

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING ST
JULY 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
Larry Vickery, Utilities General Manager
George Govignon, Assistant City Attorney
Jeff DeFoor, Director of Electric Utilities
Paul Worley, City Clerk
Jerry Crawford, Water and Sewer Director
Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief
Danny Stephens, Water Treatment Superintendent**

- 1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
A. Councilman Hammond 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, Councilman Crowley seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion approved.**
- 4. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2012 City Council Meeting. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.**
- 5. Mayor's Comments:**
 - A. Mayor Palmer reminded the public that there would be a meeting on July 10th, 2012 at the Gordon County administrative building to discuss the Local Option Sales Tax percentages. LOST renegotiations occur every 10 years following the census. Negotiations will involve Gordon County, Calhoun, Fairmount, and Resaca.**

6. Council Comments:

A. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards gave the June reports as follows:

1) Police Department

- Made 549 cases with 12 DUI's
- Fines collected by Municipal Court - \$71,044.00
- Issued 545 warnings
- Investigated 53 highway accidents, 32 private property accidents
- Provided 50 escorts
- 1,599 incident reports
- Responded to 906 alarms
- Patrolled 46,434 miles
- Responded to 4,464 calls for service by E-911

2) Municipal Court and Probation

- Total Court cases- 505
- Court cases dropped- 94
- Number of Bond forfeitures- 302
- Number of Probation cases- 53
- Probation Payments- \$19,463.00
- Probation Revocations- 18
- Failure to appear- 70
- Prisoner transports- 37

3) Fire Department- Suppression

- Responded to 151 calls for service for the suppression division, 7 fire incidents for damages
- Responded to 108 medical service calls
- Responded to 8 hazardous conditions incidents
- Responded to 13 false alarms or false calls, 4 good intent, 0 severe weather & natural disaster
- Continued flow testing fire hydrants.

4) Fire Inspection Department

- 122 total reported activities/inspections which included 19 annual inspections, 2 new business inspections, 32 requested inspections, 14 follow-up or re-inspections, and 53 consultations

5) Downtown Development Authority and Main Street Program

- The DDA and the Gordon County Young Farmers hosted a Farm/City Market at the Depot on Monday, July 2nd and will host the next market on Friday, July 20th. The market features all types of produce and other products grown and harvested locally. July 20th is also the date for the Keep it in the County concert at BB&T City Park. The DDA and Chamber of Commerce marketing committee will host its third annual Summer Santa Celebration. Local merchants and

service providers are encouraged to donate items or gift certificates to be given away from 7 until 10 pm to promote their business during the event. This event always draws a huge crowd. Bring sales receipts for items purchased in Gordon County for your chance to win. T-shirts will be given away, Santa will be at the park to talk with the kids and Babe's Bayou will be performing a free concert - the entire community is invited. Food and refreshments will be available from local restaurants.

B. Councilman Barton gave the June reports as follows:

1) Street Department

- Completed 24 shop and 25 street department work orders.
- Placed 51 new street signs.
- Inspected and maintained approximately 98 miles of streets and storm drainage.
- Repaired utility cuts and several pot holes at various locations around town using 7 tons of asphalt.
- Cut and removed trees on Line Street, Trammell Street, Meadow Lane, and Devonwood Drive.
- Put out topsoil and installed sod at the Depot.

2) Cemetery Department

- Performed routine maintenance on Fain and Chandler Cemetery.
- Supervised the opening and closing of 13 grave sites.
- Sold 5 new grave spaces.
- Worked 12 grave sites.

3) Rabies Control

- Housed 8 dogs, and 6 cats
- Issued 0 warnings
- Answered 45 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.
- Mowed and weedeated approximately 19 miles of sidewalk, 29 islands, and 42 other designated places in the City.
- The building and maintenance crew performed routine maintenance on designed city buildings and all fountains.
- Repaired broken sprinklers and soaker hoses on downtown irrigation system.

5) Safety Committee

- Safety topic- working safely outdoors
- Safety Inspection- Water construction
- Accidents: Vehicle Accident-1- police department
- Workers Comp: 2- Water Construction and street department

6) **Recreation Department**

- **Youth Baseball and Softball/ Adult Softball** – All-Star teams were selected and participated in the GRPA 5th District tournaments June 22–28, 2012. A total of seven teams represented Calhoun in the Flea (7-8) Boys and Girls; Mite(9-10) Boys and Girls; Midget(11-12) Boys; and Junior(13-14) Boys divisions.
- **Teams advancing to GRPA State:**
 - Flea Girls (7-8) – 5th District Champions – advance to GRPA State in Cordele July 12 – 14.
 - Flea Boys (7-8) – 5th District Runner-up – advance to GRPA State in Moultrie July 12 – 14.
 - Midget-Major Boys (11-12) – 5th District Runner-up – advance to GRPA State in Bainbridge July 10-14.
 - Mite Girls Live (9-10) and Midget Boys (11-12) will be the host teams for the GRPA State tournaments hosted in Calhoun July 10 – 14.
- **Youth Baseball and Softball/ Adult Softball** – The Spring Youth Baseball and Softball along with the Adult Softball league were completed June 1. We have 7 Youth All-Star teams that will be participating in the GRPA District All-Star tournaments. Six of our adult teams participated in the GRPA District Tournament in Cartersville June 5 – 6.
- **SWIM:** There were 2,745 visits to the pool during the month of June. Swim Lessons were held throughout the month with a total of 187 participants.
 - BLUE BARRACUDAS** – The Blue Barracudas ended their registration with 95 registered swimmers. Home swim meets were held on June 4, 7, and 18.
- **ASA South Atlantic Regional Girls Fast Pitch tournament** - June 1 – 3. There were 25 teams that participated in this 3 day tournament with teams coming from Georgia and South Carolina.
- **GRPA DISTRICT FLEA BOYS(7-8); MITE GIRLS/LIVE (9-10); MIDGET BOYS (11-12) – June 23 –June 28** – There were 16 teams that participated in this week long tournament with teams from Calhoun, Cedartown, Dalton, Bartow Co., Paulding Co., Rome, Trion, Rockmart and Summerville participating. The economic impact that the two tournaments hosted by Calhoun Recreation Department during the month of June is estimated at \$233,400.00 for Calhoun and Gordon County.
- **CONCESSION/BATHROOM FACILITY** – The construction of the Concession/Bathroom Facility is at 50%. Block, Steel, setting of beams, and concrete work has been completed at this point.

C. Councilman Crowley gave the June report as follows:

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

- The Brittany Drive Expansion Project- Construction of the filter structures is complete. Forming of the walls for the pipe gallery is underway.
- Preparing bid documents for the turbidimeter replacement project.
- Maintenance crews are approximately 50% complete with the upgrades to the Coosawattee intake. The project consists of replacing check valves and switch gears for three of the four raw water pumps.
- Water system flushing program is in progress again. The largest portion of the system has been completed.
- Sewer main relocation for the new high school is scheduled to be complete on July 20th.

2) Water Treatment Plant Facility

- Pumped a total of 314,890,000 gallons of water for a daily average of 10,496,333 gallons.
- The Brittany Drive Treatment Plant produced 38.7% of the City's potable water for the month, and Big Springs – 12,820,000 gallons
- Rainfall 2.35"

3) Waste Water Treatment Plant Facility

- Treated a daily average of 4.689 MGD, with an average BOD effluent of 4, average suspended effluent of 10, and an average COD of 30.

4) Water Distribution

- 10 Water connections, 26 water service leaks repaired, 16 water main leaks repaired, 3 new fire hydrant installed, 3 change out of meters, 52 utility locates called in for work orders, 379 utility locates responded to, and 109 misc. calls
- Installed 140 ft of 8" ductile iron pipe under new sidewalk downtown at arts center to improve downtown water flow.
- Completed new 8" line installation along Elm Street to replace old 4" cast iron line.
- Completed installation of 4" mater pit and 8" fire line connection for new Red Bud middle school.

5) Waste Water Collection

- 1,750' Sanitary Sewer Services TV inspected, 265 utility locates completed, 2 lift station repairs completed, 6,800' sanitary sewer lines cleaned, 84 manholes opened and inspected

6) Building Inspection Department

- Issued 34 permits for an estimated cost of \$453,045.00. This included 2 new residential, 5 residential remodeling, 6 residential electrical, 1 new industrial, 2 industrial electrical, and 4 sign permits

D. Councilman Hammond gave the June report as follows:

1) Electric Department

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Calhoun High School, Gordon Hospital Cancer Treatment Facility, Streetscape Phase # 3, Engineered Floors Phase # 3 Expansions, Mohawk Rug and Textile Expansion
- Councilman Hammond stated that Calhoun had the largest increase of electricity usage out of all other MEAG cities in the state of Georgia. Calhoun had a 10.61% increase while most other cities have experienced decreases. These statistics show that Calhoun is strongly positioned to retain and attract industrial businesses.

Work orders in process or completed

- Newly created- 123
- Completed and closed- 106
Consisting of:
 - Street and security lighting-34
 - New business-2
 - After hours trouble and callouts-15
 - City electrical maintenance-45
 - Meter maintenance/replacement- 2
 - New customer meter sets- 2
 - Monthly total system locate tickets processed- 226

Electric System supplied – 38,832,290 kwh in June:

2012 fiscal year broke sales records 8 out of the 12 months.

The City delivered a record 410,359,872 kwh of electricity to its customers. This is an increase of 9.2% over 2011 and 36.3% over 2010, and 32.9% over 2009.

Over 72% of electric sales went to major industrial manufacturing facilities.

2) Telecommunications Departments:

- Transferred customer's Internet connection to new location.
- Spliced fibers for new point-to-point circuit.
- Updated operating system on three servers.
- Received switches for new network and started configuring
- Continue to splice fiber for new switch network.
- Opened 42 and closed 75 work orders.

3) Geographic Information Systems:

- Assisted Electric department with pole audit data maintenance.
- Created report for Electric department to analyze meter data from vacant accounts.
- Continue to assist Water Construction department with corrections to GPS positioning and investigating anomalies.
- Added water service laterals to GIS map.

- Updated changes between physical addressing and billing account information.
- Continue to assist Engineering with wastewater inflow/infiltration project, water valve identification tagging, and water hydrant and hydrant valve inventory.
- Hosted the quarterly NW Georgia Urban and Regional Information Systems Association meeting.
- Updated City and GIS websites.
- For May 38 city employees logged in 636 times with 55 hours of use.
- 41 public users logged in 65 times for 7 hours of use.

4) Northwest Georgia Regional Commission

- Councilman Hammond stated that the regional transportation-SPLOST is on the July 31st ballot and gave a presentation on the scope of the T-SPLOST for informational purposes only. The sales tax is set up on a regional basis with Gordon County being in the 15 county Northwest region. The Northwest region is the second largest region based on population in the state. It is possible for the sales tax to pass in some regions and also fail in some regions. The penalty for counties that do not pass the tax is that they will be responsible for a 30 percent match of state funds instead of a 10 percent match if they do pass the tax. Councilman Hammond stated that the project list for Gordon County totaled around 60 million dollars for the infrastructure buildout. Some of the projects include the South Calhoun bypass, North Wall Street improvements from E. Line Street to Red Bud Road, Highway 41 widening from CR 65 to SR 53, airport fencing, airport corporate hangers, and other projects. 75% of TSPLOST dollars would be used for the predetermined list of projects and the remaining 25% would be expended by the local governments as they see fit.

5) Airport

- Councilman Hammond stated that the Tom B. David Airport is the seventh largest airport in the state of Georgia in stationary aircraft. The airport employees 82 people with a 2.8 million dollar payroll and a 10.1 million dollar regional economic impact.

7. Public Hearings and Comments:

- A. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearings for a beer and liquor pouring license request by Carlos Aldama DBA: El Rayos restaurant at a location of 360 South Piedmont Street.
- Mr. Peterson stated that all advertising and legal requirements have been met.
 - Mayor Palmer asked for comments and there were none.
 - Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the beer and liquor pouring license request. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

- A. Mayor Palmer conducted the first reading of an amendment to Chapter 22, Division 4. Taxicabs. Some of the changes include the requirement of metering, display of fares, vehicle inspections, application fee, and increased liability insurance required. Any taxicab service already licensed would have until January 1, 2013 to come into full compliance with the new terms and provisions. Mayor Palmer stated that the City has been working on drafting a new ordinance for several months and this has resulted in an ordinance that more closely resembles the taxicab ordinances of the surrounding communities. Councilman Hammond made a motion to set the date for the public hearing on July 23rd. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- B. Mayor Palmer conducted the first reading of a wine package license request by Will Ostuw DBA: Calhoun Drug Company, LLC. at a location of 450 Red Bud Road. Councilman Crowley made a motion to set the date for the public hearing on August 13th. Councilman Hammond gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- C. Mayor Palmer announced a parade request on the traditional route by Bud Owens for the Annual Northwest Georgia Regional Fair Parade on September 8th at 11:00am. Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the parade request. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- D. Parade request on an extended route by the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce for the annual Calhoun Christmas Parade on December 13th at 7:00pm. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the parade request. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- E. Mayor Palmer conducted the first reading of a wine pouring license request by Alexia Pateritsas DBA: Gondolier Pizza at a location of 427 GA Hwy 53 East. Councilman Hammond made a motion to set the date for the public hearing on August 13th. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

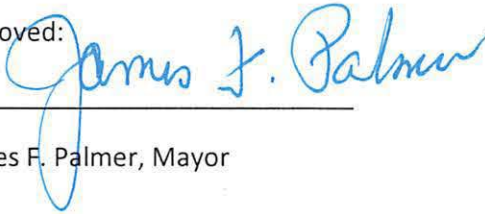
10. Other written items not on the agenda: None

11. Work Reports: None

- 12. Mayor Palmer stated that there was a need to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Councilman Hammond made a motion to go into executive session. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- 13. Councilman Hammond made a motion to adjourn the executive session. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

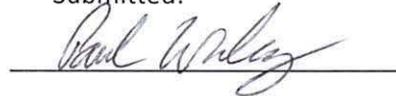
13. Councilman Hammond made a motion to return to general session. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
14. Mayor Palmer stated that the Council had discussed the position of City Attorney. Mayor Palmer stated that a suggestion in the executive session was made to appoint George Govignon as City Attorney to fulfill the remainder of Bill Bailey's yearly term, and that the City would welcome applications for the City Attorney position later in the year, possibly the first of November, for evaluation with the goal of evaluating all applicants before the yearly appointments occur at the first council meeting in January 2013. Councilman Crowley made the stated motion. Councilman Hammond gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
15. 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

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Regular City Council Meeting
Depot Community Room
109 South King Street
July 09, 2012

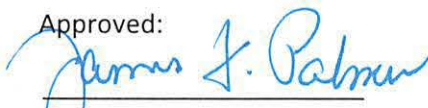
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

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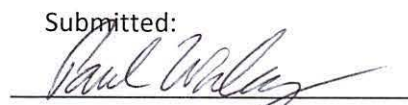
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- A. Mayor Palmer stated that there was a need to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Councilman Hammond made a motion to go into executive session. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- B. Mayor Palmer opened the executive session and stated that there was a need to discuss appointing a city attorney in the advent of City Attorney Bill Bailey's passing. Mayor Palmer stated that he felt that Assistant City Attorney George Govignon had been doing a good job over the last few months filling in for Mr. Bailey.
- C. The Mayor and City Council continued to discuss options for appointing a city attorney. Options were discussed of whether or not to make the position full time or keep the per hour system currently being used. Discussions were held considering appoint of Mr. Govignon to the position or to open up an application process. Councilman Crowley made a suggestion to appoint Mr. Govignon as City Attorney until the yearly appointments are made again at the first Council meeting in January and also to accept applications for others who have interest in the job starting the first of November. The City Administrator, Mayor, and Council would review all applicants before the City Council made new appointments in January 2013.
- D. The discussions were concluded and no votes were taken.
- E. Councilman Hammond made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session, Councilman Barton seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.

Approved:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:


Paul Worley, City Clerk

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF GORDON
CITY OF CALHOUN

AFFIDAVIT REGARDING CLOSURE OF OPEN MEETINGS

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer, duly authorized under the laws of the State of Georgia to administer oaths, James F. Palmer, Mayor, who in his capacity as Chairperson or the person presiding over a City Council meeting of the City of Calhoun and after being first duly sworn, certifies under oath and states to the best of his knowledge and belief the following:

At its meeting held on 7-9-12 the Council's Executive Session voted to go into closed session and exclude the public from all or a portion of its meeting. The legal exceptions applicable to the exempt matters addressed during such closed meeting are as follows (Check or initial, as appropriate:)

- Discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action, dismissal, periodic evaluation or rating of a government officer or employee. [O.C.G.A §50-14-3(6)]
- Privileged consultation with legal counsel pertaining to pending or threatened litigation, claims, administrative proceedings or settlements. [O.C.G.A §50-14-2]
- Discussing the future acquisition of real estate. [O.C.G.A §50-14-3(4)]
- Staff meetings for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law. [O.C.G.A §50-14-3(1)]
- Tax matters made confidential by state law. [O.C.G.A §50-14-2]
- Inspection of physical facilities under the jurisdiction of the City Council. [O.C.G.A §50-14-1(a)(2)]
- Meeting with a governing body, officer, agent or employee of another agency at a location outside the geographical jurisdiction of the City Council at which no final action is taken. [O.C.G.A §50-14-1(a)(2)]
- Other (Explanation and citation to statutory authority required:)

I certify that the subject matter of the closed meeting or the closed portion of this meeting was devoted to matters of official business or policy within the exceptions provided by law as set forth above.

Paul Wiley
Witness

James F. Palmer
James F. Palmer, Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed to before
me this 10th day of
July, 2012.

Misty Caudle
Notary Public for the State of Georgia



My Commission
Expires June 11, 2013