



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2025 – 7:00 PM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

**MINUTES**

PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor  
Ed Moyer, Mayor Pro Tem  
Jacqueline Palazzolo, Councilmember  
Al Edwards, Councilmember

ALSO: Paul Worley, City Administrator; Kyle Ellis, Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Tony Pyle, Police Chief.

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**  
**Welcome**  
Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.  
**Invocation**  
Councilmember Edwards 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 Edwards made a motion to approve the January 27, 2025 agenda as presented. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**  
Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of January 13, 2025. Councilmember Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

- A. Mayor Palmer presented plaques to recently retired Calhoun Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Clifford Free and Billie Jean Erwin, thanking them for their many years of service. Rhonda Massingill and Clinton Marshall were unable to attend and will be presented their plaques at the next Calhoun Housing Authority Board meeting. Mayor Palmer noted that the four retired members had a combined 70 years of voluntary service.

6. **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 speaking having filed a financial disclosure statement five days prior to the hearing if required, 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.

7. **Other Public Hearings**

- A. Public hearing of an ordinance to amend certain sections of Part II-Code of Ordinances, Chapter 94 – Utilities, Article IV. – Sewers and Sewage Disposal; to repeal all 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.
- There being none, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning ordinance amendment.
- Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the ordinance as amended. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

8. **Old Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an ordinance to amend certain sections of Part II-Code of Ordinances, Chapter 50 – Fire Protection and Prevention, Article IV. – Fire Hydrants, Sec. 50-104, to include fire hydrant spacing for multi-family developments; to repeal all conflicting ordinances, to fix an effective date; and for other purposes. The public hearing will be held February 10<sup>th</sup>.

9. **New Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer read a request from the Calhoun Housing Authority to appoint Martha Sims as Resident Commissioner, replacing Clinton Marshall, whose term expired on September 6, 2024. This will be a five-year term ending September 6, 2029. Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the appointment. Councilmember Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

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

11. Work Reports

- A. City Administrator Worley gave a review of December 2024 general cash and hotel motel reports. (copy attached) Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- B. Utilities Administrator Ellis gave a review of the December 2024 utilities cash report. (copy attached) Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the report as presented. Councilmember Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- C. City Attorney Govignon had nothing to report.

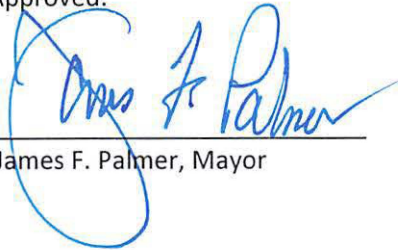
12. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

13. Motion to return to General Session

14. Motion to Adjourn

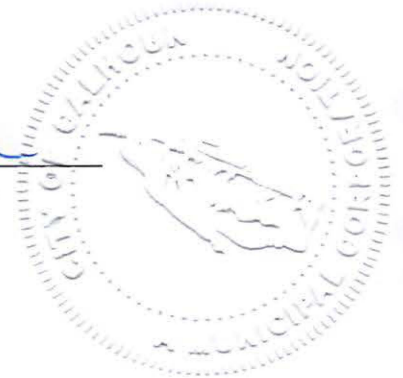
There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

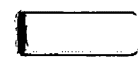
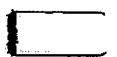
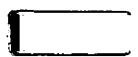
Approved:

  
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James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:

  
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Sharon Nelson, City Clerk





## General Government Cash Report

### General Government Operating Account

General Fund	Checking	\$ 6,036,852.95
Restricted Cash - Excise	Checking	141,876.40
Cash	Pay Pal	18,069.37
Solid Waste	Checking	378,438.85
Confiscated Assets	Checking	-
School Trust	Checking	8,370,491.17
Municipal Court	Checking	6,544.14
Hotel-Motel Fund	Checking	(105,802.13)
Recreation	Checking	280,539.73
Recreation - Hotel / Motel	Checking	9,684.78
SPLOST 2018	Checking	-
SPLOST 2024	Checking	-
Golf	Checking	815,857.45
Golf Renewal & Replacement Reserves	Checking	-
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	Checking	1,677,432.01
OPIOD	Checking	43,893.26
<b>Total Operating</b>		<b><u>17,673,877.98</u></b>

Reserves - Restricted / Renewal & Replacement	Savings	-
Specified Funds / Renewal & Replacement	Savings	750,000.00
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<b><u>750,000.00</u></b>

2018 SPLOST - Uncommitted	Checking	9,301,714.36
2018 SPLOST - Committed	Checking	635,677.90
2024 SPLOST - Uncommitted	Checking	231,539.12
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>10,168,931.38</u></b>

Fire Department Donations	Public Checking	6,154.78
Revolving Loan	Checking	688,619.50
Police #1 - Forfeiture (Settled)	Money Market	6,824.97
Police #2 - Forfeiture (Pending)	Checking	46,278.15
Police #3 - Fed Funds	Money Market	30,032.79
Police #4 - Evidence	Checking	58,554.56
Police #5 - ICE Funds	Checking	17,119.83
Police PEPI Account	Checking	1,010.00
School Debt Service	Savings	8,154,751.18
City of Calhoun Investment Account	Money Market	4,040,287.27
<b>Total Special Funds, Reserves and Savings</b>		<b><u>13,049,633.03</u></b>

**GRAND TOTAL - 12/31/2024** **\$ 41,642,442.39**

### Component Unit Cash

Downtown Development Authority	\$ 31,019.03
Downtown Development Authority - Hotel/Motel Tax	122,847.92
	<b><u>\$ 153,866.95</u></b>

### General Government Investments

<b>City of Calhoun - Various Investments</b>	
Reserves held in investments - \$3,426,352.73	\$ 13,265,541.28
ARPA	-
Golf- \$600,000 reserves held in Investments	1,009,153.36
	<b><u>\$ 14,274,694.64</u></b>

**Hotel/Motel 12/31/24 Report**

**Amount Received from GMA & Paid to Vendor for FY25**

Vendor #	Vendor	Jul paid In Sep 2024	Aug paid In Oct 2024	Sep paid in Nov 2024	Oct paid in Dec 2024	Nov paid in Jan 2025	Dec paid in Feb 2025	Jan paid in Mar 2025	Feb paid in Apr 2025	Mar paid in May 2025	Apr paid In Jun 2025	May paid In Jul 2025	Jun paid In Aug 2025	Total
29	Chamber of Commerce	\$ 47,673.58	\$ 36,354.04	\$ 41,546.58	\$ 52,241.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 177,815.37
1346	City of Calhoun- Unrestricted	40,863.05	31,160.60	35,611.36	44,778.14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	152,413.15
1346	City of Calhoun- Restricted	6,810.50	5,193.43	5,935.23	7,463.02	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,402.18
3132	Calhoun Recreation Dept.	13,621.02	10,386.87	11,870.45	14,926.05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,804.39
	<b>Total Paid By H/M Fund</b>	<b>\$ 108,968.15</b>	<b>\$ 83,094.94</b>	<b>\$ 94,963.62</b>	<b>\$ 119,408.38</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 406,435.09</b>
	<b>Paid to Industrial Development by City of Calhoun</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 40,000.00</b>
	<b>Paid to Downtown Development by City of Calhoun</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>

**Balance in City Held Accounts as of 12/31/2024**

	Beginning Balance as of 7/1/2024	Revenue	Expenses	Balance as of 12/31/2024
City of Calhoun- Unrestricted	\$ 1,202,313.94	\$ 152,413.15	\$ (40,000.00)	\$ 1,314,727.09
City of Calhoun- Restricted	\$ 73,111.94	\$ 25,402.18	\$ -	\$ 98,514.12
Downtown Development	\$ 126,577.92	\$ 25,000.00	\$ (28,730.00)	\$ 122,847.92
Calhoun Recreation Dept.	\$ 256,583.39	\$ 50,804.39	\$ (297,703.00)	\$ 9,684.78

## Utilities Cash Report

### Utility Operating Account

Electric	Checking	\$ 2,455,268.07
Water & Sewer	Checking	3,940,149.84
Telecommunications	Checking	997,311.33
Utilities Administration	Checking	1,732,854.45
<b>Total Operating</b>		<b>9,125,583.69</b>

Electric Reserves & Unrestricted Investments	Reserves - Checking	4,121,047.70
Telecom Reserves & Unrestricted Investments	Reserves - Checking	268,349.00
Water / Sewer Reserves & Unrestricted Investments	Reserves - Checking	3,651,467.22
Bond Sinking Fund	Savings	407,035.90
Utility Deposits	Checking	1,221,880.55
City of Calhoun Shuler Bond	Savings	38,468.48
City of Calhoun Investment Account	Money Market	9,897,592.08
<b>Total Savings &amp; Reserves</b>		<b>19,605,840.93</b>

**GRAND TOTAL - 12/31/2024**

**\$ 28,731,424.62**

### Utilities Investments

Electric	\$ 19,531,044.35
Water	\$ 19,185,204.77
Sewer	\$ 5,487,916.77
Telecommunications	\$ 2,653,645.94
<b>City of Calhoun - Various Investments</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 46,857,811.83</u></u></b>