

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING ST
JANUARY 26, 2015 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

**PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Al Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem
George Crowley, Councilman
David Hammond, Councilman
Matt Barton, Councilman**

ALSO: Eddie Peterson, City Administrator; Larry Vickery, Utilities General Manager; Paul Worley, City Clerk; Garry Moss, Police Chief; Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief; George Govignon, City Attorney; Kim Townsend, Recreation Director

- 1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
A. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards gave the invocation.**
- 2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.**
- 3. Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the agenda and Councilman Crowley seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion approved.**
- 4. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2015 City Council Meeting. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.**
- 5. Mayor's Comments:**
 - A. Mayor Palmer and the Council discussed their recent experiences at the Georgia Municipal Association's Mayor's Day Conference. Mayor's Day is an opportunity for continuing education and to learn about legislative concerns that can potential impact local governments.**
- 6. Public Hearings and Comments:**
 - A. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing for a Liquor Pouring License request by Steve Bayzid, DBA: Taco House at a location of 803 South Wall Street.**
 - Mr. Peterson stated that all advertising requirements have been met.**
 - Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments.**
 - Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing.**
 - Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the liquor pouring license request. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.**

- B. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing for a taxicab regulatory license application by Miguel Leon, DBA: Taxi Aztlan at a location of 235 West Line Street Suit 7.

- Mr. Peterson stated that all advertising requirements have been met.
- Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments.
- Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing.
- Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the taxicab regulatory license request. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

7. Old Business:

- A. Ronnie Nix and Joe Sawyer with Barge, Waggoner, Sumner, and Cannon, Inc., the contractor responsible for the development of the Calhoun Recreation Master Plan for the 58 acre park, presented the final Master Plan. The Master Plan is on display at the Recreation Center and will be available for viewing on the Recreation website at www.cityofcalhoun-ga.com/recreation/. Recreation Director Kim Townsend thanked the Core Planning Team, the Recreation Board, and all the citizens who participated in the two public input meetings. The planning process started in August of 2014. A final version of the master plan was voted on and approved by the Recreation Board to present to the Council. Core Planning Team member Tundra Taylor was in attendance along with Dicky Goswick who is a member of the Recreation Board. Mr. Goswick stated that he was excited about this project and that it will be a great asset for the whole community. Mayor Palmer thanked the voters who approved the last SPLOST, which will enable the City to have funds to be able to undertake projects such as these. Councilman Hammond asked about project costs and Mr. Sawyer discussed some rough estimates based on multiple phases for a project of this size.
- B. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a variance request to allow removal of the existing single family home and rebuild a single family home in R-2 zoning by Kelly Cornwell at a location of 203 Barrett Road. The ZAB will meet on February 5th and the public hearing will be on February 9th.
- C. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a beer and wine package license request by Abuali Pirani DBA: San Marcos Market at a location of 90 East May Street. The public hearing will be on February 9th.
- D. Councilman Barton made a motion to amend the road closure request to include keeping Court Street closed between King Street and Wall Street on Friday, April 24, 2015 from 3:30 p.m. until Saturday, April 25, 2015 ending at 6:00 p.m. for the BBQ, Boogie, and Blues Special Event. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. Police Chief Moss and Fire Chief Nesbitt stated that consideration needs to be made to ensure Public Safety access in case of emergency.

8. New Business:

- A. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the budget calendar for fiscal year 2015-2016. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. Note: approval of the budget calendar has set the second City Council meeting in May for the 18th and the second meeting in June for the 15th.

9. Other written items not on the agenda: None

10. Work Reports:

A. City Administrator Eddie Peterson

- Administrator Peterson reviewed the General Government monthly cash report with the general fund checking at \$4,523,000. This is our daily and weekly operating account which is a good cash position as compared to previous years. Reserves meet our three month operational financial policies at \$4,050,000. Also, the revolving loan fund is at \$656,000 and in good standing and still within DCA guidelines for cash balances allowed. The golf enterprise fund is a non-major proprietary fund, the same as Solid Waste and Telecommunication. There have been many years that Solid Waste has had yearend losses, much more so than the golf fund. All golf operational obligations are up to date and the cumulative loss is for the past two years. The 2011 SPLOST unreserved cash balance is at \$108,000 and the Peters Street allocations are at \$711,000. The cash balance for the 2005 SPLOST is dedicated to the phosphorous removal mandates whenever the State of Georgia can set a daily maximum load criteria. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the cash report. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.


B. General Manager Larry Vickery

- General Manager Vickery reviewed the Utilities monthly cash report with Electric cash flow and savings in good standing and within close proximity of having three months operating reserves. Electric reserves are at \$7,698,988. The Water and Sewer reserves are not within the three month operational financial policy and are currently at \$2,068,409. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the cash report. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- General Manager Vickery discussed a Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia update meeting that he and the Council attended at Mayor's Day. Bob Johnston, President and Chief Executive Officer of MEAG Power, spoke at the meeting concerning coal issues as it relates to carbon reduction mandates, fixed costs of the existing power grid, and legislative issues concerning the use of solar panels.

11. Councilman Barton made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hammond with all voting aye, motion approved.

Approved:

Submitted:



James F. Palmer, Mayor



Paul Worley, City Clerk