

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
CALHOUN, GA
NOVEMBER 12, 2007 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: George R. Crowley, Councilman

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

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Mayor Palmer gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any amendments to the agenda. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the agenda as written, second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
4. Mayor Palmer stated that each member had a copy of the minutes of the October 22, 2007 regular city council meeting in their packets. He asked if there were any amendments or corrections. Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the minutes for October 22, 2007 as written. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Hammond, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
5. **Mayors Comments:**
 - A. Mayor Palmer stated he would like to take the occasion to remind everyone of Veterans Days and to remind everyone of the efforts that have been made by those who have served in past wars and those who are currently serving. He asked that we remember those in service and in our prayers. Mayor Palmer stated he also wished to thank all the citizens for voting on November 6th. He stated it was a very good turn out and he as well as all of the other candidates appreciated their taking the time to vote.
 - B. Mayor Palmer reminded the public of the Mayors Motorcade to Northwest Regional Hospital on December 4, 2007. Mayor Palmer stated there are patients at the hospital who have been there for many years, without any family members. He stated the gifts that are provided by various cities and groups not only serve for Christmas presents but also for birthday presents throughout the year. He

stated anyone who wished to make a donation or leave a gift can do so at City Hall between now and December 4, 2007.

- C. Mayor Palmer reminded the public that the City will hold a run-off election on December 4, 2007 at the Recreation Center from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. The run-off election will be for Post 4 City School with candidates Matt Barton and Trey Pierson. He stated advanced voting will be available at the County Election and Registration office in the County Annex Building on Piedmont Street beginning November 26, 2007 at 8:30 A.M. and continuing through November 30, 2007 at 5:00 P.M.
- D. Mayor Palmer stated that the City of Calhoun will have two delegates to the National League of Cities Meeting and he stated that there will need to be a voting delegate for the business session and an alternate. Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to appoint Councilman Denmon as a voting delegate and Councilman Hammond as the alternate. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Hammond, and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- E. Mayor Palmer read a proposed Proclamation declaring November as Alzheimer's Month for 2007. Following review of the proposed Proclamation, Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the Proclamation. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- F. Mayor Palmer asked Mayor Pro Tem Potts to review the zoning hearings scheduled for December 10, 2007.
 - 1. Annexation and Zoning of C-2 by Grado, Inc for approximately 4 acres on Hwy 53 East.

6. Council Comments:

- A. Mayor Pro Tem Potts gave the October reports as follows:
 - 1) The Street Department:
 - o Poured and backfilled 1,250 square feet of sidewalk around the new football field at the 58 acre recreation park.
 - o Dug out, based, and poured 13,554 square feet of sidewalk along the main entrance road to the new park.
 - o Laid 235 feet of 15" pipe, built a 48x48 storm water box , and placed rip rap stone in drainage areas at the new park
 - o Hauled top soil and backfilled around the bleachers at the new football field
 - o Removed and leveled all tree grates along the sidewalks downtown since roots were making the grates un-level.
 - o Removed bad section of concrete in front of Eastside school and re-poured , hauled stone and graded parking lot for Calhoun High School
 - o Dug and patched on McConnell Road, Woodland Circle, and North Industrial Blvd utilizing 3.62 tons of asphalt.
 - o Street Inspector Shawn Chastain met with several developers during the month of October to review their projects and to make recommendations that would be needed prior to acceptance and issuing a permit. He also worked on sign inventory and ordered replacement signs and brackets. He also met with developers regarding roadwork since they are moving manholes in some areas and developing infrastructure for the new development at Parks Place.

- 2) The Parks and Maintenance Department:
 - Picked up litter, mowed, weed eaten and maintained fountains at all city fountains and parks
 - Completed maintenance jobs for City Hall, Police Department, Depot, Street Department, and the Library.
 - Finished setting trusses , poured the top on the bathrooms, and started putting down the decking on the roof of the new recreation pavilion at the new 58 acre park

- 4) Cemetery Department:
 - Supervised the opening and closing of 8 grave sites
 - Provided routine maintenance at both Fain and Chandler Cemeteries
 - Sold 8 new grave spaces
 - Assisted Contractors with installation of 6 new monuments
 - The supervisor attended the first Georgia Municipal Cemetery Meeting in Macon

- 5) Animal Control:
 - Responded to 62 customer calls.
 - Issued 4 warnings for lease law violations

- 6) Safety Committee:
 - Had a safety topic of ladder and scaffling safety
 - Inspected Police Department
 - Reported 1 workers compensation accidents
 - Reported 1 miscellaneous accident

- B. Councilman Denmon gave the October reports as follows:
 - 1) The Water Treatment Plant Facility:
 - Pumped a daily average of 11.191 MGD of raw water
 - The Brittney Drive Well produced 31.63% of the City's potable water for October

 - 2) The Waste Treatment Plant:
 - Treated a daily average of 4.96 MGD, with an average BOD effluent of 3, average suspended effluent of 9, and an average COD effluent of 53

 - 3) The Water Construction Department:
 - Made 27 water connections
 - Changed out connections with 18 new meters
 - Responded and repaired 71 water leaks
 - Installed 1,740 feet of 12" PVC pipe
 - Installed 1,780 feet of 2" PVC pipe
 - Installed 400 feet of 6" ductile iron pipe
 - Installed 1,280 feet of 6" PVC pipe
 - Pulled 41 meters
 - Responded to 24 calls at the shop
 - Provided 450 located for developers
 - Called in 63 locates for City work
 - Called in 51 emergency locates

- 4) The Sewer Construction Department:
 - Provided 5 sewer connections during the month
 - Repaired 11 sewer services lines
 - Repaired 5 manholes
 - Inspected 49 sewer mains for a total of 11,648 feet
 - Inspected 9 sewer service line for a total of 940 feet
 - Provided 402 locates for developers
 - Repaired 2 lift stations
 - Received 4 after hour calls
 - Cleaned 47 sewer mains totaling 14,100 feet
 - Opened and inspected 54 manholes
 - Resumed work on the city utility building doing general clean up and mulching beds

- 5) The Sludge Department:
 - Applied 1,968 cubic yards representing 251.9 dry tons of sludge

- 6) Building Inspection Department:
 - Issued 40 permits for an estimated \$1.8 million of new construction

- C. In the absence of Councilman Crowley, Mayor Palmer gave his October reports as follows:
 - 1) The Electric Department:
 - Long Term Projects Under Construction:
 - They continued to upgrade the older clarifiers and thickeners under construction at the Waste Treatment Plant. The project remains approximately 80% complete.
 - Phase II of the System Loss Program for 2007-2008; Engineering Revision Phase is complete.
 - The final phase of System Reliability Project is in progress
 - Projects and Maintenance Under Construction:
 - The primary lines for the new recreation project has been completed
 - The Avalon Estates Subdivision continues under construction
 - Pad Mount transformer and service installation for the Salem Road pump station is scheduled for installation in November
 - New projects for Magnolia Plaza and Willow Brook remain under construction
 - Relocating facilities for Starbucks and Pizza Hut is complete and energized
 - Finalized relocation of the facilities of the Oostanaula Creek Bridge at Kirby Road
 - Removed copper wire primary and set pole for new service at Beamer Oil.
 - Work Orders in Process or Completed for October:
 - Street and security lighting – 64
 - New business and maintenance – 19
 - After hours trouble callouts – 21

 - 2) Telecommunications Department:
 - Removed a T-1 service for Mohawk's Edmond Street Facility and replaced the service with 100 MGB at the Pine Street Facility

- Started work on converting Kane Carpet Service from overhead to underground
- Installed a fiber link to the recreation departments tennis building
- Updated utility billing server software with corrective patches
- Assisted with traffic signals and phone line relocation on I-75 and Hwy 53
- Opened 16 and closed 14 work orders
- Opened 10 and closed 9 trouble calls
- The GIS System that is a part of telecommunications has a new employee, Davey Crawford who will serve as the GIS manager. He is currently developing a need assessment by interviewing each departments leadership and he began work on aerial photographs and parcel data created by Calhoun and Gordon County in 2005 and he has ordered software to convert and edit GIS data.

During the Month of October the Electric Department:

- Issued 16 permits
- Performed 14 inspections
- Set 5 meters
- Sold over 31 million KWH of electricity

D. Councilman Hammond gave the October reports as follows:

1) The Coosa Valley RDC:

- Councilman Hammond stated he served as the City's representative to the Coosa Valley RDC Annual Meeting along with Dick Gordon of Gordon County. He stated it is an opportunity for the RDC members to review economic development in the various areas. He stated the major part of the discussion this year was on water and on the discussion of House Resolution 900.

2) The Police Department:

- Made 594 cases; 11 DUI's; 64 Speeding
- Fines collected by Municipal Court - \$89,959.00
- Issued 438 warnings
- Provided 100 escorts
- Issued 1,722 incident reports
- Responded to 255 alarms
- Provided patrol on 58,162 miles of city streets
- Responded to 5,507 E-911 calls
- Issued 10 parking citations
- Councilman Hammond, Chief Moss, and Mayor Palmer recognized retired Sgt. Charles Wheat for 26 ½ years of faithful service to the City of Calhoun. Several members of the Police force were there to recognize Officer Wheat and to offer their appreciation for the opportunity to work with him.

3) The Fire Department:

- Responded to 69 calls for service, 7 fire incidents for damages totaling \$6,000.00
- Responded to 26 emergency medical service calls with 19 injuries and 1 fatality
- Responded to 13 hazardous conditions incidents
- Responded to 2 miscellaneous service calls, 1 special incident, 19 false alarms

- Received and dispatched calls for after hour's utility request during the month.
- Installed street markers for fire hydrants
- Assisted the police department with man power for three parades
- Completed in house training during the month for all firefighters on state required core skills
- Completed all scheduled station and vehicle maintenance.

4) Fire Inspection Department:

- Provided 64 inspections during the month
- Attended 1 pre construction meeting
- Issued 3 sprinkler permits
- Conducted public safety programs during the month of October
- Served 2,019 children during the Fire Safety Program Presentation

7. **Zoning and other Public Hearings:**

A. Mayor Palmer stated at this time the public hearing on zoning matters will be held. The public will have an opportunity to make pro and con comments with a ten minute maximum time limit for each side of the matter and with each person speaking giving their name and address and with each person speaking having filed a financial disclosure statement five days prior to the hearing if required. Mayor Palmer made an inquiry to determine if any elected official has filed or needed to file a disclosure statement regarding any ownership or special interest in the agenda item. There were none. Mayor Palmer stated that the land use maps are on display at the Council Chambers for both the Zoning Advisory Board and the City Council hearings and the Council members have a copy of the Zoning Minutes from the latest Zoning Advisory Board Meeting.

1. Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of an annexation and zoning of R-1 for the request of Kevin J. Santori for a house and lot at 453 Thornwood Place.
 - Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
 - Harrison reported that notices to the adjoining property owners, signs on the property, and notices to the local legal organ had been completed.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated the Zoning Advisory Board heard this matter on November 8, 2007 and the Board had determined the proposed request would be an infill to the area; that the area is zoned R-1 under the prior zoning definition of R-1 and in order for the area to remain uniform that the applicant had requested R-1 zoning but it would be nonconforming.
 - Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments by the applicant. There were none.
 - Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments by the Council. There were none.
 - Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments by the public. There were none.
 - The public hearing was closed.
 - The findings of the Mayor and Council were:

(1) The zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of the adjacent and nearby property.
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- (2) The zoning proposal will not adversely affect the existing use or usability of the adjacent or nearby properties.
- (3) The property to be effected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned in the unincorporated area.
- (4) The zoning proposal will not result in a use that will cause or could cause excessive burden to existing streets, transportation, facilities, utilities, or schools since it is one additional housing unit.
- (5) There will be no associated capital cost since the lot is developed.
- (6) The zoning proposal is not in conformity with the current zoning policy for R-1.
- (7) There are no other existing or changing conditions effecting the use and development of the property which would give supporting grounds for their approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal.
- (8) There are no other factors relevant to balancing the interest in promoting the public health, safety, morality, or general welfare against the right to the unrestricted use of the property with the exception of drainage concerns.

- o Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to approve the annexation request for the house and lot at 453 Thornwood Place owned by Kevin J. Santori. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Denmon, and Councilman Hammond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- o Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to zone the annexed property R-1 nonconforming. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Hammond, and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.

B. Other Hearings and Public Comments: NONE

8. **Old Business:**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave a second reading a taxi license request of William L. Simpson doing business as Ambassador Taxi service with a business location at 377 Richardson Road, Suite 5.
- o Mayor Palmer stated should the application be approved, it would be subject to compliance with all license requirements and also that if approved it would also serve as a first reading for the renewal application.
 - o Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the request subject to compliance with all license requirements. He also acknowledged it would serve as a first reading for a renewal request for 2008. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- B. Mayor Palmer asked the Administrator to review bids for the two fire trucks and to provide a recommendation.
- o Harrison stated the City of Calhoun had requested lease purchase proposals from the local banks that currently are customers of the City of Calhoun. She stated 6 banks responded to the request for proposals and of those 6 there were various suggestions as to the method of financing since the proposal included financing for a fire truck that will arrive within the next 30 to 60 days and a second truck that will arrive within the next 6 to 12 months. She stated the lowest proposal received was one of the proposals from Regions Bank for

3.58% for approximately \$80,067.00 of interest. She stated this is an estimate since it is based on an advance for the first vehicle and estimated for the second advance that would be approximately 12 months. She stated should that time frame change the interest would be greater but it would be the same for any of the proposals that were made with the exception of those that suggested the full amount be financed at the start. She stated the estimated cost from the Regions one proposal was \$1,167,672.00 including principal and interest for the lease purchase financing. She stated it was her recommendation that this proposal be accepted.

- Following review Councilman Hammond made a motion to accept Regions first recommendation as reviewed by Administrator Harrison. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

C. City Administrator who also serves as the City Election Superintendent stated the official election report for the General Election on November 6, 2007 included

- Registered Voters - 5,666
- Ballots Cast - 1,462 for a 25.8% voting
- She stated for returns for the office of Mayor
 1. James F. Palmer, 1,220 votes
 2. Lorene L. Potts, 230 votes
 3. Write in, 2 votes
- She stated for Council Post 1
 1. Jason Brumbelow, 467 votes
 2. George Crowley, 948 votes
- She stated for Council Post 2
 1. Gary Duke, 340 votes
 2. Al Edwards, 1,067 votes
- She stated for School Board Post 4
 1. Matt Barton, 586 votes
 2. Trey Pierson, 457 votes
 3. Rhoda Washington, 357 votes
 4. Write in, 1 vote
- She stated School Board Post 5
 1. Tony Swink, 1,192 votes
 2. Write in, 10 votes
- Harrison stated as previously reported there was no candidate who received 51% of the vote for School Board Post 4, therefore a run off will be held on December 4, 2007 between Matt Barton and Trey Pierson.
- Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated she wished to congratulate Mayor Palmer, Councilman Crowley, and Al Edwards. She stated it has been her pleasure to serve for the past 8 years.
- Councilman Hammond stated he wished to thank Mayor Pro Tem Potts for her encouragement for him to run for Councilman and for the information she has shared, and the encouragement she has given him since he became a City Councilman.
- Councilman Denmon stated it has been his pleasure to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Potts for the office of Mayor Pro Tem and he wished to thank her for her many years of fine service to the City of Calhoun.

- Mayor Palmer stated a lot of accomplishments had been made in the last 8 years and that Mayor Pro Tem Potts had been a major part of those accomplishments.

9. **New Business:**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of an annexation and zoning of C-2 for a request by Four Star for two lots on Kelly Court across the street from lots recently annexed by James P. Rasbury off of South Wall Street.
 - Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be January 14, 2008.
 - Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing for that date at 7:00 P.M. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Hammond, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- B. Mayor Palmer asked the Administrator to review the Proposed Amendment to the Defined Benefits Pension Plan.
 - 1. Administrator Harrison stated during the budget planning sessions by the staff and the Mayor and Council, it had been determined there was a flaw in the current Defined Benefits Pension Plan that did not allow funding to beneficiaries should an employee die during service that had not reached age 55 and had not been able to file for early retirement. She stated following a request to determine the cost to make an amendment to the plan, the Mayor and Council had included these cost in the 2008 Fiscal Year Budget. She stated the amended plan which had been restated in its entirety had been presented by Angela Nix, Pension Attorney of GMA. She stated that she and Attorney Bailey had reviewed the documents to make sure there were no changes other than those that had been requested and the Amendment will allow an employee who dies in service with the sufficient number of years of service based on age to be able to provided funding for beneficiaries as though they had selected a 100% level of benefits for the beneficiary.
 - 2. Mayor Palmer stated a second reading of the Proposed Amendment will be held on November 26, 2007.
- C. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of the following Pawn License Renewal request:
 - 1. Larry E. Knight for Corner Pawn
 - 2. Frank McDonald for National Title Pawn of Calhoun
 - 3. Nancy P. Long for D&S Pawn
 - 4. Tim Langston for This and That Pawn Shop
 - 5. Joseph Brown for Pawn Mart
 - 6. Clifford L. Cochran for Pete's Music City & Pawn
 - 7. Mayara Montero for Titlemax of Calhoun, Inc.
 - 8. Brock Wilkins for The Cash Store
 - 9. Rod Aycox for Instant Cash Loans on Car Titles, Inc.
 - 10. Mayor Palmer stated a second reading will be held on November 26, 2007.
- D. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of the following Taxi License Renewal request:
 - 1. Romulando Martinez for Taxi Latino
 - 2. Andres Hernandez for Taxi Oasis
 - 3. Sonia Romero for Los Buenos Amigos Taxi
 - 4. Antonio Brito-Melendez for Brito's Taxi Cab

- Mayor Palmer stated the second reading would be held on November 26, 2007.

E. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of the following Beer-Wine-Liquor License Renewal Request:

1. Melba Jane Price for Kuranzi Pizza d/b/a Pizza Hut
 2. Hussein Asadi for Back Gate Restaurant
 3. Kitty Leung for Great Wall Chinese Restaurant
 4. Alexis Prasinos for Gondolier's Pizza
 5. Jeff Erwin for Dub's High on the Hog, Inc.
 6. Mitzi Hutchinson for Thurston's, Inc
 7. Edna Talley for Renis Barrett Memorial Home, Inc d/b/a VFW Post 5376
 8. Juana Naranjo for El Pueblito Mexican Restaurant
 9. Jeff Mathis for Longhorn Steakhouse
 10. Martin Carranza for Los Gallos de Mexico
 11. Liborio Hernandez for Los Magueys # 3, LLC b-4
 12. William T. Howard for Los Reyes
 13. Luis Rey Fitz Solis for El Rayos
 14. William Lee Carter for Mapco Express d/b/a Fast Food & Fuel
 15. William Lee Carter for Mapco Express d/b/a Fast Food & Fuel
 16. Phil Beamer for Phillip Beamer Distributors Inc
 17. Phil Beamer for Phillip Beamer Distributors Inc
 18. Ray Tierce for Tierces Little Giant
 19. Roy Thomas Aaron for South 41 Package
 20. Jeff Knight for Knight's Grocery
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 22. Raymond J. Brown for J&J's Package Store
 23. Barbara Bishop for Dixie Beverage Shop
 24. Larry Garren for Ingles Food Market
 25. Doug Busch for Kroger # 393
 26. Patsy Colleps for J&P Package Store
 27. Linda Maples for Wal-Mart Supercenter #1215
 28. Billy Michael Copeland for Retail Marketing Corp. d/b/a Food Outlet, IGA
 29. Kishor Shah for R&R Beer & Tobacco
 30. Champ Kelly for Red Bud Liquor, Inc.
 31. Mukesh S. Patel for Mukhi, Inc. d/b/a Calhoun Liquor
 32. Lindsey Lewis for B&L Liquor, Inc.
 33. Christopher W. Gray for Black Knight Beverage
 34. William Whittenburg for American Legion Post 47
- Mayor Palmer stated a second reading would be held on November 26, 2007.

10. **Other Written Items Not on the Agenda: None**

11. **Work Reports:**

A. Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities:

1. Director Cornwell stated as he previously mentioned to the Mayor and Council, the City of Lawrenceville has requested a 12 month purchase of 5 MW from the City's gas generator. He stated the sales will represent approximately \$115,000 in revenues for the 12 month period.
 - Following discussion, Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the sales of 5 MW reserves to the City of Lawrenceville from the City's gas generator. The motion was second by Councilman

- Denmon with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign all required documents related to the sale of 5 MW reserve to Lawrenceville. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Denmon, and Councilman Hammond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
2. Director Cornwell stated the Belmont Creek Sewer project had determined there were two large oak trees in the path of the project and if the line was installed in the area it would definitely kill the trees. He stated there is a proposed change order for \$28,935.00 to place that small section of the sewer line in the street in order to save the trees. The contractor is Strack, Inc for the project.
- Following discussion, Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the change order for \$28,935.00. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Hammond, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
3. Director Cornwell stated the Engineering Department had taken bids on the sewer project for the Tucker Hollow, Foot Hills Inc. development. He stated there were several bidders and the low bid was from MidSouth Trenchless, Inc for \$227,800.00. He stated all bidders had been pre-qualified and if the council accepted the low bid it should be subject to receipt of the developers' letter of credit that would be required for the project.
- All Bids received were:
 1. MidSouth Trenchless, Inc for \$227,800.00
 2. Southern Landcrafterm Inc. for \$232,963.20
 3. BRI Utility Construction for \$319,520.00
 4. Mayse Construction Co., Inc for \$349,411.00
 5. Strack Inc for \$361,460.00
 6. K.M. David Contracting Co., Inc. for \$379,645.00
 7. Butch Thompson Enterprises, Inc for \$398,142.50
 8. Cedar Farms & Const., Inc. for \$447,214.50
 9. Elden Hasty Const. Co., Inc. for \$586,540.00
 - Following discussion and review of the bids received Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the low bid of \$227,800.00 from MidSouth Trenchless, Inc subject to the receipt of the developers' letter of credit. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
4. Director Cornwell stated all North Georgia water systems had been ordered to make reductions in their water sales of 10%. He stated the period that would be used to determine the amount of reduction would be sales for December 2006 and January – March of 2007. He stated based upon those periods and based upon the City's current water sales it would mean the City would need to reduce its water sales by approximately 1.35 million gallons. He stated he had recently attended a water meeting and there was not a member of the North Georgia area that felt they would be able to meet the 10% reduction since the test period for this reduction is the lowest sales period for most water systems. He stated following

discussions at the work sessions with the Mayor and Council it is recommendation that the City amend its water rates in an effort to reduce usage. He stated for residential customers who use more than 10,000 gallons, and he noted the average family usage is 6,000 gallons per month and under, therefore, for regular household usage there would be no increase but for household usage that would be for the next 20,000 gallons following the first 10,000, the price would escalate to \$2.64 inside the City and \$3.23 outside the City. For the next 20,000 gallons which would be a total of 50,000 gallons, it would escalate to \$3.64 per 1,000 gallons inside the City and \$4.23 outside the City. He stated for usage above 50,000 that it would be \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons inside the City and \$12.00 per 1,000 gallons outside the City. He stated a surcharge would be applied to all meters 2" and higher and this would be for all usage other than residential and the surcharge would be based on each customers contribution to the City's inability to meet the States mandatory 10% reduction and for the penalty the City would receive for noncompliance. He stated this would involve all users of the water system and would help the system meet the States reduction or to pay the penalty if it was unable to meet the reduction.

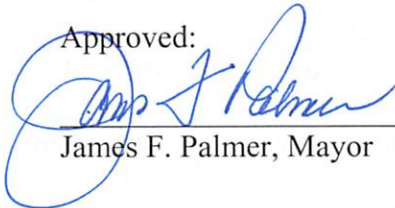
- Mayor Palmer stated a second reading of the Proposed Rate Resolution Amendment would be held on November 26, 2007.

B. Eddie Peterson, City Administrator Elect:

1. City Administrator Elect Peterson stated the streetscape project had received approval from DOT to move forward with issuance of a contract following procurement of bids. He stated following this process he hoped construction would begin in January and could be completed by April or May 2008. He stated the project would go from Hicks Street to Line Street would include lighting, sidewalk improvements, and areas for planting of trees, however, the tree planting would come later after the drought.

12. Mayor Palmer inquired if there was a need to move to executive session. There was none.
13. Councilman Hammond made a motion to adjourn. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator