

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
CALHOUN, GA
May 21, 2007 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

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

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Councilman Denmon gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2007 regular city council meeting as written. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
4. Mayors Comments:
 - a. Mayor Palmer reminded the council of the final budget hearing scheduled for June 11, 2007 at 7:00 P.M..
 - b. Mayor Palmer reminded the council and public that the second meeting in June has been rescheduled for June 18, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.
 - c. Mayor Palmer reminded the council of the GMA Training and Annual Conference scheduled June 23-26, 2007.
 - d. Mayor Palmer reminded the council of the beer-wine-;liquor pouring request of Los Maguey's III, LLC-b4, Libro Hernandez, authorized agent for the restaurant at Quality Inn located on Hwy 53 East. The public hearing is scheduled for June 11, 2007 @ 7:00 P.M.
 - e. Mayor Palmer reminded the public of the "90 Mile Yard Sale" sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce to be held June 1-3, 2007.
 - f. Mayor Palmer reminded the council of the ordinance hearing scheduled for June 11, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. regarding the designation of a historic district for the City of Calhoun. The district being the core downtown area.
 - g. Mayor Palmer asked Mayor Pro Tem Potts to review the zoning hearings scheduled for Jun 11, 2007 at 7:00 P.M and July 9, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.

June 11, 2007

1. Jack Holmes agent for Sean Samples for a zoning change request for 1 acre located at 375 Curtis Parkway, the request being to rezone from R-2 to C-2.

2. Deanna Muse for a zoning change request for approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ acres at 1060 Sugar Valley Road. The request being to rezone from C-N to R-1B.
3. Riverview Baptist Church for a variance to allow two mobile educational structures to be located at 153 Riverview Drive.

July 9, 2007

4. Cheviot Hill Property, LLC, agent for Harmony Road Development, to change zoning from C-2 to R-2 for approximately 14.4 acres at 1401 Dews Pond Road.
5. Annexation and zoning request of the 312 Land Co., LLC for four small tracts joining the 28 acre site off of Hwy 53 east behind Kentucky Fried Chicken with a request that the property be zoned C-2.
6. Request for eleven applications for annexation and zoning.
 - o Jack & Gwen Hennessee, 473 Harris Beamer Rd.
 - o Maria T. Castillo & Rolando Bracamonte, 485 Harris Beamer Rd.
 - o Patricia & David Neighbors, 497 Harris Beamer Rd.
 - o Stacie & Jerry Dodd, 509 Harris Beamer Rd.
 - o Edward & Paulette Richards, 521 Harris Beamer Rd.
 - o Scorpio Denmon, 543 Harris Beamer Rd.
 - o Darren & Cathy Edwards, 555 Harris Beamer Rd.
 - o Walter Barrios, 569 Harris Beamer Rd.
 - o Bulmaro M. Anguiano, Leovigilda Martinez & Rafaela M. Martinez, 583 Harris Beamer Rd.
 - o Maria Lebron & Luis M. Santana, 595 Harris Beamer Rd.
 - o Randall R. Hunter, Executor for Gil Smith 683 Harris Beamer Rd – 40 acres – all tracts for R1-B Zoning.

Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated that on Friday night May 18, 2007, the first of the summer concerts was held in the Downtown Park. It was well attended, possibly the highest attendance at the park. There will be three other concerts scheduled for the third Friday in June & July and the third Saturday in August. Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to close the Westside of Piedmont street near the park at 4:00 P.M. in the afternoons to allow unloading and to close the full street from 6:00 P.M. to approximately midnight for the remaining concerts for the year. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon, and Councilman Hammond voting affirmatively, motion carried..

5. Zoning and other Public Hearings:

A. Mayor Palmer reopened the hearing on the sign ordinance amendment and asked Attorney Bailey to review.

- o Attorney Bailey stated that the ordinance amendment for the signs has been completed revamped. The proposal has been changed by staff and council on two occasions since the process began. Since the hearings have been rescheduled several times, he recommended the Mayor and Council place an ad in the local legal organ on May 30 indicating the final hearing and consideration of adoption be held on June 18, 2007 at 7:00 P.M..
- o Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments regarding the sign ordinance amendments, there were none.
- o Mayor Palmer asked if there were any questions/comments by the council, there were none. The hearing was closed.
- o Councilman Crowley made a motion to authorize the final legal ad and to hold the final public hearing with consideration of the amendments on June 18, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with

Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Hammond, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

6. Old Business:

a. Mayor Palmer gave a second reading to the pawn license request of Tim Langston for This and That Pawn Shop located at 408 South Wall Street. Mayor Palmer stated this was a change in ownership for an established business and that the new owner, Tim Langston's, police report was clear. Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments, there were none. Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to approve the special pawn license request of Tim Langston for This and That Pawn Shop at 408 South Wall Street. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively, motion carried.

b. Mayor Palmer stated the insurance agents for the city's group health plan had not received the final proposal regarding the 2007-2008 health coverage and asked that it be placed on the June 11, 2007 agenda.

7. New Business:

a. Mayor Palmer stated that the New Beginnings Ministries located on Pine Street had requested permission to block a small section of South McConnell Road that joins Pine Street in order to have an annual neighborhood play day for children in the immediate area. This would be on June 2, 2007 with the request to block the street from 8:30 A.M. until 7:30 P.M.. Mayor Palmer stated this is one of many times the request has been made, not only by the church, but on previous occasions by the Housing Authority. Councilman Hammond made a motion to authorize the closing of the south end of McConnell Road that joins Pine Street on June 2 from 8:30 A.M. until 7:30 P.M.. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. Other Written Items not on the Agenda: None

9. Work Reports:

a. Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities, no report.

b. Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety/Public Works, no report.

10. Mayor Palmer inquired if there was a need to move to Executive Session, there were none.

11. Councilman Denmon stated that the Calhoun High School baseball team is in the play offs and he would recommend that everyone come out and support the ball team. He stated many of the members are players from the recreation department leagues in previous days and that it is a very good baseball team.


Mayor Palmer echoed Councilman Denmon's comments and also urged everyone to attend one of the ball games if they have not done so already.

Mayor Palmer also stated in the work session, Lee Walton of MacTech had reviewed their work on the comprehensive plan thus far and had presented the city with a draft of a new map that would contain all the new zoning information with a new approach regarding zoning. He stated the map is being retained at the council meeting area in

order for the public to review. He also stated Mr. Walton gave a brief review of the recreation plan that will be completed for the city's future use.

12. Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilman Crowley with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon, and Councilman Hammond voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator