

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING ST
JANUARY 9, 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
Bill Bailey, City Attorney
Larry Vickery, Utilities General Manager
Jeff DeFoor, Director of Electric Utilities
Paul Worley, Deputy Clerk
Jerry Crawford, Water and Sewer Director
Gary Moss, Chief of Police
Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief
Brad Carrick, Telecommunications Director
Danny Stephens, Water Plant Superintendent
Mark Williamson, Superintendent of Water & Sewer Treatment
Kevin McEntire, Director of Public Works
Ray Dudkowski, Director of Customer Service
Andrea Bramlet, Director of Finance Utilities & General Government
David Burnett, Manager of Engineering Department
Kim Townsend, Recreation Director
Eric Stewart, Golf Professional
Suzanne Roland, Mainstreet Director
John Banks, Superintendent of Sewer Treatment
Bobby Robertson, Superintendent of Water & Sewer Maintenance
Dr. Bert Vaughn, City Chaplain
Amy Atkinson, Chairperson City School Board of Education
Rhoda Washington, City School Board of Education
Eddie Hall, City School Board of Education
Eddie Reeves, City School Board of Education
Debra Moyer, City School Board of Education
Michelle Taylor, Calhoun City School Superintendent**

- 1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
A. City Chaplain Dr. Bert Vaughn gave the invocation.**
- 2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.**

3. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the agenda, Councilman Barton seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion approved.
4. Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12 and December 19, 2011 City Council Meetings. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
5. **Mayor's Comments:**
 - A. City Administrator Eddie Peterson conducted the oath of office for Mayor James F. Palmer. Mayor Palmer conducted the oaths of office for City Councilman Post 1 George Crowley, City Councilman Post 2 Al Edwards, Calhoun Board of Education Post 1 Eddie Reeves, and Calhoun Board of Education Post 2 Debra Moyer. (exhibit attached)
 - B. Mayor Palmer announced the 2012 appointments of City Council member's appointments, per sec. 2-33 of the Calhoun Code of Ordinances would stay the same as last year's appointments.
 - 1) Mayor Pro Tem Edwards; Police, Fire, ZAB, Downtown Development, Main Street Partnership.
 - 2) Councilman Barton; Sanitation, Street, Cemetery, Animal Control, Safety Committee, Recreation and Parks
 - 3) Councilman Hammond; North West Georgia Regional Commission, Electric, Telecommunications and Airport.
 - 4) Councilman Crowley; Water and Sewer Operations, Water and Sewer Construction, Building Inspection, the Utility Board, Revolving Loan Committee and Schools.
 - C. Mayor Palmer reminded the public of a sign variance request by Greater Community Bank at a location of 305 West Belmont Drive. The variance request is to reduce the sign minimum setback from 10 feet to 4 feet. The Zoning Advisory Board will meet on February 9th and the public hearing will be on February 13th.
 - D. Mayor Palmer reminded the public of a zoning change request for Jackie Purgason with Morgan Taylor, LLC at a location of 107 Kent Drive. The request is for a two acre tract to be rezoned from R-1 to C-2. The ZAB will meet on February 9th and the public hearing will be on February 13th.
 - E. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council that the Mayor's Day Conference will be on January 21-23, 2012 in Atlanta.

6. **Council Comments:**

- A. Councilman Edwards gave the December reports as follows:
 - 1) **Police Department**
 - Made 548 cases with 13 DUI's
 - Fines collected by Municipal Court - \$45,935.40
 - Issued 635 warnings
 - Investigated 57 highway accidents, 34 private property accidents
 - Provided 55 escorts
 - 1,524 incident reports
 - Responded to 306 alarms

- Patrolled 54,669 miles
- Responded to 4,644 calls for service by E-911

2) Fire Department

- Responded to 164 calls for service for the suppression division, 3 fire incidents for damages
- Responded to 118 medical service calls
- Responded to 9 hazardous conditions incidents
- Responded to 17 false alarms or false calls, 9 good intent, 1 severe weather & natural disaster
- Participated with the VAC passing out toys to families at Christmas
- Assisted with the Christmas Parade

3) Fire Inspection Department

- 89 total reported activities/inspections which included 13 annual inspections, 1 new business inspections, 33 requested inspections, 19 follow-up or re-inspections, 0 burn-site inspections, 1 plan Review, and 40 consultations
- Attended City safety meeting and for the North Georgia Code Officials Association
- Deputy Chief Mills and Lt. Duvall attended a class and were certified as a UST Class A/B Operator. This is for all current and future City operated fuel systems.

4) Zoning Advisory Board

- The Zoning Advisory Board met on January 5th and discussed the annexation and zoning request of C-2 for 0.29 acres at a location of 1109 South Wall Street for Linda Walters. The ZAB made a recommendation for approval of the annexation and C-2 zoning.

5) Downtown Development Authority and Main Street Program

- The DDA has been very busy with Christmas decorations downtown as well as planning its upcoming events for 2012.
- The DDA's *Summer Concerts in the Park* will be replaced this year by sponsored events at Downtown Calhoun's newest venue, The GEM Theatre, as well as the Harris Arts Center. These two great downtown attractions are offering many entertainment opportunities each weekend; there will certainly be something for everyone throughout the year. We want to encourage more downtown businesses to remain open during the weekend evening hours as well. We also want to encourage you to support the ones that offer night-time dining and retail options in our downtown.

B. Councilman Barton gave the December reports as follows:

1) Street Department

- Completed 12 shop and 8 street department work orders.
- Placed 10 new street signs.

- Inspected and maintained approximately 98 miles of streets and storm drainage.
- Worked the annual Christmas Parade of Lights.
- Cut and removed a large tree limb that had fallen on the First Methodist Day Care Center.
- Street Department crews spent much of their time on the annual leaf clean up in the City.

2) Cemetery Department

- Performed routine maintenance on Fain and Chandler Cemetery.
- Supervised the opening and closing of 15 grave sites.
- Sold 8 new grave spaces.
- Worked 20 grave sites.

3) Rabies Control

- Housed 42 dogs, and 11 cats
- Issued 5 warnings
- Answered 56 customer calls

4) Parks Department

- The Parks Department grounds crew picked up litter, hauled garbage to the dump, books from the library and maintained records at records room.
- Kept up maintenance on all equipment.
- Cleaned City Hall at weekly intervals.
- The building and maintenance crew performed routine maintenance on designed city buildings and all fountains.

5) Safety Committee

- Safety topic- Safe habits/unsafe acts
- Safety Inspection- Police Department
- Accidents: Vehicle Accident-0
- Workers Comp: 0

6) Recreation Department

- The Modern Woodmen of America donated 5 trees to the Recreation Department. The trees were supplied and installed by Natures, Inc. of Plainville during the last week in December.
- Youth basketball season tipped off on December 10th.
- The 2nd Annual Christmas Youth Basketball tournament was held December 26 – December 31. A total of 19 teams participated in this event.
- Registration for youth soccer program started on January 9th.
- Facility rentals for December: gym- 1, community room- 2
- **2012 TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS: SCHEDULED TO DATE -**
 - GRPA STATE MIDGET (11-12) BOYS BASEBALL TOURNAMENT – JULY 10 – 14, 2012

- GRPA STATE MITE (9-10) GIRLS LIVE FAST PITCH TOURNAMENT – JULY 11 – 14, 2012
- GRPA 5TH DISTRICT SWIM MEET CLASS B/C – JULY 7, 2012

C. Councilman Crowley gave the December report as follows:

1) **Water, Sewer, and Engineering**

- Maintenance crews are going forward with minor upgrades to the Coosawattee Intake. The project consist of replacing check valves and switch gear for three of the four raw water pumps. The project is scheduled to be back on track by January 2012.
- Engineering Department is numbering each valve in the water system by attaching ID tags to the inside of each valve box. This is going very well and will provide better control when opening and closing key valves.
- Water System Flushing Program has been postponed due to cold weather and will resume in early spring. Proposed schedules are listed on the City of Calhoun web site at www.cityofcalhoun-ga.com.
- Regarding the phosphorus removal at the wastewater treatment plant; we are considering a large scale pilot study using sodium aluminate. This chemical could help reduce the amount of sludge produced by chemical precipitation of the phosphorus and also reduce the effects of chemical addition on the total alkalinity of the waste stream.

2) **Water Treatment Plant Facility**

- Pumped a total of 286,830,000 gallons of water for a daily average of 9,252,580 gallons.
- The Brittany Drive Treatment Plant produced 40.3% of the City's potable water for the month, and Big Springs – 0
- Rainfall 5.54"

3) **Waste Water Treatment Plant Facility**

- Treated a daily average of 7.657 MGD, with an average BOD effluent of 6, average suspended effluent of 10, and an average COD of 37.

4) **Water Distribution**

- 3 Water connections, 18 water service leaks repaired, 24 water main leaks repaired, 1 fire hydrant repaired, 1 change out of meters, 131 work orders completed, 56 utility locates called in for work orders, 451 utility locates responded to, and 89 misc. calls
- Continued installing new 8" line on Hwy. 156 in the area of Reeves Station Road
- Continued work with Engineering on main flushing project

5) **Waste Water Collection**

- 550' Sanitary Sewer Services TV inspected, 436 utility locates completed, 2 lift station repairs completed, 5,400' sanitary sewer lines

- cleaned, 84 manholes opened and inspected
- Continued work on Brittany Drive Well expansion site
- Assisted engineering on water line flushing project

6) **Building Inspection Department**

- Issued 16 permits for an estimated cost of \$217,450.00. This included 0 new residential, 1 new commercial, 1 industrial remodeling, 3 commercial HVAC, 1 commercial electrical, 1 industrial electrical, 2 residential electrical, and 1 grading permit

D. Councilman Hammond gave the December report as follows:

1) **Electric Department**

Long Term Projects under Construction

- The utilities construction crews continue to be supported by electric maintenance personnel as needed to maintain all Water Department and Treatment plants and controls.
- Phase II of the System Loss and the System Protection Programs for 2011-2012 continues with our GIS mapping updates. Our consultant, Power Engineering, is updating the system relay and protection coordination data as it becomes available.
- The new water treatment project is underway with the engineering of controls and instrumentation needed for plant operation.

Projects and Maintenance under construction

- The Electric department continues to communicate with Calhoun Schools Construction Team for the new school. Engineering is complete for Electrical Utility construction. 79 new LED type lights have been ordered to light the complex outdoor areas.
- The Electric Department continues to work with GDOT on the intersection improvements. New intersection lighting will begin as soon as traffic signal construction is complete.
- 30 new LED type lights have been ordered to light the new StreetScape project.

Work orders in process or completed

- Newly created- 120
- Completed and closed- 79
- Consisting of:
 - Street and security lighting-44
 - New business and maintenance-2
 - After hours trouble and callouts-16
 - City electrical maintenance-22
 - Meter maintenance/replacement- 12
 - New customer meter sets- 4
 - Monthly total system locate tickets processed- 269

Electric system supplied- 30,680,088 Kwh in December. This is an increase of

4% over 2010, and 23% over 2009. Large industrial usage was up 18% from 2010 and 47% above 2009. This was the best December ever.

EECBG Report - The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

Work is complete on the relighting project at 7 City of Calhoun department buildings (Electric, Fiber, Street, Water Construction, City Hall, Police and Probation) saving the City \$46,000. We will be advertising for proposals this month for relighting the Depot, Water Treatment, Waste Water Treatment, Rabies Control and East Side School. We will also be taking proposals for HVAC upgrades at Calnet and the Electric Department. We have issued five rebate checks in the appliance rebate program and are processing others as the applications arrive.

2) Telecommunications Departments:

- Added one new Internet circuits.
- Continued implementation of two new point-to-point circuits.
- Disconnected one Internet circuit.
- Purchased anti-virus update which will be implanted after the holidays.
- Contractors replaced fluorescent lights in server room with energy efficient lights.
- Opened 23 and closed 22 work orders.

3) Geographic Information Systems:

- Added new layer for mapping sidewalks and document sidewalk condition.
- Continue to update web site schedule for water line flushing project.
- Continue to geo-code billing addresses to physical addresses, verify electric and water meter mapping for industrial and downtown commercial meters.
- Assisting Engineering with waste water inflow/infiltration project and mapping easements.
- Continue to map fire hydrant and hydrant valve locations in the county
- Updated city and GIS websites.
- GIS web use statistics
 - City Employees – 39 users, 782 logins, 65 total hours use
 - Public viewers – 51 users, 165 logins, 22 total hours use

4) Northwest Georgia Regional Commission

- Councilman Hammond stated that the projects listed on the Transportation SPLOST for Calhoun-Gordon County did make the final cut and will be included in the T-SPLOST if it passes in 2012.
- Councilman Hammond stated that one of the goals of the T-SPLOST was to increase walk ability, ride ability, and connectivity in communities around the State of Georgia. Councilman Hammond also commented that the Union Grove interchange was the largest project on the project list. The airport also had perimeter fencing on the project list.

7. Public Hearings and Comments:

- A. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing for an annexation and zoning of C-2 for 0.29 acres at a location of 1109 South Wall Street for Linda Walters.
- Mr. Peterson stated that all signs and advertising requirements have been met.
 - Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments from the applicant or the public.
 - Councilman Edwards stated that the Zoning Advisory Board met on January 5th and recommended that the annexation and zoning request be granted.
 - Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing.
 - Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the annexation of 1109 South Wall Street. Councilman Hammond gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
 - Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the zoning of C-2 for the property at 1109 South Wall Street. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

8. Old Business:

- A. Mayor Palmer stated that the Council has reviewed the Georgia Municipal Employee Benefits System (GMEBS) Restated Master Defined Benefit Retirement Plan over the last several weeks. In order to ensure continued tax-favored treatment for GMEBS member plans, the IRS requires that all GMEBS member employers adopt the restated plan documents. Councilman Hammond made a motion to remove the item from the table. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. According to state law, the GMEBS adoption agreement and master plan must be enacted as an ordinance. City Administrator Peterson read the heading of the proposed ordinance. (copy attached) Mayor Palmer asked if there were any further discussion or questions. Councilman Barton made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the GMEBS Restated Master Defined Benefit Retirement Plan documents. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

9. New Business:

- A. Mayor Palmer asked for a motion regarding selection of Mayor Pro Tem for 2012. Councilman Crowley made a motion to nominate Councilman Edwards as Mayor Pro Tem for 2012. Mayor Palmer asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. Mayor Palmer called for a vote. Councilman Crowley voted aye. Councilman Edwards was presented Mayor Pro Tem by unanimous acclamation.
- B. Mayor Palmer asked for the following department heads to be appointed/re-appoint for 2012.

General Government Division:

City Administrator- Eddie Peterson
City Clerk- Paul Worley
Director of Finance Utilities & General Gov. – Andrea Bramlett
Police Chief – Garry Moss
Fire Chief - Lenny Nesbitt
Director of Public Works - Kevin McEntire
Recreation Director – Kimberly Townsend
Golf Professional – Eric Stewart
Superintendent of Golf Maintenance - Harold Franklin
Mainstreet Director – Suzanne Roland

Utility Division:

Director of Utilities – Larry Vickery
Director of Water & Sewer - Jerry Crawford
Director of Electric – Jeff Defoor
Director of Telecommunications – Brad Carrick
Director of Customer Service – Ray Dudkowski
Manager of Engineering Department – David Burnett
Superintendent of Water Treatment – Danny Stephens
Superintendent of Water & Sewer Construction – Mark Williamson
Superintendent of Sewer Treatment – John Banks
Superintendent of Water & Sewer Maintenance– Bobby Robertson

- Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the appointments of the Department Heads. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- C. Mayor Palmer read a list of appointments to the following City positions for 2011: City Chaplain- Dr. Bert Vaughn, City Attorney- William P. Bailey, Municipal Court Judge- Honorable Suzanne Hutchinson-Smith, Indigent Defense Attorney- Ms. Rebecca Paris, and Town Marshal- Randy Jackson.
- Councilman Barton made a motion to appoint the stated City positions for 2012. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- D. Mayor Palmer conducted the first reading of an ordinance adopting and enacting a new Code of Ordinances, a repeal of certain ordinances, provisions for penalty and manner for amending the Code, and providing when such Code and this ordinance will become effective. This ordinance is necessary to officially adopt the newly republished Code of Ordinances. The republishing consisted of incorporating ordinances that have been passed since the last republishing, and updating of the existing ordinances. The changes to the existing ordinances consisted mainly of title changes, new meeting schedules, and staying in compliance with state laws.

- Councilman Hammond made a motion to set the Public Hearing for January 23rd. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- E. Mayor Palmer read a parade request by Mitzi Gaines for the annual MLK March to begin at Neal Street and MLK Blvd. to Court Street to the Gordon County Courthouse on Wall Street then after the ceremony the march will continue South on Wall Street and turn onto Hicks Street then right onto Park Ave. and dispersing at 109 South King Street. The parade is set to occur on January 16th beginning at 11:00am.
 - Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the parade request. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- F. Mayor Palmer conducted the first reading of a pawn shop license request by Chad Huffer D/B/A: American Gold River Guns & Pawn at a location of 216 West Belmont Drive. The public hearing will be on February 13th.
- G. Mayor Palmer conducted the first reading of a beer, wine, and liquor license request by Vilas Patel D/B/A: Warehouse Liquor Store at a location of 255 West Line Street. The public hearing will be on February 13th.

10. Other written items not on the agenda: None

11. Work Reports:

A. Eddie Peterson, City Administrator

B. Larry Vickery, Utilities General Manager

- Mr. Vickery discussed the need for a contract with Santek for the disposal of the City's sludge. The contract would be for five years. Mr. Vickery asked for the City Attorney Bill Bailey to review the contract once it was completed. Councilman Hammond made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the contract subject to the City Attorney's approval. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- Mr. Vickery discussed the desire to start to work on policies to form Utility Districts. Utility Districts would be designated in certain areas within the City that do not have sewer services. Mr. Vickery stated that this would be a feasible way to address pockets within the City limits that do not have access to sewer services. The Mayor and Council agreed to allow Mr. Vickery and staff to work toward developing policies to form Utility Districts for the Mayor and Council's review.

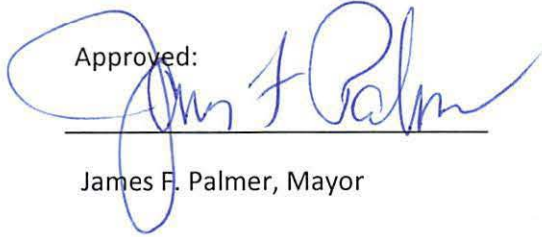
C. Bill Bailey, City Attorney

- Attorney Bailey discussed the growing problem of property tax delinquencies within the City of Calhoun. In some instances these tax delinquencies result in properties that present health and safety hazards to the public. The Mayor and Council enacted Ordinance Number 673 on June 14, 1999 (Calhoun Code Sec. 86-5) which authorizes the City Administrator

as the tax collector for ad valorem taxes, owed to the City to proceed at his discretion, through the City Attorney with the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes (more than twelve months past due) through a judicial in rem foreclosure. Attorney Bailey read a statement that said that it is the consensus of the Mayor and Council that the City Administrator review the past due ad valorem taxes for properties located within the City and proceed, at his discretion, to initiate collection of said delinquent taxes through judicial in rem foreclosures. (statement attached) The Mayor and Council raised their right hand and said aye to the statement.

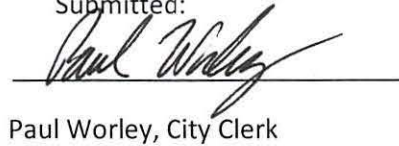
12. Councilman Hammond made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barton with all voting aye, motion approved.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Paul Worley, City Clerk



**OATH OF OFFICE
CITY COUNCIL**

“I, James F Palmer, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will truly perform to the best of my abilities the duties of Mayor, by adopting and enforcing such measures as in my judgment shall be best calculated to promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Calhoun and the common interest thereof.”

This, the 9th day of January 2012.

James F. Palmer



“I, George R. Crowley, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will truly perform to the best of my abilities the duties of City Councilman, Post 1, by adopting and enforcing such measures as in my judgment shall be best calculated to promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Calhoun and the common interest thereof.”

This, the 9th day of January 2012.

George R. Crowley



“I, Allen Lee Edwards, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will truly perform to the best of my abilities the duties of City Councilman, Post 2, by adopting and enforcing such measures as in my judgment shall be best calculated to promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Calhoun and the common interest thereof.”

This, the 9th day of January 2012.

Allen Lee Edwards

**OATH OF OFFICE
CITY SCHOOL BOARD**

“I, Charles E. Reeves, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will truly perform to the best of my abilities the duties of Calhoun Board of Education Member, Post 1, by adopting and enforcing such measures as in my judgment shall be best calculated to promote the educational needs of the inhabitants of the City of Calhoun and the common interest thereof.”

This, the 9th day of January 2012.

Charles E. Reeves

I, Debra A. Moyer, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will truly perform to the best of my abilities the duties of Calhoun Board of Education Member, Post 2, by adopting and enforcing such measures as in my judgment shall be best calculated to promote the educational needs of the inhabitants of the City of Calhoun and the common interest thereof.”

This, the 9th day of January 2012.

Debra A. Moyer

I. AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to restate the Retirement Plan for the Employees of the City of Calhoun, Georgia in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Adoption Agreement, any Addendum to the Adoption Agreement, the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Master Plan Document, and the GMEBS Trust Agreement. When accepted by the authorized officers of the City and GMEBS, the foregoing shall constitute a Contract between the City and GMEBS, all as authorized and provided by O.C.G.A. § 47-5-1 et seq.

The Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia, HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Retirement Plan for the Employees of the City of Calhoun, Georgia is hereby restated as set forth in and subject to the terms and conditions stated in the following Adoption Agreement, any Addendum to the Adoption Agreement, the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Master Plan Document, and the GMEBS Trust Agreement.

Section 2. Except as otherwise specifically required by law or by the terms of the Master Plan or Adoption Agreement (or any Addendum), the rights and obligations under the Plan with respect to persons whose employment or term of office with the City was terminated for any reason whatsoever prior to the effective date of this Ordinance are fixed and shall be governed by such Plan, if any, as it existed and was in effect at the time of such termination.

Section 3. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the first day of the month following its approval by the Governing Authority.

Section 4. All Ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are expressly repealed.

Approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia this 9th day of January, 2012.

Attest:

CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

City Clerk

Mayor

(SEAL)

Approved:

City Attorney

The Mayor and Council find that the nonpayment of ad valorem taxes by property owners effectively shifts a greater tax burden to property owners willing and able to pay their share of such taxes, that the failure to pay ad valorem taxes creates a significant barrier to neighborhood and urban revitalization, that significant tax delinquency creates barriers to market-ability of the property, and that nonjudicial tax foreclosure procedures are inefficient, lengthy, and commonly result in title to real property which is neither marketable nor insurable. In addition, the Mayor and Council find that tax delinquency in many instances results in properties which present health and safety hazards to the public. Consequently, the Mayor and Council further find that the alternative to nonjudicial tax foreclosure procedures authorized by Chapter 3, Article 5 of the Official Code of Georgia, as amended, (O.C.G.A. §48-4-75 through §48-4-81) is an effective means of eliminating health and safety hazards by putting certain tax delinquent properties back on the tax rolls and into productive use.

The Mayor and Council enacted Ordinance No. 673 on June 14, 1999 (Calhoun Code §86-5) which authorizes the City Administrator as the tax collector for ad valorem taxes, owed to the City to proceed at his discretion, through the City Attorney with the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes (more than twelve (12) months past due) through a judicial in rem foreclosure.

It is the consensus of the Mayor and Council that the City Administrator review the past due ad valorem taxes for properties located within the City and proceed, at his discretion, to initiate collection of said delinquent taxes through judicial in rem foreclosures.