



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 10, 2021 - 7:00 PM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

MINUTES

PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
George R. Crowley, Mayor Pro Tem
Ray Mitchell Denmon, Councilman
Al Edwards, Councilman
Jackie Palazzolo, Councilwoman

ALSO: Paul Worley, City Administrator; Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Commander Ken Carson, Police Department; Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief; Todd Holbert, Fire Battalion Chief.

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**
Welcome
Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
Invocation
Mayor Pro Tem Crowley 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**
Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to approve the May 10, 2020 agenda as presented. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**
Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of April 26, 2021. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

- A. Mayor Palmer announced that the first public hearing of the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 Annual Operating Budget and Capital Plan will be held tonight and the second public hearing on June 14th, at 7:00 p.m.

6. **Council Comments**

- A. Councilwoman Palazzolo submitted April reports as follows:

1) **Water and Sewer Operations**

Water Treatment Plant

- Total gallons withdrawn: 314,130,000
- Daily average: 10,471,000
- Wells: 30,810
- Big Springs: 90,970,000
- % produced by Brittany Drive: 38.7%
 - Brittany Dr. daily production to capacity: 34.40%
 - Mauldin Rd. daily production to capacity: 40.07%
 - Rainfall for November – 2.07"

Waste Water Treatment Plant

- Treated a daily average of 7.016 MGD, with an average BOD effluent of 5, average suspended effluent of 9, and an average COD of 81.

Water Distribution & Wastewater Collection

- 264 work orders completed, 11 new water connections, 17 water service leaks repaired, 9 water main leaks repaired, 152 meter changes, 28 utility locates called in for work orders, 644 utility locates responses.
- 2,275 feet of Sanitary Sewer Services TV inspected, 487 utility locates completed, 15,720 feet sanitary sewer lines cleaned, 25 new sewer connections installed, 8 sanitary sewer services repaired.

2) **Water and Sewer Construction**

Projects Under Construction

- 319 Grant Lynn Creek Project- Scheduled Green Infrastructure Project at Mohawk Facility for May
- The two inch galvanized line replacement continues utilizing city forces. Working on area on Hwy 41 North in Resaca.
- Georgia Cumberland Academy- Pump Startup was completed. Pump supplier has to fix several items in control panel before the lift station can be put into service. Force main contractor has completed line installation and is working on final clean-up and permanent grassing.
- Buc-ee's Water Main Relocation Project- Project is complete. City crews extended service line to serve new meters
- Fox Subdivision 2" galvanized water line replacement project 286. Materials are on site ready for contractor to begin.
- Circle K Sewer Line Extension- Materials are on order.

Projects in Design & Development

- South Interceptor Flow Study
- Brittany Drive Standby Generator Grant
- Paul Lusk Lift Station Capacity Study
- Old Fairmount Hwy Sewer Line Extension
- Eastside Sewer Basin Rehab Project

3) **Library**

- There are 30,354 library card holders, 0 library visitors, and 106 total circulation.
- There were 0 story time attendance, 0 adult program attendance, 26 new users, 659 e-books, 695 audio books, 0 computer logins, and 3,225 Facebook visits.

B. Councilman Edwards submitted April reports as follows:

1) **Police Department**

- Made 266 cases with 7 DUI's
- Fines collected by Municipal Court - \$34,832
- Issued 294 warnings
- Investigated 64 highway accidents, 30 private property accidents
- Obstruction - 9
- Lethal Weapon Encounter - 0
- Alarm responses - 166
- Miles patrolled: 44,172

2) **Municipal Court**

- Total Court cases- 266
- Court cases dropped- 18
- Number of Bond forfeitures- 167
- Number of Probation cases- 8
- Failure to appear- 34
- Subpoenas served- 1

3) **Fire Department**

Fire Suppression Division

125 Total reported calls for service for the Suppression Division

Dispatched Calls

- 5 Fire Incidents (\$23,100.00 in Estimated Fire damage)
- 0 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (NO FIRE)
- 66 Emergency Medical Services / Rescue (Injuries, Medical, or Fatality)
- 2 Hazardous Conditions Incidents (NO FIRE; Leaks, Spills, Electrical Hazards; All Other Hazardous Conditions without injuries)

- 3 Service Calls (Water Leak; Assist Other Agencies with Non-Emergency Calls)
- 41 Good Intent Calls (Smoke / Odor check; Investigation of Unknown Problem)
- 6 False Alarms or False Calls
- 0 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster
- 2 Special Incident Type (Citizen Complaint; Other)

Additional Fire Department Activities

- Completed routine Dept. maintenance and duties.
- Continued Participating meetings on Covid-19 response protocols and with local agencies (by video conference).

Training Division

CFD completed 377 Total Man Hours of training during the month.

Training consisted of:

Study of Firefighter Line Of Duty Death reports from National Fire Protection Agency
 Fire Department Admin training for Covid -19 issues
 Firefighter Safety
 Ladders
 Pump Operations

Fire Inspections - Public Safety Education -Code Enforcement Division

54 Total Reported Activities / Inspections completed during the month.

Inspections / Enforcement

- 0 Annual Inspection
- 2 New Business Inspections
- 15 Requested Inspections
- 0 Follow Up, Re-Inspections
- 2 Burn Site Inspections
- 2 Plan Reviews
- 0 Pre-Construction Meetings
- 0 Sprinkler Permits Issued
- 0 Fuel Tank Permit (Install, Removal or Service)
- 33 Consultations
- 0 Illegal Burning Citations

Additional Inspection - Public Safety & Codes Division Activities

- Fox is verifying information on buildings with sprinkler systems for fire protection inside the City of Calhoun.

4) Schools

Work continues on the Early Learning Center on Barrett Road. It's looking as if the construction will meet the deadline to have the school ready by the FY22 school year.

5) **Safety Committee**

The safety committee information was emailed on April 30th and the topic of discussion was Weather Emergencies. Information will continue via email during the Coronavirus pandemic.

No safety inspections are being performed at this time.

- Vehicle accidents: 0
- Workers compensation: 2

C. Councilman Denmon submitted April reports as follows:

1) **Public Works**

Street Department

1. Completed 18 shop and 19 street dept. work orders.
2. Installed 5 new street signs.
3. Repaved streets including Mauldin Road, North Industrial Blvd., Old Dalton Road, Hicks Street, Maple Street, Oothcalooga Street and River Street.
4. Cleaned out ditches on Erwin Street.

Cemetery Department

1. Performed routine maintenance on Fain and Chandler cemetery.
2. Supervised the opening and closing of 8 grave sites.
3. Sold 12 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 boards on steps at the firing range.

Animal Control

- Housed 9 dogs and 6 cats
- Number of dogs adopted: 1
- Number of cats adopted: 0
- Number of dogs rescued: 4
- Number of cats rescued: 9
- Number of dogs reclaimed by owner: 1
- Number of cats reclaimed by owner: 0
- Number of dogs euthanized: 0
- Number of cats euthanized: 0
- Number of warnings given: 21
- Number of bite cases: 0
- Citations issues: 0

2) **Recreation Department**

3) **PROGRAMS**

Youth Soccer - Spring soccer played 90 games through the month of April. Games will continue through mid-May.

Youth Baseball and Softball – The spring games began on April 12 with 55 games played during the month. Games will continue through the end of May.

Adult Softball – The Men’s adult league began on April 19 with 11 teams participating. A total of 18 games were played during April.

Camp South River – Summer Camp – registration has begun for Camp South River which will be held 6 weeks throughout the summer.

Blue Barracudas – Summer Swim team registration has started and the barracudas will start practice the end of May.

Tennis – The STA Tournament was held during the month. Hosted the 1st and 2nd rounds of
GHSAAAAAA Girl’s. Tri-level league was held throughout the month.

4) **Facility Usage** – The Recreation Center has been opened back up for rentals.

Ratner Pavilion – 4 rentals
Playground Pavilion – 7 rentals
Gym – 20 rentals

5) **Grounds Maintenance** –

The following tasks were completed during the month:

1. Park clean up from the flood continued to include:
Placing trash cans; pressure washing all pavilions; concession stands; bathrooms; replacing bases on ball fields; replacing cross ties; drag and box scraping all baseball fields; replacing playground mulch;
2. Repainted all soccer fields
3. Daily field maintenance and game set up for baseball/softball games
4. Repainted high school soccer field
5. groom tennis center weekly
6. Repaint Bernstein park
7. Cut tress that fell along walking trail
8. Mowed and maintained all green space; ball fields; entrances
9. Groomed dog park weekly
10. Set up and painted football field for North Ga Cardinals Football games
11. Assisted in closing down playground at Ratner field that does not meet playground safety requirements
12. Pool maintenance preparing to open for the season

6) Park Projects:

- 1 – The north loop trail extension is in progress.
- 2 – The maintenance facility – grading continues.
- 3 – Disk Golf Course – work has begun on building the t-boxes. These are being built in house. Construction of the course will begin in the next couple of weeks.

5 – STAFF CONTINUING EDUCATION:

CPSI – Hailey Amick completed the CPSI course and passed the required test.

GRPA Programmer’s Workshop – Laura Carter, Joshua Gallman and Hailey Amick attend the GRPA

Programmer’s workshop April 14.

6 – WEBSITE USAGE:

CalhounRec.com	Facebook
Page Views – 4,051	Post Engagements – 1,925
Users – 2,532	Reached – 5,529
Posts – 29	Posts - 15

Upcoming Events:

- May 8 – American Legacy Sports – Girls’ Fast Pitch Tournament
- May 8 – North Georgia Cardinals – Football Game
- May 15 – North Georgia Cardinals – Football Game
- May 22-23 – USA Softball – Girls Fast Pitch Tournament
- May 29-30 – PGF Softball – Girls Fast Pitch Tournament

3) Downtown Development Authority

The DDA held their regularly scheduled meeting. One new business was opened. When I Was A Child Antiques located at 103 & 105 Court Street. The DDA and downtown business owners helped host Spring Open House. The annual BBQ, Boogie & Blues event has been scheduled to September 24th & 25th 2021. The website has been updated for more information on the event. The DDA is working with Keep Calhoun/Gordon County Beautiful on a beautification project by installing new planters for the spring in downtown.

D. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley submitted April reports as follows:

1) Electric Department

WORK ORDERS IN PROCESS OR COMPLETED FOR APRIL:

• NEWLY CREATED	75
• COMPLETED AND CLOSED	79

• CONSISTING OF:	
• CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION	29
• STREET AND SECURITY LIGHTING-	22
• DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE	3
• OUTAGES / TROUBLE CALLS	3
• WORK FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS	13
• NEW METER SETS	8
• METER MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT	9
• Electric Locate Tickets Processed-	32 0

The City of Calhoun's Electrical load for April 2021 is estimated to be about 31 million kilowatt hours (kWh's). This is about 10 million kWh's more than April of 2020. Actual numbers will be released around May 19th.

The City of Calhoun is a Tree City; everyone loves their trees and hates to see us trim back the right-of-way. Even with our best intentions, sometimes the tree trimming doesn't turn out as expected. We now have a Tree expert. Jessie Shook has been studying for two years and has now passed the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) exam to become an ISA Certified Arborist. This is a comprehensive certification process that includes Tree Biology, Identification, Soil Management, Pruning, Urban Forestry and many other aspects of Arboriculture and Vegetation Management. Jessie is very passionate about his new certification and hopes to share it with the community, answering questions about what types of trees to plant and best location as well as caring for disease trees.

The Educational Solar Array is on line and producing electricity. This is a partnership between Calhoun Utilities, Calhoun City Schools and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA). On sunny days the 48 kW Array produces enough energy to power about 6 typical homes.

2) **Telecommunications**

- Turned on one new internet customer and continued construction of buried fiber line to new customer.
- Replaced customer fiber jumper damaged by pet.
- Worked with vendor to move Court software to cloud hosted service.
- Helped implement new cloud hosted service for police department.
- Worked with software vendor to upgrade Wastewater reporting program to new server.

- Ordered new trunk line from phone vendor to replace end-of-life service.
- Started implementation of 2 factor authentication on VPN tunnel accounts.
- Installed new 6 new network connections at City Hall.
- File quarterly FCC revenue report.
- Opened 9 and closed 11 work orders.

Geographic Information Systems

- Updated Fire Department Station Zoning Maps
- Participated in Storm water meeting and map planning.
- Generated Electric Usage reports for Electric Department
- Participated in water modeling session.
- Updated maps for Telecom fiber, parcel zoning, water lines and water meters.
- Updated fire pre-plans for Fire Department and physical addresses for Billing
- Updated City and GIS web sites
- City employee GIS login statistics
 - Total logins – 1278
 - Top three layers accessed
 - Water – 523
 - Electric – 148
 - Metering – 94

3) Building Inspections

- Issued 144 permits for an estimated cost of \$3,934,583, collected \$25,215 in permit fees. This included 13 new residential, 5 residential remodel, 2 new commercial, 2 commercial remodel, 1 new industrial, 13 residential plumbing, 49 residential electrical, 4 commercial plumbing, 20 residential HVAC, 4 commercial HVAC, and 5 commercial electrical. 432 total inspections.

4) Revolving Loan Fund

Monies through the Revolving Loan Fund are available for those businesses seeking low interest loans based on job creation. Contact City Administrator Worley for applications.

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. Public hearing of an annexation and zoning request of R-1B (County zoning is A-1) by McDaniel Station Farms, LLC for 44.14 acres at a location of 516 McDaniel Station Road (parcel GC29-007). Mayor Palmer notified those present that the application had been withdrawn.
- B. Public hearing of an annexation and zoning request of C-2 by ZR Holdings, LLC for 1.00 acre at a location of 1544 Highway 53 Spur (parcel 034A-064). Mayor Palmer notified those present that the application had been withdrawn.
- C. Public hearing of an annexation and zoning request of R-2 by ZR Holdings, LLC for 3.057 acres at a location of 1544 Highway 53 Spur (parcel 034A-064). Mayor Palmer notified those present that the application had been withdrawn.
- D. First public hearing of the fiscal year 2021-2022 Annual Operating Budget and Capital Plan for the City of Calhoun and Calhoun City Schools.
- Mayor Palmer opened public hearing.
 - City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
 - Mayor Palmer gave the floor to City Administrator Worley to review the proposed budget.
 - a) City Administrator Worley stated that the Fiscal Year 2022 budget has fortunately experienced a more normal year in terms of our budgeting process. As you will recall we were in the beginning of the global pandemic this time last year and very unsure of what the future held. Also fortunately, the negative financial impact was not as severe as we had predicted. Even with that in mind, we have still put together a very conservative budget on both revenues and expenses for FY22. I think the Finance Department and Department Heads have done a great job putting together a budget with minimal increases. Considering our built in overhead cost increases, such as health insurance, workers comp, retirement, property insurance increases, and utility payment increases, our Department Heads have actually reduced overall spending in areas they can control to help limit costs. Couple this with a growing community with a growing demand on public services, and I think we should all be proud of the fiscal stewardship.
 - b) We originally had a 15% health insurance increase built into the budget and we now know the renewal rate is 4%. This is great news considering the challenges of COVID in the past year.
 - c) Mayor and Council contingency: \$561,466; Street Department contingency: \$100,000; Fire Department contingency: \$80,000.
 - d) There is a 3% cost of living raises in the proposed budget.
 - e) The City has not been able to give a 3% COLA since 2007. A 2% increase was implemented in December 2020.
 - f) MLK has been added as a paid holiday to bring us even with Gordon County on the number of paid holidays. Newly hired full

time employees will be eligible for one week's vacation after six months instead of one year.

Revenues

- a) We are currently budgeting property taxes based on the 2020 collections at our current millage rate of 2.7. We budgeted \$2,080,000 million last year and have \$2,298,000 budgeted for this year. This is a 10.5% increase. Local revenues/rents & royalties- this is the 6% transfer from utilities to general government. This revenue line item is budgeted to increase by 3.3% for a total of \$3,141,266. The 4% Franchise tax increased \$41,000 or about 2%.
- b) The LOST revenue projection was greatly reduced last year due to COVID, but collections have exceeded our budget. We have increased LOST from \$2,750,000 up to \$2,950,000 which is a 7.3% increase.
- c) Excise taxes- The Energy Excise tax has been performing well and is being increased from \$150,000 up to \$250,000.
- d) TAVT taxes on motor vehicles have also outperformed expectations. This line item is being increased from \$300,000 up to \$550,000.
- e) Alcohol taxes and licensing increased by \$63,000 and Insurance Premium tax increased by \$110,000.
- f) Even with a very conservative analysis, we are still confident that the license and permit revenue will have a healthy increase over last year's budgeted numbers. The building permit line item is being increased from \$135,000 up to \$200,000.
- g) Hotel/Motel tax: We are budgeting about a 2% increase over last year with a total revenue of \$688,500. This is still down significantly compared to pre-pandemic, which was \$840,000. Hopefully travel comes back more than we budgeted for, but we are taking a cautious approach.

General Administration

- a) General Admin, Tax Administration, business licenses, Human Resources all remain relatively the same as last year. Human Resources budgeting to add Munis Employee Self Service (ESS) to allow employees to create a login to view their check stub, W-2, and tax withholdings. The City would not print check stubs and put in envelopes (over 300) anymore which will save time and money to help cancel out the additional \$3,000 estimated annual cost of ESS.

Building Inspection

- a) Budget is very similar to last year. An increase in wages for more adequate staffing, but some of these costs were recouped by cuts in other areas. Part-time position moved to full-time for the Permit Clerk/Office Manager.

Depot and Main Street

- a) Budgets similar to last year. A few line items have increased to cover more cost of BBQ, Boogie, and Blues in the fall. We also

plan to increase the annual transfer from the general fund (funded by Hotel/Motel tax) from \$10,000 up to \$20,000. This goes into the DDA account.

Police Department

- a) Wages decreased in Special Ops so that one of our employees can help the heavy case load in CID (detectives).
- b) Additional data fees to cover the new computers in the patrol vehicles. (\$26K)
- c) Additional increase in training to make up for no training during COVID. (\$21K)
- d) Workers comp increases have continued with an unusually large amount of workers comp cases in the department.
- e) The police department is our largest department personnel wise, so higher costs in health insurance, workers comp, and city retirement have a larger budget impact as compared to other departments.

Fire Department

- a) We have had several firefighters retire over the last couple of years that has helped to reduce overall salaries, but the trade-off is we have younger firefighters who need more training. Also, this year there is an increase in wages by \$33K in anticipation of some of the younger employees becoming eligible to be promoted to currently vacant sergeant positions.
- b) The top need according to the fire department is the battery powered extrication equipment which was approved to be purchased in this year's budget with contingency funds.
- c) We purchased five new SCBA units with contingency funds in this year's budget. We have submitted the same grant as last year for an additional 20 SCBA units. We reduced our grant ask by the 5 units and hoping we are successful being a second year applicant with a reduced grant amount. We will find out results in late summer.
- d) There is an \$80,000 contingency in the proposed fire budget.
- e) Future capital needs: new rapid response vehicle (\$200,000). 100 foot ladder truck as a 2024 SPLOST item.

Public Works

- a) Overall, very similar budget compared to FY21. Biggest difference is the addition of a \$100,000 contingency fund and additional expenses for Hwy 53 maintenance.
- b) Peters Street phase 2 road construction should be wrapping up this summer. Bartow Paving is working on a quote for improvements to Richardson Road.
- c) Street lighting increased by about \$20,000 due to more street lights being installed.
- d) Traffic engineering increased by about \$37K in anticipation of repairing more traffic light loops. With our increasing traffic I think this will be an increasing expense going forward as we ensure our traffic lights are working as efficiently as possible. For

- example, we recently spent about \$4,000 just on the red light at Dews Pond/Harmony Church/Lovers Lane.
- e) Cemetery increased approximately \$24,000 and the majority of that increase is due increased workers comp.
 - f) Solid Waste: Recommendation to increase the monthly can fee by \$0.95. The new rate would still be cheaper than most of our surrounding cities.

Recreation

- a) Projects/equipment to be purchased with H/M revenue: Scoreboard replacements, trail signage/amenities, and entrance sign that could be used for new PD also and one on River Street. Starting to research a second pedestrian bridge. The new disc golf equipment should be installed soon.
- b) Moved the part-time receptionist to full time.

Fields Ferry

- a) Budgeting \$1,014,433 in revenues (up 9%). Budgeting a 12% increase in greens fees and an 8% increase in cart fees.
- b) Capital lease of 65 gas power Yamaha golf carts received in 2018. Fourth year of payments on the lease.

Water and Sewer

- a) There is a 3% water/sewer rate increase budgeted for operations. This will be fourth year in the current plan of five years.
- b) Eastside Sewer replacement project totaling \$2,869,300 utilizing restricted funds. Project #298.
- c) McGill Mountain Tank and waterline project (half of the cost budgeted in FY22) using restricted funds totaling \$1,993,525 for potential interconnect with Bartow County.
- d) Idora Park (new senior housing project) sewer extension \$172,000 coming from the operation's budget.
- e) Coosawattee Bridge water line replacement \$366,100. Mandated by GDOT.
- f) Salacoa Bridge water line replacement \$405,900. Mandated by GDOT.
- g) Brittany Drive stand-by generator budgeted at approximately \$600,000. Grant applied for and this item carries over from the last budget. The grant is a long process.
- h) \$500,000 for contractor installed 2"galvanized line replacement. There remains around 35 miles left to replace. Working towards a schedule for this project to be complete within 10 years.
- i) Hwy 41/Red Bud Road intersection improvements GDOT project water line relocation: \$177,800.
- j) Waste Water Construction capital: F-650 service truck- \$77,000; Sewer service cameras-\$36,000.
- k) Water construction capital: F-750 dump truck- \$79,000; F-250 foreman truck-\$33,500.
- l) Residential sewer revenues are projected for a 7% increase. Commercial is up by 2.6%. Industrial is down by 6%.

- m) Residential water revenues are projected for a 4% increase. Commercial is up by 2.5%. Industrial is down by 3%.

Electric

- a) Total revenue increased by 2.1% for a total of \$34,604,795 and total expenses of \$34,517,333.
- b) Budgeting to replace a 2004 Digger/Derrick: \$285,000. Was budgeted last year, but decided to purchase a 55 foot bucket truck (\$196,443) instead due to long wait times on delivery of digger truck.

Telecommunications

- a) Very similar budget to last year. 2.4% increase in overall revenues.
- b) Replacement of 2005 Ford Explorer with 140,000 miles: \$28,000.

Internal Service Fund

- a) Utility payment kiosk budgeted in tellers for \$55,000.
 - b) F-150 budgeted at \$29,000 for meter maintenance. Would replace a 2012 with 130,000 miles.
 - c) Due to COVID the implementation of the Northstar Customer Connect, M-Care and utilization review has not taken place.
 - d) Total budget for ISF: \$3,677,661.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for public comments. Diane Kirby, 125 Creek Ridge Drive, Fairmount asked if it was agreed upon that GDOT would repave Highway 53. Mayor Palmer stated that it was in the agreement.
 - Anthony King, 307 Trammel Street, Calhoun stated that the residents living on Trammel Street were requesting \$24,000 be included in the budget for speed humps on their street. He stated that he understood that money wasn't the issue, but the speed humps themselves. He noted that traffic had doubled since Food City opened on Dews Pond. St. Timothy's Church has no parking and there are no sidewalks, leaving a critical need for abatement of traffic. He stated that there was also the problem of mixed use at the end of Trammel and BB&T. He noted that the curve at the top of hill is dangerous and the speed limit of 25 is not observed. He stated the amount he was asking for is a hard budget number from a company in Atlanta that installs speed humps. He noted the group would also be asking for another \$18,000 in the FY23 budget to continue sidewalks over the hill, noting that he had the full consensus of all the residents of Trammel Street and the members of St. Timothy's Church.
 - Councilwoman Palazzolo stated that she had received a call from the Jordon family who owns the property at 209, 211, and 213 Trammel Street and they were not in agreement with Mr. King's plan for the area.
 - Mayor Palmer noted that the Matthews family also owns property on Trammel Street and they are opposed to speed humps as well. He also noted that the Calhoun Police Department had done a three-day study with the speed trailer on Trammel Street and found no issues with traffic or speeding. He gave an example that during the three days showed that 2,706 vehicles came through at or below the speed limit and only 46

were above the speed limit. The average speed was 25.049 and the posted speed limit is 35.

- Mr. King then stated that he would like to see a diversion of traffic off of Trammel Street and on to Line Street. Mayor Palmer stated that Line Street is also a city residential street with more residences and a higher number of vehicles than Trammel Street.
- Ann Dixon, 390 Big Springs Road, Calhoun asked how the information was derived. Mayor Palmer stated that the information was gathered using a speed trailer over a three-day period on Trammel Street. He stated that Mr. Worley could provide her with a copy of the results if she would like. He gave her an example from another day showing that out of 985 vehicles on that day all but six were driving at 35mph or below.
- There being no other comments, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and reminded those present that it would be eligible for adoption on June 28th.

8. Old Business

9. New Business

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of an annexation and zoning request of PRD (County zoning is A-1) by McDaniel Station Farms, LLC for 44.14 acres at a location of 516 McDaniel Station Road (parcel GC29-007). The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held June 10th and the public hearing on June 14th.
- B. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a zoning request from IND-G to R-1B by Tiny House Hand Up, Inc. for 7.90 acres located at the corner of Beamer Road and Harris Beamer Road (parcel CG33-098). The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held June 10th and the public hearing on June 14th.
- C. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of the updated 2021 City of Calhoun Zoning Map. First eligible date for a public hearing is May 24th to allow for proper zoning procedure and advertising. Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing for May 24th. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- D. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a beer, wine and distilled spirits pouring for non-profit veteran's association at a location of 406 West Line Street, by Caleb Mattingly on behalf of VFW Renis Barrett Post 5376. The proposed manager is Johnathan Brown. Eligible for a public hearing June 14th. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to set the public hearing for June 14th. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- E. Mayor Palmer stated that a motion was needed to approve or deny GMA's slate of District 1 Officers for FY 2021-2022. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the slate of officers as nominated by the nominating committee. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- F. Mayor Palmer read a manager change request at a location of 114 North Wall Street by Friends of Calhoun's GEM Theatre (GEM Theatre). The current manager is Kim Brazell and the proposed new manager is Jonathan Gaines. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Palazzolo 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 stated that the solar project is near completion and producing power. The project will be used in conjunction with the school system for educational purposes.
- C. George Govignon, City Attorney had nothing to report.

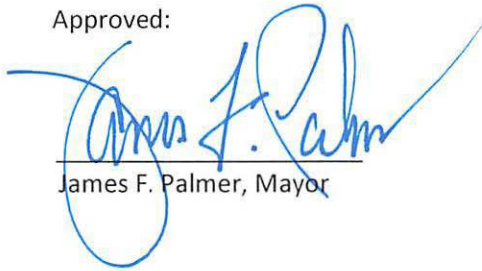
12. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

13. Motion to return to General Session

14. Motion to Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Sharon Nelson, City Clerk

