



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019- 7:00 PM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** James F. Palmer, Mayor  
George R. Crowley, Mayor Pro Tem  
Ray Mitchell Denmon, Councilman  
Al Edwards, Councilman  
Jackie Palazzolo, Councilwoman

**ALSO:** Eddie Peterson, City Administrator; Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator; Paul Worley, Assistant City Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Jeff Defoor, Director of Electric Utilities; Tony Pyle, Police Chief; Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief; Kyle Ellis, Director of Water & Wastewater; Don Colburn, Special Operations; Suzanne Roberts, Downtown Development Authority Director; and Brad Carrick, Telecommunications Director.

**1. Council Meeting Called to Order**

**Welcome**

Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Invocation**

Councilman 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**

Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to approve the September 23, 2019 agenda as presented. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

**4. Amendment or Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of September 9, 2019. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

- A. Mayor Palmer announced that the third and final public hearing on the 2019 millage rate was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Depot Community Room.
- B. Mayor Palmer announced that October 7<sup>th</sup> would be the last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the November 5<sup>th</sup> General Election.
- C. Mayor Palmer announced that advanced early voting begins on October 14<sup>th</sup> and ends on November 1<sup>st</sup> for the November 5<sup>th</sup> General Election.

6. **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 speaking having filed a financial disclosure statement five days prior to the hearing if required, 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. Public hearing of a Beer and Wine Package License, at a location of 1133 South Wall Street, by Tajddin Investment, Inc. The owner/applicant is Nooruddin Rajwani. The proposed store manager is Timothy Hight.
  - Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
  - City Administrator Peterson stated that all legal requirements and notices had been met.
  - Mayor Palmer opened the floor for public comments.
  - There being none, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning the alcohol license application.
  - Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the beer and wine package license. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- B. Public hearing of amendments to certain sections of Part II-Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Article VI, Microbreweries, to change certain definitions, eliminating minimum size requirements, and to allow for samples with set daily limits.
  - Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
  - City Administrator Peterson stated that all legal requirements and notices had been met.
  - Mayor Palmer opened the floor for public comments.
  - City Attorney Govignon stated the ordinance was being modified to provide for allowance of better distribution and development of a retail market and industry. Mayor Palmer stated that the ordinance eliminates minimum sizes and allows for samples with set daily limits.
  - There being no other comments Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning the Microbreweries ordinance changes.
  - Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to approve the ordinance changes as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

**7. Old Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer stated that a motion was needed concerning a tabled beer pouring license, at a location of 273 Hwy 53 East, Suite 1, by Wings of Calhoun, LLC, DBA Buffalo Luke's. The owner/applicant is Robert Stoll. The proposed store manager is Clint Carter. The item was originally tabled after the public hearing until a proposed store manager was named. Councilman Edwards made a motion to remove the item from the table. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved. Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the beer pouring license request. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- B. Mayor Palmer called for a motion to approve or deny the 2019 proposed millage rate of 2.60 for the City of Calhoun. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the millage rate of 2.60. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved. Mayor Palmer called for a motion to approve or deny the 2019 proposed millage rate of 17.733 for Calhoun City Schools. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the millage rate of 17.733. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

**8. New Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a beer and wine package license, at a location of 225 Lovers Lane, by Food City #212. The proposed store manager is Myron McCormick. Eligible for a public hearing October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a beer and wine package license, at a location of 756 Hwy 53, by Beamer Petroleum, LLC. The owner, Imran Momin will also serve as the store manager. Eligible for a public hearing October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Mayor Palmer read a manager change request by Pilot Corporation, at a location of 2111 US Highway 41 NE. The prior manager was Kimberly Hayes and the proposed manager is Jessica Brown. Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- D. Mayor Palmer stated that a motion was needed concerning the submission of Pole Attachment License Agreements for Distribution Poles between the City of Calhoun and Verizon Wireless and New Cingular Wireless (AT&T). Utilities Administrator Vickery stated that the agreements were discussed in detail during the work session and set the parameters for attachments such as small cell and other attachments. There being no further discussion Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning the Verizon Wireless Pole Attachment License Agreement. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the Agreement as presented. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning the New Cingular Wireless Pole Attachment License Agreement. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the Agreement as presented. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye.
- E. Mayor Palmer stated that discussions were held during the Work Session concerning the GMA and ECG model ordinance pertaining to Wireless Facilities and Antennas. Council members were in agreement to have Calhoun Utilities draft the ordinance and bring it back to the Council for consideration.

9. **Other Written Items Not on the Agenda**

None

10. **Work Reports**

- A. Eddie Peterson, City Administrator gave the August 2019 General Government Cash Report stating that total operating revenues were \$2,047,455, total reserves were \$570,041, and total special funds, reserves and savings were \$7,665,392. He noted that the City does have the three-months operating reserves held in investments at \$3,426,353. He noted that the Golf Department is in the black and holding their own. The 2018 SPLOST has \$1,921,776, and the 2011 SPLOST has \$1,494,385. He reminded council members that the 2011 SPLOST will be used for continuation of the Peters Street project. Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning the General Government Cash Report. Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the report as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- B. Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator gave the August 2019 Utilities Cash Report stating that the total operating revenues were \$4,291,120, total savings and reserves were \$6,753,270, for a grand total of \$11,044,391. Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning the Utilities Cash Report. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the report as presented. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- C. George Govignon, City Attorney had nothing to report.

11. **Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed**


12. **Motion to return to General Session**

13. **Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Approved:

Submitted:



James F. Palmer, Mayor



Sharon Nelson, City Clerk

