



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2022 - 7:00 PM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

MINUTES

PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Ray Mitchell Denmon, Councilman
Al Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem
Ed Moyer, Councilman
Jackie Palazzolo, Councilwoman

ALSO: Paul Worley, City Administrator; Kyle Ellis, Assistant Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief; and Major Ken Carson, Calhoun Police Department.

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**
Welcome
Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
Invocation
Mayor Pro Tem 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 Moyer made a motion to approve the December 12, 2022 agenda as presented. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**
Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of November 28, 2022. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

- A. The next meeting of the City Council will be held on December 19th.
- B. Calhoun City offices will be closed December 26th and 27th in observance of Christmas, and January 2nd in observance of New Year's Day.

6. **Council Comments**

- A. Councilwoman Palazzolo submitted November reports as follows:

1) **Water and Sewer Operations**

Water Treatment Plant

- Total gallons withdrawn: 326,120,000
- Daily average: 10,870,666
- Wells: 119,900,000
- Big Springs: 0
- % produced by Brittany Drive: 36.8%
 - Brittany Dr. daily production to capacity: 33.87%
 - Mauldin Rd. daily production to capacity: 42.96%
 - Rainfall for November – 5.89"

Waste Water Treatment Plant

- Treated a daily average of 4.530 MGD, with an average BOD effluent of 4, average suspended effluent of 11, and an average COD of 48.

Water Distribution & Wastewater Collection

- 171 work orders completed, 32 new water connections, 10 water service leaks repaired, 14 water main leaks repaired, 0 water services changed to new main lines, 61 meter changes, 31 utility locates called in for work orders, 495 utility locates responses.
- 2,475 feet of Sanitary Sewer Services TV inspected, 418 utility locates completed, 4,300 feet sanitary sewer lines cleaned, 0 new sewer connections installed, 4 sanitary sewer services repaired, 56 manholes opened and inspected.

2) **Water and Sewer Construction**

Projects Under Construction

- McCraney Water & Sewer Line Extension- Construction in progress

Projects in Design & Development

- South Interceptor Flow Study
- Union Grove North & South Sewer Extension
- Piedmont Water Line Replacement

3) **Library**

- There are 11,548 library card holders, 4,511 library visitors, and 5,636 total circulation.

- There were 245 story time attendance, 10 adult program attendance, 83 new users, 924 e-books, 880 audio books, 411 computer logins, and 3,261 Facebook visits.

B. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards submitted November reports as follows:

1) **Police Department**

- Made 201 cases with 2 DUI's
- Fines collected by Municipal Court - \$31,141
- Issued 386 warnings
- Investigated 52 highway accidents, 39 private property accidents
- Obstruction - 5
- Lethal Weapon Encounter - 1
- Alarm responses - 138
- Miles patrolled: 47,569

2) **Municipal Court**

- Total Court cases- 201
- Court cases dropped- 37
- Number of Bond forfeitures- 186
- Number of Probation cases- 38
- Failure to appear- 26
- Subpoenas served- 10

3) **Fire Department**

November 2022 Activities Report

Fire Suppression Division	
201 Total reported calls for service for the Suppression Division	
Number of Calls	Dispatched Calls
2	Mobile Property Fire (Vehicle)
0	Fire, Other
2	Structure Fire
3	Natural Vegetation Fire
1	Outside Rubbish Fire
1	Excessive Heat, Scorch burns with no ignition
9	Total Fire Calls
2	Rescue Emergency Medical call (Other)
59	Medical Assist
67	Emergency Medical Services Incident
1	Lock-In
0	Search for Lost Person

0	Water or ice related rescue
0	Extrication
0	Rescue or EMS Standby
129	Total Medical Calls
0	Flammable Gas or Liquid Condition / other
3	Combustible / Flammable Liquids Spills and Leaks
0	Chemical Release, Reaction or Toxic Condition
1	Electrical Wiring / Equipment problems
4	Total Hazardous Conditions Incidents (NO FIRE: Leaks, Spills, Electrical Hazards; All Other Hazardous Conditions without injuries)
0	Potential Accident
0	Service Call other
0	Water Problem
0	Smoke / Odor Problem
0	Person in Distress
4	Public Service Assistance
3	Good Intent call
2	Unauthorized Burning
9	Total Service / Good Intent Calls (Non-Emergency; Water Leak; Assist Other Agencies; Odors)
27	Dispatched and Canceled En-Route
3	Wrong location / No Emergency Found
0	Controlled Burning
3	Steam or gas mistaken for smoke
0	Haz Mat Release investigation w/ no Haz Mat found
7	False Alarm and False Call Other
0	Bomb Scare (Nothing Found)
0	Malicious Mischievous false alarm
6	System or Detector Malfunction
4	Unintentional System / Detector Operation (No Fire)
50	Total False Alarms or False Calls
0	Severe Weather & Natural Disaster
0	Total Severe Weather & Natural Disaster Calls
1	
1	Special Incident Type (Citizen Complaint; Other)
1	Total Special Incident Type
	Additional Fire Department Activities:
*	New Firefighters came on duty 11/07/22after completion of Recruit class.
*	CFD carried Santa Claus to the Tree Lighting at City Hall.
Training Division	

868 Total Man Hours of training during the month

Training consisted of:

Training consisted of assisting with recruit classes, vehicle fires, hose line management, firefighter safety drills, and pump training. CFD also had members in Fire Department Management classes at Gordon County Fire Dept.

Fire Inspections - Public Safety Education - Code Enforcement Division

112 Total Reported Activities / Inspections completed during the month

Inspections / Enforcement Activities

21	Annual Inspection
1	New Business Inspections
21	Requested Inspections
23	Follow Up, Re-Inspections
0	Burn Site Inspections
2	Plan Reviews
1	Pre-Construction Meeting
0	Sprinkler Permits Issued
0	Fuel Tank Permit (Install, Removal or Service)
39	Consultations
0	Illegal Burning Citations
2	Fire Extinguisher Classes
0	Fire Drills
2	Fire Prevention Programs
0	Zoning / Annexation Meetings
112	Total
<u>Additional Inspection - Public Safety & Codes Division Activities</u>	
*	T. Duvall assisted with the annual leak test at the City Fuel Depot with AA Petroleum.
*	Fire Safety Programs / Fire Extinguisher classes at Catoosa Senior Village.

4) Safety Committee

- The safety topic of discussion this month was Safe Lifting and Preventing Back Injuries. No safety inspections were performed in November.
 - Vehicle accidents: 0
 - Workers' compensation: 0

C. Councilman Denmon submitted November reports as follows:

1) **Public Works**

Street Department

1. Completed 29 shop and 19 street dept. work orders.
2. Installed 4 new street signs.
3. Performed routine maintenance on the bike trail.
4. Continued the annual leaf cleanup all over town.

Cemetery

1. Performed routine maintenance on Fain and Chandler cemetery.
2. Supervised the opening and closing of 7 grave sites.
3. Sold 8 new grave space.

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. Put up Christmas tree and decorations downtown.

Animal Control

- Housed 11 dogs and 4 cats
- Number of dogs adopted: 2
- Number of cats adopted: 0
- Number of dogs rescued: 6
- Number of cats rescued: 4
- Number of dogs reclaimed by owner: 0
- Number of cats reclaimed by owner: 0
- Number of dogs euthanized: 0
- Number of cats euthanized: 0
- Number of warnings given: 14
- Number of bite cases: 1
- Citations issues: 1

2) **Recreation Department**

1. **PROGRAMS:**

YOUTH BASKETBALL: Registration for youth basketball concluded with 270 boys and girls registering. There are 34 teams in 7-8 through 13-14 divisions. Teams have been formed and practices began on November 12. Scheduled games began December 9. Games are being played at Billy Bearden Recreation Center and Calhoun Middle School.

YOUTH FOOTBALL: The 7-8 and 9-10 all-star teams prepared for GRPA State Northern regionals.

YOUTH SOCCER: Our department hosted the GRPA District Coed 8u, 10u, 12u soccer tournaments Monday, November 14 through Thursday, November 17. There were 16 teams that participated in this event with

540 visits made to this event and the estimated economic impact of \$46,800. Teams participating represented Calhoun, Bremen, Cedartown, Lafayette and Murray Co.

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL: Our 10u Girls Gold and Black Volleyball teams participated in the GRPA State tournament in Dalton November 11 and 12. The 10u Girls Gold team won the GRPA 10u Girls State Championship.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP: We held Santa's Workshop in the green space across from City Hall on Sunday, November 20 in conjunction with Calhoun Business Open house. We had 38 boys and girls participate in decorating ornaments, making reindeer food and writing letters to Santa.

TENNIS –
League play was held throughout the month

2. FACILITY USE:

The following facilities were rented for the month:

Community Room – 4 events	Meeting Room – 8 events	Gym
– 2 events		
Black and Yellow Pavilion – 3 events		

3. WEBSITE/FACEBOOK:

FACEBOOK	WEBSITE
19,503 – Reached	1,245 – Sessions
7 – Posts	3,422 – Users
2,472 – Engagements	2,202 – Page Views
49 – New Page Followers	27 – Posts

4. FACILITY MAINTENANCE:

- 1- Repainted soccer fields for tournament play
- 2- Trimmed and weeded planters –new complex
- 3- Field maintenance – 3 softball/baseball fields – new complex
- 4- Daily maintenance throughout parks
- 5- Winterized pool and irrigation system

5. GRPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Five staff members attended the GRPA Conference at Jekyll Island November 6 -10, 2022. A total of 55 continuing education sessions were attended between staff members.

3) Downtown Development Authority

The DDA held their regularly scheduled meeting. The Gordon County School kids that participated in the fire hydrant contest have selected their winners. They will have them painted in December. Downtown. The Christmas Tree Lighting and Downtown Open House was a success with a record number in

attendance. The Coca Cola Mural was rehabilitated and painted. The Veterans Banners were made and hung in the park for two weeks. The annual Moonlight Madness is scheduled for December 16th. The HPC approved one façade grant for Friends of the Gem Theatre.

Downtown Visits November 3	Pintage
November 8	KASE
November 10	Velo Vineyard
November 15	Tot Roost
November 20	Open House
November 28	Gift of Seasons
November 30	Trackside Pizza

Social Media Post November 1	Halloween Thank You
November 2	Downtown Loft for Rent
November 3	Veterans Banners
November 7	Christmas Tree Lighting/Open House
November 14	Christmas Tree Lighting
November 15	KASE
November 20	Christmas Tree Lighting
November 21	Coca Cola Mural

D. Councilman Moyer submitted November reports as follows:

1) **Electric Department**

- The LED Streetlight upgrade continues around the city.
- Electrical Engineering continues and materials are being ordered for the Exchange Apartments and the Manor Lake Cottages of Calhoun on Curtis Parkway. Electrical Engineering continues for the new Mavis Tire and Brakes, H. D. Fibers and for the I-75 crossings so Calhoun can serve new customers.
- Construction continues on the Hamilton Medical Complex, the new Chipotle Restaurant at 530 East Hwy 53, the new Convenience Store at 601 S. Wall, the 53 Townhomes at Old Mill and the system upgrades necessary for the new growth and increased reliability.

WORK ORDERS IN PROCESS OR COMPLETED FOR NOVEMBER:

• NEWLY CREATED	63
• COMPLETED AND CLOSED	60
• CONSISTING OF:	
• CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION	26
• DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE	20
• OUTAGES / TROUBLE CALLS	13
• SECURITY / STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE	4
• TEMPORARY POWER HOOK UP	1
• WORK FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS	12
• NEW METER SETS	4
• METER MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT	3
• ELECTRIC LOCATE TICKETS PROCESSED-	242

The City of Calhoun’s Electrical load for November 2022 is estimated to be about 27½ million kilowatt hours (kWh’s). This is about two million kWh’s less than November of 2021. Actual numbers will be released around December 19th.

In October the Educational Solar Array, a partnership between Calhoun Utilities, Calhoun City Schools and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), produced 5,010 kWh’s of electricity and provided a carbon offset of 7,840 pounds or the equivalent carbon sequestration of 60 trees.

Monthly Energy Production Report

Calhoun Utilities
Calhoun, GA

Generated for Jeff DeFoor
on 12/07/2022

This report provides energy production for November.

Week	Peak Power	Energy Produced
11/01/2022 - 11/07/2022	37.9 kW	1.07 MWh
11/08/2022 - 11/14/2022	37.9 kW	1.06 MWh
11/15/2022 - 11/21/2022	37.9 kW	1.35 MWh
11/22/2022 - 11/28/2022	37.9 kW	1.10 MWh
11/29/2022 - 11/30/2022	37.9 kW	493 kWh
November 2022 Total:		5.01 MWh
Previous Month Total:		7.27 MWh
Year to Date:		79.3 MWh
Lifetime Production:		126 MWh

Your **Carbon Offset** for this month: 7,840.0 lb

You have offset the equivalent of: 60 Trees

2) Telecommunications

- Setup one new internet customer, installed new fiber for a new internet circuit and started construction on a third.
- Disconnected one internet service.
- New Police Department Update
 - Continue moving Police Department staff and officers into their new offices.
 - Participated in security camera training
 - Tested training room TV connections to computer

- Finished replacing domain name managed service for city domains.
- Upgraded hyper-converged server operating systems to latest version.
- Upgraded the tools software on 20 servers.
- Installed upgraded monitoring system and worked with vendor on firewall settings.

Geographic Information Systems

- Printed utility maps for proposed developments from developers.
- Updated
 - Water system and water meter location updates and mapping.
 - Cemetery mapping
 - Fiber mapping
 - Zoning
- Generated Electric usage reports.
- Updated Physical addressing, building and billing information.
- Updated City and GIS web sites

3) Building Inspections

- Issued 381 permits for an estimated cost of \$6,023,187, collected \$76,441 in permit fees. This included 10 new residential, 4 residential remodel, 1 new commercial, 1 commercial remodel, 2 new industrial, 2 industrial remodel, 304 residential plumbing, 20 residential electrical, 0 commercial plumbing, 9 residential HVAC, 2 commercial HVAC, 1 commercial electrical, 1 industrial plumbing, and 1 industrial electrical. 366 total inspections.

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. Variance Request – Fox & Brindle

Public hearing of a sign variance request to vary from 120 square feet to 400 square feet in size to install a monument sign serving five tenants, at a location of 319 Clarence King Parkway, parcel C47A-001, by Fox & Brindle.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- Mayor Pro Tem Edwards gave the report on the Zoning Advisory Board stating the Board recommended approval of the variance request. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards explained that the owner would be allowed to place up to five different signs with a total square footage larger than the variance request, and the ZAB felt like the unified sign would better serve the development with a more appealing appearance.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments.
- There being none, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning variance request. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the variance request. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved

8. Old Business:

9. New Business:

A. Annexation – Jose Hernandez

Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of annexation and zoning request from County Residential to R1-B for .74 acre, at a location of 106 Cherry Street SW, by Jose Hernandez. The zoning advisory board meeting is scheduled for January 5th and the public hearing January 9th.

B. Beer Package – 90 Donde, Inc.

Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a beer package license request at a location of 90 East May Street, by 90 Donde, Inc. Cassandra Davenport, owner of the business will also serve as the store manager. Councilmember Moyer made a motion to set the public hearing for January 9th. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

C. Beer & Wine Package – Ginger Grocery

Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a beer and wine package license request at a location of 1600 Dews Pond Road, by Azaan & Jannat, Inc dba Ginger Grocery. Iftikhar Husain, owner of the business, will also serve as the store manager. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to set the public hearing for January 9th. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

D. Beer & Wine Package - Rocket

Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a beer and wine package license request at a location of 101 Newtown Road NE, by Jay Purushottam, Inc. dba Rocket. Tejashkumar Patel, owner of the business, will also serve as the store manager. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to set the public hearing for January 9th. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

E. Manager Change – CDP USA LLC

Manager change request at a location of 1531 Dews Pond Road, by CDP USA LLC. The prior manager was Jyotshanaben Patel and the proposed new manager is Alnoor Somani. Councilmember Moyer made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

F. **Manager Change - CVS**

Manager change request at a location of 402 North Wall Street, by CVS #4506. The prior manager was Miranda Adcock and the proposed new manager is Daniel Clark. Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the request. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

G. **Manager Change – El Nopal**

Manager change request at a location of 179 Golden Circle Drive, by El Nopal Mexican Restaurant. The prior manager was Eddie Segura and the proposed new manager is Erick Palacios. Councilmember Moyer made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

H. **Manager Change – A Knight**

Manager change request at a location of 295 West Line Street, by Jai Baliyade V Inc, dba A Knight. The prior manager was Vinod Patel and the proposed new manager is Arpit Patel. Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

I. **Manager Change – Wings 101 of Calhoun**

Manager change request at a location of 171 West Belmont Drive #7, by Wings 101 of Calhoun. The prior manager was Tim Hight and the proposed new manager is Jolena Bomar. Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

J. **2023 alcohol license renewals**

Mayor Palmer stated that the following 2023 alcohol licenses are eligible for renewal with each category requiring a vote by council members:

Beer Package

- Al Food Mart
- Calhoun Food & Tobacco

Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the beer package licenses. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Beer & Wine Package

- A Knight Hi Tech
- Buc-ee's
- CDP USA
- CVS
- IGA
- Walmart

Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the beer and wine package licenses. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Beer, Wine & Liquor Package

- ABC Liquor
- Calhoun Liquor

- Liquor Mart

Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the beer, wine and liquor package licenses. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Beer & Liquor Pouring

- Estela's Taqueria

Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the beer and liquor pouring licenses. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Beer, Wine & Liquor Pouring

- El Nopal

Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the beer, wine and liquor pouring licenses. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Beer, Wine & Liquor Pouring – Private Club

- VFW

Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the private club beer, wine, and liquor pouring license. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Beer/Wine Pouring Theatre

- Calhoun Gordon Arts Council

Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the theatre beer and wine pouring license. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Beer & Wine Pouring

- Dub's High on the Hog
- Wall Street Catering

Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the beer and wine pouring licenses. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Beer Pouring

- World of Wings

Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the beer pouring license. Councilmember Denmon 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
- B. Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator had nothing to report.
- C. George Govignon, City Attorney had nothing to report.

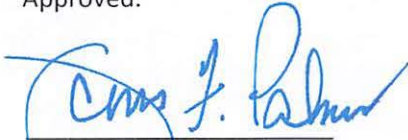
12. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

13. Motion to return to General Session

14. Motion to Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Council, Councilmember Moyer made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Approved:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:


Sharon Nelson, City Clerk

