

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
CALHOUN, GA
May 14, 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. Mayor Palmer 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 April 23, 2007 regular City Council meeting minutes 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 stated the final listening session for the GMA district meeting to be held at Rockmart at the Richardson Depot will be May 16, 2007 at 5:30 P.M., he asked anyone that is available to attend to please notify Administrator Harrison as soon as possible.
 - b. Mayor Palmer reported that the United Way Drug Free Community had approximately 1,500 persons in attendance for the parade and presentations that were made by Senator Don Thomas and by Dr. Joave.
 - c. Mayor Palmer stated that the next regular scheduled meeting for the City Council is on Memorial Day May 28, 2007 and he asked if the Council would consider a motion to move that meeting to May 21, 2007. Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to move the May 28th regular scheduled meeting to May 21st in order for the recognition of Memorial Day. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon, and Councilman Hammond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - d. Mayor Palmer stated that in the month of June, the second Council meeting scheduled for June 25, 2007 will be at a time when the GMA Annual Conference is being held. He asked if the Council would consider a motion to move that meeting to June 18, 2007 in order to allow all elected officials that wish to attend the training session & conference to attend. Councilman Hammond made a motion to move the June 25th meeting to June 18th to allow attendance to the GMA Conference. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with

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

- e. Mayor Palmer asked Mayor Pro Tem Potts to review the zoning hearing schedule for June 11, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.. Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated there are three items and they are as follows:
 - 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 ¾ 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.
- f. Mayor Palmer stated that Councilman Hammond needed to attend the honor's day program at the high school for a few moments and in order to accommodate his schedule; he asked that the zoning matter be moved up on the agenda.

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

- A. Mayor Palmer stated at this time the public hearing on zoning matters would be held the public would have an opportunity to make pro and con comments with a ten minute maximum time limit and with each person speaking having filed a financial disclosure statement five days prior to the hearing if required. He asked that each person provide their name and address. 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.
 - o Mayor Palmer asked for a motion to re-open the public hearing for annexation and zoning request of Russell Owen. Councilman Hammond made a motion to re-open the public hearing and zoning of PR-D on the Russell Owen request. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - o Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing stating it is a request to annex approximately 19.7 acres off of Tate Bend Road for PR-D zoning. Harrison stated that notices from the adjoining property owners, signs on the property, and notices in the local legal organ had been completed.
 - o Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated the matter had been heard by the Zoning Advisory Board as of April 5, 2007, she stated the request was for planned residential development warning that is would include single family housing and townhouses. She stated the property would have a lake and green spaces provided. She stated there was discretion regarding the narrow road in some areas, however the area where the development is proposed is one of the widest paved portions of the road, however there are problems with a hill that interferes with sight distance and it has been determined that either the county or the developer will be required to lower the hill in order for sight distance to be available. She stated that the proposed developer has met with residents on more than one occasion and has agreed to increase the size of the single family homes that will be developed. She stated the townhouses will be single level brick townhouses. She stated the Zoning Advisory Board had had a tie vote on the matter and it was returned to the Mayor and Council in that form.
 - o Mayor Palmer asked if there were comments by the developer. Mr. Owen stated that the property did consist of 19.7 acres of which 1/3 of the property

will be used for green space including a lake that would be the focal point of the development. He stated the townhouses will be all brick, one floor, and priced between \$110,000.00-\$120,000.00 each. He stated there would be 24 single family homes of 1350 square feet or more. He stated he had met with Barry Hice, the County Road Superintendent and discussed shoulders that would be extended on his side of the road. He stated he had been notified that he must meet a 325 foot sight distance requirement in order to gain a permit.

- Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments by the public. Judy Mulkey, a resident of the area, stated that the homeowners had met with Russell Owen on more than one occasion; they did understand the property would be developed either under the City of Calhoun's rules and regulations, possibly the County or the City of Resaca. She stated that the property owners had received some concessions by the developer and they were not as opposed at this time as they had been previously.
- Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments or questions by the Council.
- Councilman Hammond stated he is familiar with the developments in the area by Mr. Owen and that he recognized his work as quality work.
- Mayor Palmer asked if there were any other comments. There were none and the public hearing was closed.
- Mayor Palmer stated that the matter would require two motions, one for annexation and one regarding the zoning.
- Mayor Palmer stated that the finding of the Council regarding annexation was that the Council had determined the property was eligible for annexation and would be within the city limits of Resaca.
- Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to annex the property consisting of 19.7 acres on Tate Bend Road. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Crowley, and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively. Councilman Hammond stated he recognized there were oppositions of the Zoning Advisory Board and he would vote negatively.
- Mayor Palmer stated the motion had been approved by a vote of 3 to 1.
- Mayor Palmer stated that the finding of the Mayor and Council regarding zoning were:

**STANDARDS GOVERNING THE EXERCISE OF ZONING
POWER**

- (1) The zoning proposal may permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent or nearby property.
- (2) The zoning proposal will not adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.
- (3) The property to be effected by the zoning proposal has an agricultural use as currently zoned.
- (4) The zoning proposal will result in additional use to the front portion of the road, however, the developer or possibly the County has agreed to make improvements regarding the road that might enhance the area near the entrance to Highway 41.
- (5) The costs for capital improvements for utilities and street development on the proposed property will be born by the developer.
- (6) The zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan for residential development.

- (7) The changing conditions that effect the use and development of the property is primarily the concern for safety regarding the existing road.
- 8) The factors relevant to balance the interest and promoting the public health, safety morality or general welfare against the right to the unrestricted use of the property is the concern for the narrow, dead end street that serves as an access road to the property.

- Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to zone the Russell Owen property PR-D. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, and with Councilman Hammond voting negatively. Mayor Palmer stated that the motion carried 3 to 1.
- Mayor Palmer stated at this time, the Council would move back to Council reports.

6. **Council Reports:**

a. Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated during the month of April:

1) The Street Department:

- Ran the brush truck, bus hog, and the street sweeper on their routine routes.
- Placed 10 street signs.
- Completed 25 shop work orders.
- Ran the storm water maintenance plan on April 26th checking all grates and pipes inside the city.
- Worked with the grade-all clearing ditches on South Industrial Blvd, Hunts Dr., Roseway, Richardson Road, and North Industrial Blvd.
- Dug out and patched cuts on Erwin St, East Belmont Dr, South Wall Street, River Meadow Dr, Overlook Dr, Hillcrest Dr, Curvy Rd, and Woodridge Dr. utilizing 47.60 tons of asphalt.
- Hauled dirt to build a sub grade at a parking lot, football field, and three softball fields at the 58 acre recreational park site and they installed 1,330 feet of silk fence at the park.
- Hauled top soil, graded the lot, and installed 3,750 square feet of Bermuda sod at the new tennis building.
- Piped a drainage ditch with 630 feet of 12 inch pipes covered with top soil and grass on Hunt's Dr.

2) The Sanitation Department:

- Ran routine commercial routes.
- Serviced vehicles.
- Gained one, 6-yard dumpster account.

3) The Parks and Maintenance Department:

- Provided clean up and maintenance of all city owned public property and maintained fountains.
- Special maintenance jobs at City Hall, the water plant, City Depot, and Library.
- Painted exterior of the caboose at the Depot.
- Continued work on the new bathroom at the water treatment plant.
- Worked 165 labor hours installing trim for the offices at the new annex building.

- 4) Cemetery Department:
 - Performed routine maintenance at Fain and Chandler Cemeteries.
 - Supervised the opening and closing of 8 grave sites.
 - Sold 13 grave spaces.

- 5) Animal Control:
 - Responded to 60 customer calls.
 - Housed 37 dogs and 6 cats.
 - Issued 6 first warnings for lease law violations.

- 6) Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated the Mainstreet program will begin its spring and summer concerts this Friday night with the Tam's being the featured band. In June Mustang Sally will be the feature. There will a July concert and a gospel concert in August. She stated the "Taste of Calhoun" held on May 5th was very successful, there were triple the number of vendors and was a large crowd all day long for the activities. She stated the string band that was associated with the activities was very successful and they were planning a return next year.

- b. Councilman Denmon stated:
 - 1) The Water Treatment Plant Facility:
 - Pumped a daily average of 12.047 million gallons per day during the month of April and that the Brittney Drive treatment plant produced 36.7% of the city's potable water.

 - 2) The Waste Treatment Plant:
 - Treated a daily average of 5.262 million gallons per day, with an average BOD effluent of 10, average suspended effluent of 70, and an average COD effluent of 11.

 - 3) The Water Construction Department:
 - Made 67 water connections during the month.
 - Changed out 6 new meters.
 - Repaired 26 links.
 - Installed 1280 feet of 12 inch PVC line.
 - Installed 2080 feet of 6 inch PVC line.
 - Installed 1060 feet of 2 inch PVC line.
 - Changed 42 meters.
 - Installed 3 new fire hydrants.
 - Received 50 calls at the shop.
 - Provided 384 locates for developers and others.
 - Called in 83 locates for their own work.
 - Responded to 14 emergency call outs.

 - 4) The Sewer Construction Department:
 - Provided 39 sewer connections during the month.
 - Repaired 12 services.
 - Repaired 4 manholes.
 - Inspected 7,740 feet of sewer main.
 - Inspected 9 sewer services for a total of 1,050 feet.

- Provided 244 locates for developers and others.
 - Repaired 2 lift stations.
 - Responded to 5 calls.
 - Cleaned 51 lines totaling 17,000 feet.
 - Opened and inspected 79 manholes.
 - Began grading of parking areas and installation of storm drains at the annex project.
- 5) The Sludge Department:
- Applied 1,792 cubic yards or 194.7 dry tons of sludge.
- c. Councilman Crowley stated:
- 1) The Electric Department:
- Issued 12 permits.
 - Provided 51 inspections.
 - Set 7 meters.
 - Purchased over 28 million kilowatt hours of electricity.
- Long Term Projects:
- Upgraded the old clarifiers and thickeners at the waste treatment plant.
 - Worked on the Pine Chapel pump controls and associated SCADA.
 - The work on the System Protection Project continues in its 2nd year and the System Capacitor Project phase I is complete and phase II is in the process of engineering.
- Projects in maintenance under construction:
- Construction continues work at the Annex, remodeling and rewiring.
 - Completing work on the HVAC systems and electrical support.
 - The McDaniel Station Industrial Line Project is near completion.
 - The Recreation Project is complete.
 - The East Line Street Commons Projects for the Stepp Construction company is underway.
 - The Avalon Estates Subdivision Project is under final design.
 - New tennis building wiring is complete.
 - The Bruce Stocks apartment's electrical service on Calhoun Ave is near completion.
- Projects in engineering and design:
- Calhoun OBGYN facility on Curtis Pkwy.
 - Streetscape project is in design and materials are being ordered.
 - Relocation for Georgia DOT intersection improvement projects are in preliminary design.
 - McDaniel Station and Hwy 53 intersection right-of-way work is in engineering.
- Work orders in process or completed:
- Street and security lighting – 28
 - New business and maintenance – 15
 - After hours trouble callouts – 16
- 2) Telecommunications Department:
- Installed a new domain controller server.
 - Installed new data switches for the utility administration building on Line Street.

- Connected data and phone circuits.
 - Continued construction of the fiber line for internet service to faculty homes at the Georgia Cumberland Academy.
 - Filed the FCC forms of compliance for the communications assistance for law enforcement agencies.
 - The City received over 21 million emails during the year, blocked as spam and 54,000 were blocked because of containing a virus. The one million emails that past through equaled last years volume.
 - Opened and completed 4 work orders.
- 3) Councilman Crowley stated the city school system:
- received special recognition by the Georgia Public Policy Foundation that issues a report card for parents. He stated this was based on a variety of criteria and that the Calhoun High School ranked 14 out of 369 public high schools.
 - The Calhoun Middle School received a technology grant of \$96,250.00, this being an instructional technology enhanced environment grant.
 - The Calhoun Primary, Elementary, and Middle School's all had 100% participation from the parents during the Spring Early Release Conference Session. There will be a special reception on May 15, 2007 to recognize employees that will be retiring at the end of the school year. Those include Sandra Allen, Brenda Boswell, Dr Davis, Rachael Herron, Dr Hughes, Clinton Marshall, Martha Moore, Betty Ray, Sandra Robbins, and Julie Stephens.
 - The Calhoun City Schools will provide their Summer Feeding Program; this will be funded by the USDA. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for all children under age 18 at no charge. There is no income level requirement for the program.
- d. Councilman Hammond reviewed the following reports:
- 1) The Police Department:
- Made 759 cases with 7 speeding, 8 DUI's.
 - Collected \$89,561.00 in fines.
 - Issued 558 warnings.
 - Responded to 42 highway accidents.
 - Responded to 29 property accidents, with 3 injuries and no fatalities.
 - Provided 119 escorts.
 - Provided 1,850 incident reports.
 - Responded to 249 alarms.
 - Patrolled 50,943 miles.
 - Received 5,385 calls through E-911.
 - Issued 18 parking citations.
 - Councilman Hammond also stated that in the last 10 years the police department has increased their highway safety activities and they had been able to reduce traffic injuries by 30%. They have also reduced DUI's during the same period.
- 2) The Fire Department:

- Responded to 58 calls for service, including 9 fire incidents with estimated damages of \$7,400.00
 - Responded to 17 emergency medical calls, 7 hazardous waste calls, and 23 false alarms.
 - Received and responded to 56 calls for after hour's utility request during the month.
 - Conducted hands on fire extinguisher training for Calhoun Health Care employees
 - Hosted the Calhoun City 3rd grade walking tour.
 - Began hydrant flow testing of the city fire hydrants.
 - Maintain 742 fire hydrants.
 - Pressure tested approximately 24,000 feet of fire hose.
 - Completed in house training during the month for all fire fighters on state required core skills.
 - Completed all station and vehicle maintenance.
- 3) Fire Inspection Department:
- Conducted 80 inspections including 7 annual, 1 new business, 3 requested, 20 follow ups, 12 consultations, 4 burn side inspections, and 2 plan reviews.
 - Attended a five day inspector's class at the Georgia Fire Academy.

Mayor Palmer stated at this time the Council would return to the public hearing portion of their agenda.

7. **Public Hearings:**

1. Mayor Palmer re-opened the public hearing regarding the sign ordinance amendments.
 - a. Attorney Bailey stated that he had met with the Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer, and the Director of Public Works. He stated following their review there were 3 additional amendments to the sign ordinance, in the area of banners, temporary signs, and window signs. He stated those changes will be available for the public as well as a pictorial review of examples of signs in the area. He stated this included signs that infringed on the current ordinance requiring that signs be 10 feet minimum off the right-of-way. He stated he would recommend the Mayor and Council continue the hearing until May 21st in order for everyone to be able to review the additional amendments to the proposed sign ordinance and for the public to have an opportunity to review.
 - b. Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments by the Council or the public. There were none.
 - c. Mayor Palmer stated he recommend the matter be held for continuation of the hearing for one week from today May 21st. The date of the rescheduled City Council meeting.
2. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing on the city's 2007-2008 budget.
 - a. Administrator Harrison provided the following information for the Council and general public.
 - "Exhibit A"

- o b. Following the review by Administrator Harrison, Mayor Palmer stated the City would hold its second hearing on June 11th and at that time it will include the schools local share of the budget.
3. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing on the Beer-Wine-Liquor pouring license request of Rare Hospitality Inc doing business as Long Horn Steakhouse with Jeff Mathis as the authorized agent.
- a. Mayor Palmer stated that it is a new location and does meet the distance requirement of churches, schools, and residents.
 - b. Mayor Palmer stated they also meet the parking requirements.
 - c. The police report was clear.
 - d. Mayor Palmer asked if there any comments by the public, there were none.
 - e. Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments by the Council, there were none, and the public hearing was closed.
 - f. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the beer-wine-liquor pouring license for Rare Hospitality Inc. doing business as Long Horn Steakhouse of Calhoun with Jeff Mathis as the authorized agent. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
8. **Old Business: None**
9. **New Business:**
- a. Mayor Palmer stated that the Chamber of Commerce tourism division, Beth Grubbs had requested the Council to consider waving the yard sale prohibition in the commercial area for the period of June 1st- June 3rd in order to allow the community to participate in the “90 mile yard sale” on Old Dixie Highway, also known as Highway 41. The council determined this had been a successful event the prior year. Councilman Crowley made a motion to allow the public to participate in the 90 mile yard sale in the commercial area during the period of June 1st-June 3rd. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Hammond, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - b. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of an ordinance to designate the core downtown area as a historical district in the City of Calhoun. He stated that he would ask for the Council to set a motion for the public hearing on June 11, 2007 @ 7:00 P.M.. Following discussion Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to set the public hearing on June 11, 2007 @ 7:00 P.M.. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon, and Councilman Hammond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - c. Mayor Palmer reviewed the playground equipment proposals for the 58 acre project. Those proposals included Landscape Structures \$231,122.15; Miracle REC \$249,000.00; Playworx \$250,000.00; PRS Playparks \$250,000.00; Gametime \$260,000.00. Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Works, stated the proposal request ask each vendor to provide information for a play area that would address ADA for at least 60%. He stated that in requesting the proposals he had used recommendation from Pat Nix and Sue Morgan who assist with a handicap summer camp each year. He stated that from the information provided by the individual vendors and based on prior experience with the company called

Gametime, he felt the overall proposal by Gametime, even though it is more expensive, does have more value than the other proposals and he would recommend the Council consider their proposal. He stated there may be a possibility to reduce the amount slightly; however their proposal did give benefit for the dollars quoted. Following review Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to accept the proposal from Gametime for \$260,000.00, however the final product would be reviewed with the recreation director and the public works director to determine an amount not to exceed \$260,000.00. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively, motion carried. Mayor Palmer stated that this is a joint project between the City of Calhoun and Gordon County and the end result will be of great benefit to the community.

2 d. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a rezoning request of Cheviot Hill Property, LLC, agent for Harmony Road Development, to change zoning from C- to R-2 for approximately 14.4 acres at 1401 Dews Pond Road. Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing will be July 9, 2007 @ 7:00 P.M.. Councilman Crowley made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Hammond, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

e. Surplus Property:

1. Mayor Palmer asked Mayor Pro Tem Potts to review the request of surplus property items for the solid waste area. Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated as of July 1, 2007 the following items should be declared surplus property and should be available for sale through the Gov-Deals process through GMA or the individual dumpsters will be available to be sold to the city's current commercial garbage customers if requested, since the value of the individual dumpsters will be below the legal amount of \$500.00 each.

- 1992 Ford F-700 serial # 1FDYH70P8PZA031217
- 1996 Mack Front Loader serial # 1M2K195C8TM008613
- 2002 Mack Front Loader serial # 1M2K185C32M009130
- 123 – 4 yard dumpsters
- 49 – 6 yard dumpsters
- 69 – 8 yard dumpsters

Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to approve the items as surplus property as of July 1, 2007 and to authorize the sale through GMA's Gov-Deals process following proper advertisement with an understanding that the current commercial garbage customers would have an option to purchase the individual dumpsters. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon, and Councilman Hammond voting affirmatively, motion carried.

2. Councilman Hammond stated the fire department had two pieces of equipment that are non operation and have a value of less than \$200.00 and they should be declared surplus property and since they are not operational they are not worth the effort of listing on Gov-Deals. He stated those are:

- 1979 Snapper mower serial # 81110539
- Pre-1988 Winco Generator

Councilman Hammond made a motion to declare the property surplus property and to authorize the items to be sold or disposed of at the earliest opportunity. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

f. Mayor Palmer stated Turon Development Inc. had requested the city accept a donation of Nathan Drive and Creekside Drive in Creekside Subdivision as city streets. The Street Superintendent Kevin McEntire confirmed the streets had been inspected and were ready for acceptance. Mayor Palmer stated that everything had been received except the value of the streets, which is required in order for it to become a fixed asset of the city. He stated if there is a motion to accept, that motion should be depended upon receipt of that information. Councilman Crowley made a motion to accept Nathan Drive and Creekside Drive in Creekside Subdivision as city streets, provided the proper information is received in order to add these to the city's fixed assets. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

g. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of the beer-wine-liquor pouring license for Los Maguey's III, LLC – b4, Libro Hernandez, authorized agent for the restaurant at Quality Inn owned by Gosain Enterprises Inc. on Highway 53 East. Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be June 11, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.. Councilman Hammond made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

h. Councilman Hammond stated the city had received a request from City Police Chief Moss to transfer \$6,338.00 from the asset seizure funds to cover the cost of 32 Glock 40 weapons to replace current weapons that have reached their maximum age for dependability. Following review, Councilman Hammond made a motion to authorize the payment from asset seizure funds not to exceed \$6,338.00 for the 32 Glock 40 weapons. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

i. Mayor Palmer reported the city had received information from the group health insurance agents, John D. Meadows, III and Jennifer Beason, regarding the renewal proposal from Blue Cross Blue Shield for the city's fiscal year 2007-2008. He stated at this time, the proposal is for an increase of 10% in order to provide the current plan with no changes; however this is depended upon the city switching its life and disability policies over to Blue Cross Blue Shields's company. Mayor Palmer stated there was an additional proposal to be received and his recommendation would be to hold the item for a vote until May 21, 2007, the Council concurred.

j. Mayor Palmer gave a review of a request of Larry Knight, owner & operator of Corner Pawn at River and Court Street intersections. A request to re-locate his business to the former Burger Market also known as the Old Calfee store on Highway 41 north, north of CVS. Following discussion of the improvements that have been made to the property and a statement that this was for relocation only, and the license are current for Mr. Knight for Corner Pawn, Councilman Hammond made a motion to authorize the relocation of the business for Mr. Knight from its present location to the north 41 location. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon,

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

k. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of an 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. Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a hearing would be July 9, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon, and Councilman Hammond voting affirmatively, motion carried.

l. Mayor Palmer stated the city had received a request for eleven applications for annexation and zoning. He stated the first ten items are accommodation annexation requests that are needed in order for the eleventh item to be eligible for consideration. He stated that the items must be reviewed and heard in the order presented in order for the property to be contiguous and eligible for consideration. The 11 items were as follows:

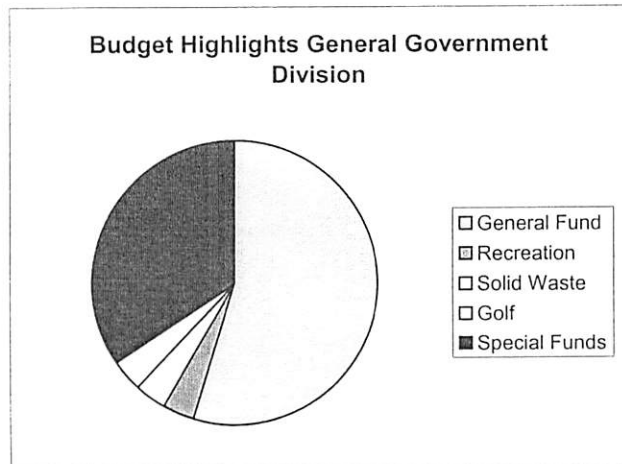
1. Jack & Gwen Hennessee, 473 Harris Beamer Rd.
2. Maria T. Castillo & Rolando Bracamonte, 485 Harris Beamer Rd.
3. Patricia & David Neighbors, 497 Harris Beamer Rd.
4. Stacie & Jerry Dodd, 509 Harris Beamer Rd.
5. Edward & Paulette Richards, 521 Harris Beamer Rd.
6. Scorpio Denmon, 543 Harris Beamer Rd.
7. Darren & Cathy Edwards, 555 Harris Beamer Rd.
8. Walter Barrios, 569 Harris Beamer Rd.
9. Bulmaro M. Anguiano, Leovigilda Martinez & Rafaela M. Martinez, 583 Harris Beamer Rd.
10. Maria Lebron & Luis M. Santana, 595 Harris Beamer Rd.
11. Randall R. Hunter, Executor for Gil Smith 683 Harris Beamer Rd – 40 acres – all tracts for R1-B Zoning.

Mayor Palmer stated that the earliest possible date for a hearing on the items would be July 9, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.. Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing on all eleven items on July 9, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Hammond, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

9. **Other Written Items Not on the Agenda:** None
10. **Work Reports:**
 - a. Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities, no report.
 - b. Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works, no report.
11. Mayor Palmer inquired if there was a need to move to Executive Session, the response was negative.

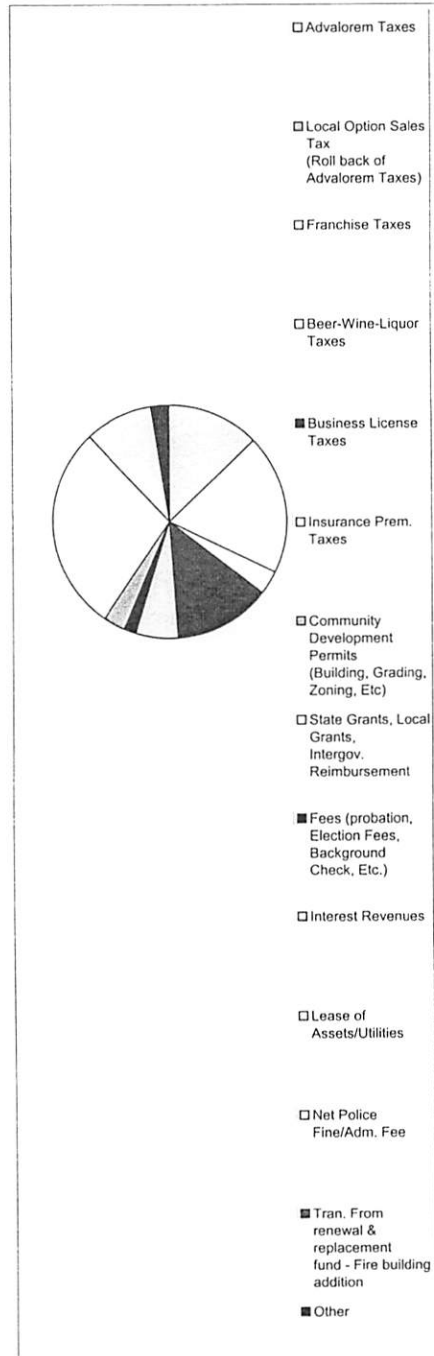
City of Calhoun, GA
Budget Highlights 2007-2008
General Government Division: (Excludes School @ this time)

General Fund	\$14,416,561.00
Recreation	\$969,595.00
Solid Waste	\$946,957.00
Golf	\$974,241.00
Special Funds	\$9,085,801.00
Total	\$26,393,155.00



City of Calhoun, GA
Budget Highlights 2007-2008
General Government Division Revenues

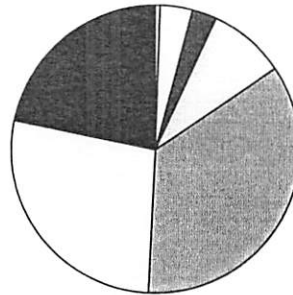
Advalorem Taxes	\$1,213,943.00
Local Option Sales Tax (Roll back of Advalorem Taxes)	\$3,700,397.00
Franchise Taxes	\$1,864,350.00
Beer-Wine-Liquor Taxes	\$315,500.00
Business License Taxes	\$1,264,500.00
Insurance Prem. Taxes	\$572,000.00
Community Development Permits (Building, Grading, Zoning, Etc)	\$181,700.00
State Grants, Local Grants, Intergov. Reimbursement	\$731,157.00
Fees (probation, Election Fees, Background Check, Etc.)	\$159,666.00
Interest Revenues	\$300,200.00
Lease of Assets/Utilities	\$2,727,687.00
Net Police Fine/Adm. Fee	\$905,100.00
Tran. From renewal & replacement fund - Fire building addition	\$250,000.00
Other	\$230,361.00
Total	\$14,416,561.00



**City of Calhoun, GA
Budget Highlights 2007-2008
General Fund - Expenses**

Administration Human Resources Finance Tax Collection Teller Purchasing Risk Management	\$3,425,577.00
Municipal Court Probation Prisoner Custody	\$465,647.00
Social Services	\$57,638.00
Buildings - Improvements	\$373,005.00
Library (County Reim \$173,118.00)	\$301,265.00
Community Development	\$914,394.00
Police	\$3,709,494.00
Fire	\$2,887,077.00
Public Works	\$2,282,464.00
Total	\$14,416,561.00

General Fund - Expenses



- Administration
- Human Resources
- Finance
- Tax Collection
- Teller
- Purchasing
- Risk Management
- Municipal Court
- Probation
- Prisoner Custody

- Social Services

- Buildings - Improvements

- Library (County Reim \$173,118.00)

- Community Development

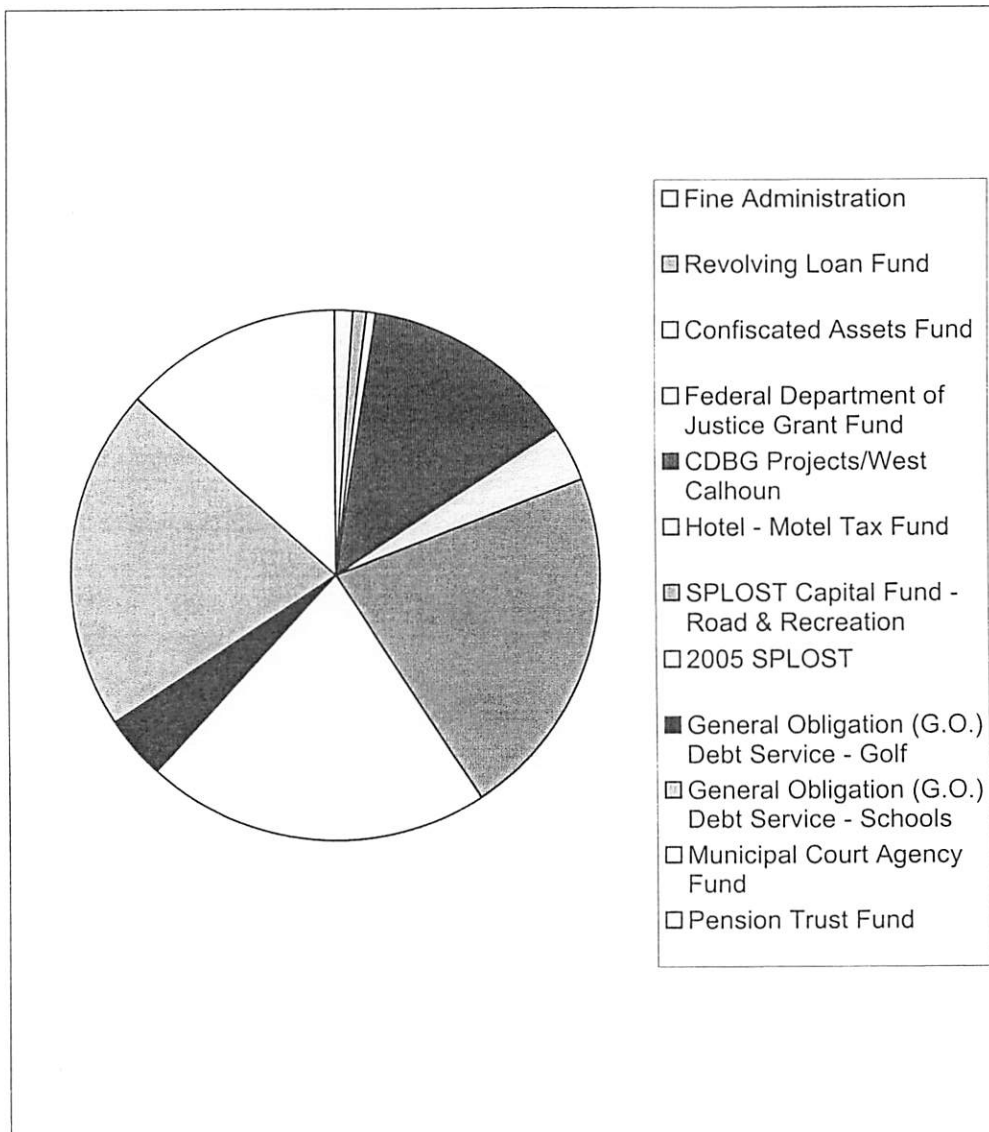
- Police

- Fire

- Public Works

Summary of General Special Fund Expenses

Fine Administration	110,000.00
Revolving Loan Fund	71,000.00
Confiscated Assets Fund	40,600.00
Federal Department of Justice Grant Fund	5,000.00
CDBG Projects/West Calhoun	1,202,700.00
Hotel - Motel Tax Fund	300,000.00
SPLOST Capital Fund - Road & Recreation	1,990,000.00
2005 SPLOST	1,900,000.00
General Obligation (G.O.) Debt Service - Golf	371,585.00
General Obligation (G.O.) Debt Service - Schools	1,893,866.00
Municipal Court Agency Fund	1,201,000.00
Pension Trust Fund	50.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,085,801.00

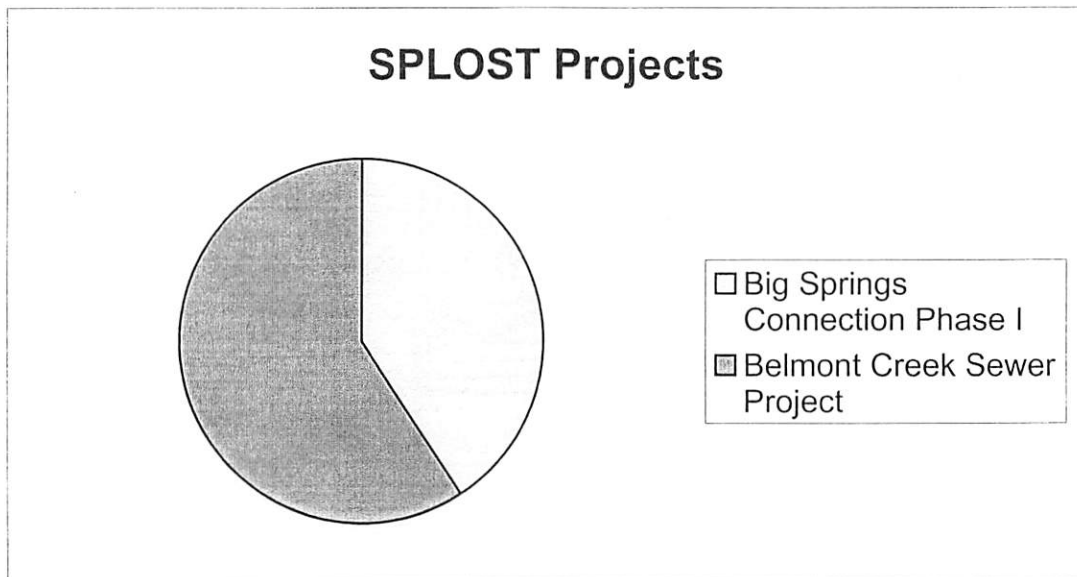


City of Calhoun, GA
Budget Highlights 2007-2008
Utility Division:

Utility Administration	\$2,737,469.00
Waste Treatment System	\$7,410,092.00
New Services	\$664,200.00
Water Treatment/Dist System	\$9,793,541.00
New Services	\$1,349,070.00
Water/Sewer Bond Debt	\$985,275.00
Electric Dist. System	\$30,149,444.00
Telecommunications System	\$837,151.00
Special WA/SW Capital Projects	\$3,208,800.00
Total	\$57,135,042.00

SPLOST PROJECTS

Big Springs Connection Phase I	\$1,308,800.00
Belmont Creek Sewer Project	\$1,900,000.00

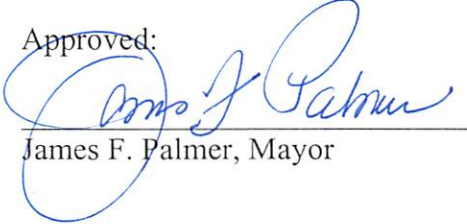


CITY OF CALHOUN
PROPOSED BUDGET 2007-2008
INCREASES IN RATES AND FEES

1. Increase in City M&O (Maintenance and Operation) Taxes by 1/3 mill – Estimated to be \$200,000.00 based on 2006 Tax Digest. (House valued at \$200,000.00 would see an annual increase of \$26.66 in taxes; house valued at \$100,000.00 would see an annual increase of \$13.33 in taxes.
2. Increase in Business License Taxes – Total increase \$55,000.00 (Increase of \$2.50 per employee on the average.)
3. Increase in residential garbage fees – total increase \$34,320.00 (increase of 65 cents per household per month.)
4. Increase in water rates – residential/commercial inside the city – up 4 cents per 1,000 gallons (after minimums) increase of 16 cents per month for 6,000 gallons of usage, or \$1.92 per year. Outside rate up by 6 cents per 1,000 gallons (after minimums) an increase of 24 cents per month for 6,000 gallons usage or \$2.88 per year. Industrial, inside the City – up 4 cents per 1,000 gallons (after minimums) for an increase of \$399.92 a month for 10,000,000 gallons usage or \$4,799.04 per year. Outside rate – up 5 cents per 1,000 gallons (after minimums) for an increase of \$499.90 per month or \$5,998.80 per year.
5. Increase in sewer rates – (based on water consumption) residential/commercial inside the city – up 16 cents per 1,000 gallons (after minimums) for an increase of 64 cents per month for 6,000 gallons of usage or \$7.68 per year. Outside rate up 24 cents per 1,000 gallons (after minimums) for an increase of 96 cents per month for 6,000 gallons of usage or \$11.52 per year. Industrial – inside City up 12 cents per 1,000 gallons (after minimums) for an increase of \$1,199.76 per month for 10,000,000 gallons of usage or \$14,397.12 per year.
6. Increase return check charge for \$15.00 to \$25.00 per item.
7. Increase cut off charge during regular work hours from \$15.00 to \$25.00
8. Add a new charge of \$15.00 for second trip to customer's service area when requested and they fail to appear on the first trip.

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

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

