

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
CALHOUN, GA
SEPTEMBER 24, 2007 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

**PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Lorene Potts, Mayor Pro Tem
Ray Denmon, Councilman
George Crowley, Councilman
David Hammond, Councilman**

**ALSO: William P. Bailey, City Attorney
Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities
Cathy Harrison, City Administrator
Eddie Peterson, City Administrator in Training**

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Councilman Crowley gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Mayor Palmer stated the agenda has one addition listed under other written items not on the agenda and it will be regarding an award as discussed by Mayor Pro Tem Potts.
4. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting as written. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
5. Mayors Comments:
 - A. Mayor Palmer reminded everyone of the City General Election schedule for November 6, 2007 from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. at the Calhoun Recreation Department on River Street.
 - B. Mayor Palmer reminded everyone the last day to register to vote is October 9, 2007.
 - C. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and public of the Mayor's Christmas Motorcade to Northwest Regional Hospital sponsored by Georgia Municipal Association. He stated this year the Motorcade will be a little earlier, on December 4, 2007 for a ceremony at the hospital at 10:00 A.M. Any citizen or group that wished to donate gifts for patients may leave those at City Hall between now and December 4, 2007.
 - D. Mayor Palmer reminded members of the Council of the ICS 402 Elected Officials Training that will be provided by the Gordon County Emergency Management Department on Tuesday September 25 at the County Fire Station located across from the Outlet Mall. The time will be from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.
 - E. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council of a beer package license request of Hasmukh G. Patel for a new location at 703 Oothcalooga Street for a grocery

store. The public hearing is scheduled for October 8, 2007 and it will be a new location.

- F. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and public of a Special City Council Meeting to be held on October 1, 2007 @ 6:30 P.M. in order for the Council to set the tax millage for the City and for the School for 2007.
- G. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council of a meeting that will be sponsored by the Coosa Valley RDC on October 4, 2007 in Rome at the Forum from 4:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. regarding a presentation by Speaker of the House, Glen Richardson. Mayor Palmer stated this would be in reference to House Resolution 900 also known as the Great Plan. He stated it was of most importance to Cities, Counties, and School Systems.
- H. Mayor Palmer asked Mayor Pro Tem Potts to review the zoning hearing scheduled for October 8, 2007 and for November 12, 2007.

October 8, 2007

- 1. Annexation and zoning request of C-2 for approximately 1 acre at Kelly Court off of South Wall Street by James P. and Shelly H. Rasbury as owners.
- 2. Annexation and zoning of C-2 for approximately 3.167 acres on Mauldin Road by Stanley Simpson.

November 12, 2007

- 1. Annexation and zoning request of R-1 for Kevin J. Santori for a house and lot at 453 Thornwood Place.

6. Public Hearings and Comments:

- A. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing for a taxi license request of Antonio Brito Melendez for a commercial office located at 114 Erwin Street Suite 1.
 - Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments. There were none. The hearing was closed.
 - Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the request pending insurance, a proper driver's record, and inspection of vehicles. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Hammond, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

7. Old Business: None.

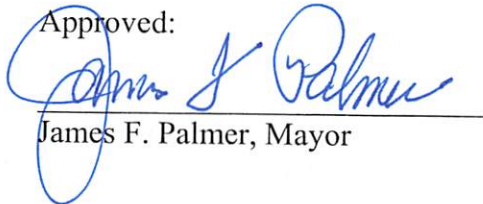
8. New Business:

- A. Councilman Hammond stated the Police filed a request to transfer \$500.00 from the Asset Seizure Fund to support the Chamber's "Drug's Don't Work" Program.
 - Councilman Hammond stated he would make a motion to approve the request. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- B. Mayor Palmer read a proposed Resolution regarding the City authorizing the Mayor to execute contracts with the Department of Transportation for the "TEA-21 Streetscape Project".
 - Following review of the Resolution, Councilman Denmon made a motion to adopt the Resolution and to authorize the Mayor to sign all documentation. The motion was second by Mayor Pro Tem Potts with Councilman Denmon, Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Hammond, and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- Director of Public Works, Eddie Peterson, stated the City will begin the project in January 2008 and it will include improvements on the Westside from the City Hall area all the way North to Line Street. He stated it would include new curb and gutter, new street lamps, trees, and mast arms in two locations.
- C. Mayor Palmer stated the City had received a manager change request for the American Legion.
- The City Attorney stated there was incomplete information regarding a 2002 incident on the Police report and the City Attorney stated the American Legion should provide additional information to the City of Calhoun in order that it may be acted on at a future meeting.
 - Councilman Crowley made a motion to table the request until October 8, 2007. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Hammond, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
9. Other Written Items not on the Agenda:
- A. Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated the Historic Preservation Commission was formed approximately one year ago and members were appointed. Since that time the members have worked diligently to define the initial Historic Preservation area, they have also requested and received permission from the Council for the assistance of Mac Tech to provide design guidelines. The guidelines that were approved were later proposed to the Georgia Planning Association for consideration for an award. Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated she was very pleased to announce the Calhoun Historic Preservation Commission design guidelines received the award. She stated she and the Mainstreet Director, Suzanne Roland, attended the Georgia Planning Association Meeting in Savannah on Friday August 21, 2007 and received the award. She commended the members of the Historic Preservation Commission for their diligence in their first year of work.
- Mayor Palmer stated not only the members but also the Mainstreet Director and Mayor Pro Tem Potts had worked very diligently with the group and he and the Council Members appreciated the improvements that have been evident not only from the work of the Historic Preservation Commission but also from Mainstreet and the Downtown Development Authority. He commended all those for their participation and for their desire to improve their community.
10. Work Reports:
- A. Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities
- Director Cornwell stated the main item of concern for his department is the continuing drought. He stated it is causing extreme problems not only for the local area but also for our immediate neighbors and for neighboring states. He stated several of our neighboring communities have banded all outdoor watering and if there isn't rain within the next few weeks, it will be necessary for the City of Calhoun to consider these measures as well. He stated Carter's Dam is cutting back on water releases and this act also adds to the lack of water for neighboring communities as well.
 - Councilman Hammond stated he had recently attended the RDC Board Meeting along with members of the Northwest RDC and their main topic was the drought and water conditions for the present and for the future.

- B. Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety / Public Works
- Eddie Peterson stated the City has applied for a Certified Playful City Award. He stated the award should be announced very shortly. He stated the improvements that have been made in recreation areas; not only in infrastructure but also in programs and outreach to all areas of the community made the City eligible for applying for the award.
11. Mayor Palmer asked if there was any need to move to Executive Session. The response was negative.
12. Councilman Hammond made a motion to adjourn. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA
(hereinafter referred to as "SPONSOR") AND THE GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (hereinafter referred
to as "DEPARTMENT") TO CONTRACT FOR FUNDING UNDER
THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21st
CENTURY (hereinafter referred to as "TEA-21")**

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as "US DOT") and the Commissioner of the DEPARTMENT are authorized to contract for Transportation Enhancement Projects: and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance imposes certain duties upon SPONSOR including but not limited to the provision of its local share of the project costs; and

WHEREAS, SPONSOR guarantees that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, all other pertinent directives and all US DOT requirements; and

WHEREAS, to complete the project, SPONSOR will use Disadvantaged Business Enterprises to the fullest extent possible and will implement and administer procedures to ensure that minority businesses are competitive for contracts and purchase orders when procuring services including, but not limited to, construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts or consultant contracts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY SPONSOR THAT:

1. The Mayor of the City of Calhoun, Georgia is authorized to execute the contract for Project TEE-0008-00 (145), P.I. No. 0008145, Gordon County on behalf of SPONSOR with the DEPARTMENT for aid in financing construction, and all other activities incidental thereto, of Transportation Enhancement Activity pursuant to Public Law 105-178 (1998), and all other provisions as set forth in the contract with the DEPARTMENT.

2. The Mayor of the City of Calhoun, Georgia is authorized on behalf of SPONSOR to

execute and file an assurance or any other document required by US DOT and the DEPARTMENT certifying compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

3. The Mayor of the City of Calhoun, Georgia is authorized on behalf of SPONSOR to furnish any and all additional information that may be required by US DOT or the DEPARTMENT in connection with the application for the Transportation Enhancement Activity project and budget.

4. That the Mayor of the City of Calhoun, Georgia is authorized on behalf of SPONSOR to set forth and execute affirmative disadvantaged business policies in connection with the participation goal established by the DEPARTMENT.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED IN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING THIS 24th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2007.

CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

BY:



JAMES F. PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CATHY HARRISON, CITY CLERK/
ADMINISTRATOR