeff DeFoor, Director of Electric Utilities
Jerry Crawford, Water and Sewer Director
George Govignon, City Attorney
Garry Moss, Chief of Police
Derrall Culberson, Senior Accountant**

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 Barton made a motion to approve the agenda and Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion approved.
4. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2012 City Council Meeting. Councilman Hammond gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
5. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the executive session minutes for August 13, 2012. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
6. **Mayor's Comments:**
 - A. Mayor Palmer extended his sympathy to the family of Tom Bond. Mr. Bond served as a City Councilman from 1986 to 1996. Mayor Palmer said that Mr. Bond was a very good councilmember and appreciated his service to the City.
 - B. Mayor Palmer also extended his sympathy to the family of Jessica Raines. Jessica is the granddaughter of David Raines, a city employee.

- C. Mayor Palmer announced a required Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing announcing the \$500,000 grant awarded for the Cherokee Mill Loft project at the Depot Community Room was completed as scheduled.
- D. Mayor Palmer announced that the Gordon County Board of Commissioners have invited all the local municipalities to a public meeting on September 4th, at 10:30am at the Gordon County Administration Building Conference Room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the possible imposition of a 2% local excise tax on energy used in manufacturing.

7. Public Hearings and Comments: None

8. Old Business:

- A. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of an annexation and zoning request of R-1B for 0.45 acres at a location of 123 Thomas Street for Patsy Hall. The ZAB will meet on October 4th and the Public Hearing will be on October 8th.
- B. City Attorney George Govignon updated the Council on City owned property at 305 Richards Street. Attorney Govignon stated that the City owns the property and allowed a building to be built on the land and agreed to a 25 year lease. Suntrust Bank wishes to foreclose on the business of Butler Investment Group, Inc., who presently hold the lease for this building. Suntrust would like to foreclose on the long term lease held by Butler Investment Group, Incorporated. As a part of this action by the bank, they requested the City, as landlord consent to an assignment of the lease. The Resolution proposed that Suntrust shall take the assignment of the collateral of the building through the end of the contract, which ends in 2019. Mayor Palmer asked for a motion to approve the resolution as discussed. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the signing of the resolution. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

8. New Business:

- A. Mayor Palmer stated that there was a parade request on the traditional route for the Gordon Central Homecoming Parade on Thursday, October 4th at 3:30pm. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the parade request. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- B. Mayor Palmer reviewed a Georgia DOT repaving contract. The contract is for 1.4 miles of plant mix resurfacing on Hillcrest Drive, Three Oaks Drive, Timber Ridge Court, and Timber Ridge Lane. The Georgia DOT makes the final decision on which roads are selected to be paved. The maximum allowable costs for the project would be \$85,691.36. Councilman Edwards made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the Georgia DOT repaving contract. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.


- C. Mayor Palmer conducted the first reading of a beer pouring license request by Estuardo Cabrera DBA: Los Panchos at a location of 235 West Line Street. The public hearing will be on September 24th.
- D. Mayor Palmer conducted the first reading of a beer package license request by Anant Patel DBA: Dev Darshan, LLC (North Wall BP) at a location of 312 North Wall Street. The public hearing will be on September 24th.

9. Other written items not on the agenda: None

10. Work Reports: None


- 11. Councilman Hammond made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barton with all voting aye, motion approved.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Paul Worley, City Clerk