

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
CALHOUN, GA
JUNE 9, 2008 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

**PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
George R. Crowley, Mayor Pro Tem
Ray Denmon, Councilman
David Hammond, Councilman
Al Edwards, Councilman**

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

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Councilman Hammond gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Council Comments. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
4. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2008 regular City Council meeting as written. The motion was second by Councilman Edwards with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
5. **Mayors Comments:**
 - A. Mayor Palmer reminded everyone that the regular June 23, 2008 City Council meeting has been moved to June 16, 2008 due to the Annual GMA Convention in Savannah, Georgia.
 - B. Mayor Palmer was presented a US flag that flew over Camp Ramandi, Iraq. Roger Burnley and Chuck Ruth with Calhoun Elks Club have organized a flag raising on Flag Day Saturday June 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in front of Court House. Sponsor's includes a local Guard Unit, American Legion, Calhoun Elks, Tyron Johnson's Boy Scout Unit, Mr. Beau Jordon and others. Mayor Palmer encouraged everyone to come out and celebrate Flag Day in Calhoun.
 - C. Mayor Palmer asked Councilman Edwards to review the zoning hearings scheduled July 14, 2008 with the Zoning Advisory Board meeting on July 10, 2008:

July 14, 2008

1. An annexation request by Randy and Donna McEntyre for .43 acres located at 175 West Belmont Drive.

2. A 10' variance request by Jim Haggard to build a 26x24 detached garage on the rear of his property located at 110 Shenandoah Drive.
3. An annexation and zoning change request from A-1 to IND-G by Champions of Calhoun, LLC for 8.17 acres located at 127 Nance Road.

6. **Council Comments:**

A. Councilman Edwards gave the May reports as follows:

1) The Street Department:

- Routine maintenance of brush truck, bush hog, and street sweeper routes.
- Placed 4 new street signs
- Completed 20 shop and 33 street department work orders
- Ran storm water maintenance plan on May 15th checking all grates and pipes inside the City
- Dug out and patched utility cuts and on N. Ind. Blvd and the Mill Village using 13.1 tons of asphalt.
- Put down top soil and grassed at the new pavilion and other areas around the 58 acre park.
- Put down top soil, sowed grass seed and blew straw on all remaining bare spots at the 58 acre park.
- Rebuilt damaged storm water box and laid 35 feet in inches of pipe at the intersection of North Industrial Boulevard and Old Dalton Road.
- Put down crush run stone along low shoulders of the road along Beamer Road.
- Street crews helped brush truck crew with picking up heavy load of spring brush cutting.
- Dipped out ditches with the grade-all and put down rip-rap stone where needed at the Mill Village.
- Sawed out failed section of the street on Sequoyah Terrace. This section will be based with stone and repaved.

2) The Parks and Maintenance Department:

- Provided routine maintenance of picking up liter, mowing, weed-eating, and cleaning up leaves at all City departments and parks.
- Completed maintenance jobs for the Street Department, Parks Department and the Library.

3) Cemetery Department:

- Supervised the opening and closing of 12 grave sites
- Performed routine maintenance on Fain and Chandler Cemeteries
- Sold 14 new grave spaces
- Assisted Contractors with installation of 8 new monuments
- Worked 5 grave sites and buried 8 foot markers

4) Animal Control:

- Housed 22 dogs and 15 cats
- Answered 60 customer calls
- Issued 3 fines for leash law violation

5) Safety Committee:

- Had a safety topic of Vehicle Safety and Inspections

- Inspected Golf Course on May 13, 2008
 - 2 vehicle, & 1 equipment accident reported
- B. Councilman Denmon gave the May reports as follows:
- 1) The Water Treatment Plant Facility:
 - Pumped a total of 325,260,000 gallons of water for a daily average of 10,840,000 million gallons
 - The Brittany Drive Treatment Plant produced 33.1% of the City's potable water for the month.
 - 2) The Waste Treatment Plant:
 - Treated a daily average of 5.568 MGD, with an average BOD effluent of 8, average suspended effluent of 11, and an average COD effluent of 65.
 - 3) The Water Construction Department:
 - Made 21 water connections
 - Made 38 water connections changed out with new meter
 - Fixed 29 water leaks
 - Installed 1,200 feet of 2" PVC pipe
 - Installed 0 feet of 6" PVC pipe
 - Installed 0 feet of 8" PVC pipe
 - Set 57 new meters
 - Repaired 29 city side meter leaks
 - Pulled 37 meters
 - Changed out 12 meters
 - Changed 10 cutoffs
 - Installed 0 new fire hydrants
 - Responded to 360 locates
 - Called in 52 locates for City work orders
 - Called in and worked 36 emergency locates for repairs
 - Received and responded to 242 misc. calls
 - 4) The Sewer Construction Department:
 - Provided 10 sewer connections during the month
 - Repaired 6 sanitary services
 - Repaired 2 sanitary sewer manholes
 - TV inspected sewer mains for a total of 650 ft
 - Inspected sewer service lines for a total of 247 feet
 - Completed 277 locates
 - Repaired 5 lift station
 - Responded to 12 calls for sewer service (10 calls for sewer service line, 9 on customer side)
 - Cleaned sewer lines totaling 7,750 feet
 - Opened and inspected 47 manholes
 - Completed removing debris from Sludge ponds at Water Treatment Plant
 - Completed removal of trees and brush from behind Street Department for new "fill" area.
 - Hauled scrap metal from Sewer Treatment, Water Treatment, & sewer Construction Department areas.
 - Began work at Big Springs site.

- 5) The Sludge Department:
 - o Applied 1840,064 cubic yards representing 216.9 dry tons of sludge
 - 6) Building Inspection Department:
 - o Issued 47 permits for an estimated cost of \$1,397,300.00. This included 3 new residential, 2 residential remodeling, 1 new commercial, 5 commercial remodeling, 1 industrial addition, 4 residential plumbing, 6 commercial plumbing, 5 residential HVAC, 4 commercial HVAC, 1 new industrial plumbing, 5 residential electrical, 6 commercial electrical, 3 sign permit & 1 pool permit.
- C. Councilman Crowley gave his May reports as follows:
- 1) The Electric Department:
 - Long Term Projects Under Construction:
 - o The upgrade of older clarifiers and thickeners remains under construction at the Waste Treatment Plant. The project remains approximately 85% complete. The utilities construction crews will be supported by electric maintenance personnel as needed to complete all remaining waste treatment plant projects and controls. Testing of aeration basins and digesters has been completed.
 - o Phase II of the System Loss Program for 2007-2008; engineering revision phase is complete to accommodate system load characteristic changes. Switching equipment bid preparation is complete and the required brackets and switches are on order. Additionally, the final phase of the System Reliability Project for #4 Substation is in progress with a summer completion time frame.
 - Projects and Maintenance Under Construction:
 - o Inspection and tagging of the existing underground installations and overhead grounding maintenance continue to be scheduled weekly.
 - o Pole replacement is in process for all tested and rejected poles. Over 10 poles were replaced and transferred in May. Additional lighting pole replacements at the Calhoun Recreation Department were completed in May. Some replacement will continue into the summer along with lighting fixture additions.
 - o Service for the Badcock Building on South Wall Street is near completion and the easement document is complete. Waiting on customer to complete.
 - o The electric 300 Kva service to the new El Napol restaurant has been completed. An outdoor lighting proposal is in process. Construction is scheduled in June/July as the development progresses.
 - o The new Century Bank on West Belmont, Kobelco additional service, and the Calhoun High School bank replacement continue in engineering and design.
 - o Service to the Gordon Central High School Girls Softball Field has been completed.
 - o Street and security lighting – 54
 - o New business and maintenance – 85
 - o After hours trouble callouts – 26
 - During the Month of April the Electric Department:
 - o Set 7 meters
 - o Provided maintenance/replacement for 13 meters
 - o Purchased over 25 million KWH of electricity in April
 - 2) Telecommunications Department:
 - o Connected new T1 circuit for Mohawk Industries
 - o Signed agreement for internet service to PTS Financial Services.

- Update for Automatic Meter Reading project: pulled and spliced fiber for connection on Mount Alto. Framed for fiber pull on Fire Mt. Road. Designed fiber run and ordered fiber for Antioch water tank connection.
- Assisted with GPS base station server configuration.
- Ordered, installed and started installing new anti-virus/anti-malware software.
- Opened 30 work orders and closed 36

During the Month of April the GIS Department:

- Purchased new software from ESRI that provides additional client and server license.
- Installed and turned up new web based interface for department use.
- Trained the Engineering Department how to input data into GIS
- Support Electric department editing.

D. Councilman Hammond gave his May reports as follows:

1) The Police Department:

- Made 976 cases with 12 DUI's
- Fines collected by Municipal Court - \$89,032.50
- Issued 550 warnings
- Investigated 71 highway accidents and 32 private property accidents, 0 injuries, 0 fatalities
- Provided 89 escorts
- Filed 1,729 incidents reports
- Responded to 346 alarms
- Patrolled 57,828 miles
- Responded to 6,101 calls for service by E-911

2) The Fire Department:

- Responded to 50 calls for service, 1 fire incidents for damages totaling an estimated \$500.00
- Responded to 23 emergency medical service calls with 14 injuries and 1 death
- Responded to 8 hazardous conditions incidents
- Responded to 1 miscellaneous service calls, 14 false alarms, 2 special incident and 1 good intent
- Completed in-house training during the month for all firefighters on State required core skills along with additional department training
- Completed all scheduled station and vehicle maintenance
- Firefighters participated with Gordon County Firefighters with the GA Firefighters Burn Foundation "Give Burns the Boot" drive; raising over \$19,000 for the Foundation.
- Firefighters at Station 1 participated in the City Schools 3rd grade walking tour.
- Completed re-certification for CPR, First Aid, and AED use for all members.
- Continued fire hydrant maintenance on all City hydrants (not flowing per Water Dept. due to conditions)
- Took a truck to Superior manufacturing for a Fire Extinguisher class.
- Conducted a fire drill at Belmont Baptist youth building.
- Gave a fire safety class and station tour to 20 children from the Sunshine Academy.

3) Fire Inspection Department:

- Provided 90 inspections during the month: 8 annual, 4 new business, 27 requested, 29 follow-up re-inspections, 20 consultations
- Attended 2 plan reviews

- Inspectors attended Life Safety Seminar at Chattanooga Fire.
- Attended an Emergency Response drill at Mohawk and advised on procedures.
- Inspectors attended NW GA Arson Investigators Meeting.
- Inspectors attended LEPC meeting.
- Completed inspections on all motels in the City.

E. Mayor Palmer mentioned that a 90' pedestrian bridge was under construction by Calhoun Public Works. This bride will connect Calhoun's River Street Recreation Park to the new 58 acre park. Walking trails will increase by three miles.

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 CN zoning request for 2.79 acres located at 1584 Highway 53 Spur by Flipper McDaniel.
 - Peterson stated signs on the property, notices to the adjoining property owners and notices to the local legal organ were completed.
 - Councilman Edwards explained the request by Flipper McDaniel.
 - Mayor Palmer asked if there were any questions/comments, there were none.
 - The public hearing was closed.
 - The findings of the Mayor and Council were:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) The zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of the adjacent and nearby property.(2) The zoning proposal will not adversely affect the existing use or usability of the adjacent or nearby properties.(3) The property is currently zoned A-1.(4) The zoning proposal will not result in additional traffic on existing streets or impact utilities or schools.(5) The capital expense associated with the development of the property will be incurred by the developer.(6) The zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan.(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. |
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- Councilman Edwards made a motion to annex the request for 2.79 acres located at 1584 Highway 53 Spur by Flipper McDaniel. The motion was

second by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- Councilman Edwards made a motion to zone CN the request for 2.79 acres located at 1584 Highway 53 Spur by Flipper McDaniel. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Other Public Hearings:

- B. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing of a beer package license request by East India Enterprises, Inc d/b/a/ Neel's Market #2 with Dilipbhai K. Patel as authorized agent at a location of 461 Harris Beamer Road.
- Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the beer package license request by East India Enterprises, Inc d/b/a/ Neel's Market #2 with Dilipbhai K. Patel as authorized agent at a location of 461 Harris Beamer Road. The motion was second by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- C. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing for the March 2007 zoning map changes.
- Councilman Denmon made a motion to accept changes in the March zoning Map on the wall at the Depot as the Official City Zoning Map. The motion was second by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - Councilman Denmon made a motion to delete from the zoning classification O&I references to any multi-family uses such as R-2. The motion was second by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. **Old Business: NONE**

9. **New Business:**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of an annexation request by Larry W. and Kathy S. Brown for 4.05 acres located at 122 Nelson Lake Road.
- Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be August 11, 2008.
 - Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing for August 11, 2008. The motion was second by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley and approved.
- B. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley read a request from the Calhoun Housing Authority to close down McConnell road on August 2nd, 2008 from 12:00 pm until 3:00 pm for a "Back to School" block party.
- Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the road closing on August 2, 2008. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- C. Mayor Palmer read a request by the Calhoun Police Department to declare the following vehicles as excess property and to sell through GovDeals.com.
1. 1991 Geo Prizm, Confiscated, Vin# 1Y1SK5464MZ004838, valued at \$300.00 or less.
 2. 1995 Ford Taurus, City purchased with Asset Seizure funds, Vin# 1FALP5247SA174964, valued at \$750.00 or less
 3. 2004 Black Dodge Intrepid Vin # 2B3HD46V34H701264, mileage 62,838.
- Councilman Hammond made a motion to sell the items listed on govdeals.com. The motion was second by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- D. Mayor Palmer read a request by the City of Calhoun General Government Finance Department to close cash account 6175000094 with Regions bank due to interest rate

dropping significantly with no notification and also to manage in a more simplified way depositing directly into pooled operating account.

- Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to close cash account 6175000094 to consolidate and simplify the number of accounts. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

E. Mayor Palmer read a request to dedicate Creek Meadow Lane to the City of Calhoun.

- Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to accept deed, title and maintenance of Creek Meadow Lane by the City of Calhoun. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

F. Mayor Palmer read a request to adopt a resolution to approve and adopt the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan update for Gordon County and the cities of Calhoun, Fairmount, Plainville, Ranger, and Resaca.

- Mayor Palmer read the Resolution.
- Councilman Hammond made a motion to adopt the Resolution. The motion was second by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

G. Mayor Palmer reviewed the 2008-2009 LARP resurfacing contract.

- Councilman Denmon made a motion to sign contracts for LARP 2008/2009 for Chandler Street .170 mile, Shenandoah Drive .450 mile, Timber Ridge Drive .170 mile, Valley Circle .270 mile, and West May Street .420 mile. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

H. Administrator Peterson reviewed the 2008-2009 City of Calhoun's General Government budget and Kelly Cornwell reviewed the 2008-2009 City of Calhoun's Utility budget

- There were no questions or comments from the audience.
- Copy attached

I. Mayor Palmer asked Ed Moyer to present the 2008-2009 City School budget.

- Summary attached
- The Mayor and Council expressed their appreciation to the School Board and Administration for an excellent job on the budget and the Calhoun Education system.
- Councilman Hammond made a motion to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Crowley as liaison to the Calhoun School System. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

10. **Other Written Items Not on the Agenda:**

A. Mayor Palmer read a request from the City of Calhoun's Golf Maintenance Department to declare the following items as surplus and to sell on GovDeals.com.

1. 1991 SDI 100 gallon sprayer, Serial # 16424, City ID 19272
2. 1991 SDI 300 gallon sprayer, Serial # 16423, City ID 19046
3. 1999 Toro 3200D Greensmaster, Serial #04381-90369, City ID 19263
4. 1999 Toro 3200D Greensmaster, Serial #04361-90366, City ID 19262

- Councilman Hammond made a motion to declare the items as surplus and to sell on GovDeals.com. The motion was second by Council Denmon with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

B. Mayor Palmer read a request from the Calhoun Police Department to transfer \$1,000 from the Police Federal Seizure Account # 3 to the P.E.P.I account.

- Councilman Hammond made a motion to transfer the money as requested. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

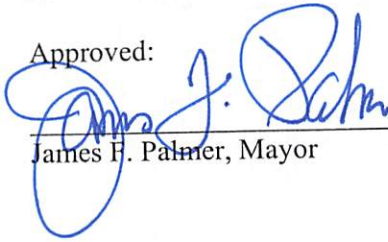
11. **Work Reports:**

A. Kelly Cornwell – Director of Utilities

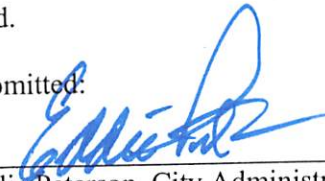
1. Kelly read a request from the Calhoun Utilities Finance Department to close account #0005746528939. He stated this account was opened in mid-April when the Electric fund loaned the Water fund this money for sinking fund purposes as the 2008 bonds were being issued. It has since been determined that a surety bond that was taken out with the 2001 bonds covers the majority of this balance and this account is not needed. This account had a balance of \$987,315.02 which the Water Fund paid the Electric Fund back and was used to open a 60 day certificate of deposit at GB&T for the Electric Fund. The opening of this certificate and a Water certificate for \$1,751,882.89 and a Sewer certificate for \$733,006.28 also need to be approved at this council meeting. The Water and Sewer certificates were renewals of previous certificates. We renewed the amount that represented reserve portions and excess portions were deposited into the pooled cash account. All three certificates were opened at GB&T after obtaining bids.
 - Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the request from Calhoun Utilities. The motion was second by Councilman Edwards with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
2. Bill Bailey explained the Coosawattee Regional Water and Sewerage Authority (HB 801 in the year 2008) and read a Resolution appointing a board member from the City of Calhoun.
 - Councilman Edwards made a motion to appoint Kelly Cornwell as a CRWSA board member. The motion was second by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - Copy attached
3. Director Cornwell presented to the Mayor and Council a recommendation to purchase additional nuclear power electricity generation as a member of the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia. MEAG, an original co-owner of Plant Vogtle, owns 22.7 percent of the original Plant Vogtle project which entitles MEAG to buy 22.7 percent of the expansion of 2,204 new megawatts of electricity generation. Plant Vogtle is owned by Georgia Power, Oglethorpe Power, the City of Dalton, GA, and MEAG. MEAG's share would be approximately 500 megawatts at a cost of \$3.1 billion. Plant Vogtle is located near Waynesboro and the South Carolina border and was originally designed for four units and has air and water permits in place. The cost of the new expansion is approximately \$6.2 million per megawatt. He further explained that new regulations on carbon emissions and concerns over global warming indicate that nuclear power is one of the preferred generation methods of the future. The Vogtle expansion will involve two nuclear reactors and is scheduled to be on line in 2016 and 2017.
 - Mayor Palmer read a resolution (attached)
 - Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the resolution and three contracts for Calhoun to subscribe to 25 megawatts of the additional units, divided as 10 megawatts allocated to Plant Vogtle Additional Units Non-PPA project; and 15 megawatts allocated to the Plant Vogtle Additional Units PPA Project, and if applicable, the Plant Vogtle Additional Units PPA-2 Project. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

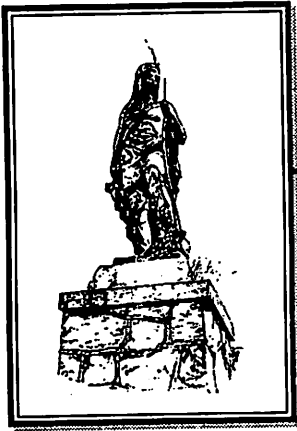
12. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to adjourn. The motion was second by Councilman Edwards with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:


Eddie Peterson, City Administrator



City of Calhoun, Georgia

Site of New Echota in the Land of the Cherokee

Resolution to Approve and Adopt the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan Update for Gordon County and the Cities of Calhoun, Fairmount, Plainville, Ranger, and Resaca

WHEREAS, the Gordon County Board of Commissioners and the City of Calhoun have completed a Solid Waste Management Update; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Management Plan Update was prepared in accordance with the minimum planning standards and procedures for solid waste management established by the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act; and

WHEREAS, the first public hearing was conducted on March 6, 2007 and the second public hearing was conducted on April 17, 2007 in accordance with the minimum public participation requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Gordon County Board of Commissioners and the City of Calhoun submitted the Solid Waste Management Plan Update to the Coosa Valley Regional Development Center for regional review on April 17, 2007, as required by the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs approved the Solid Waste Management Plan Update in a letter dated April 23, 2008;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calhoun does hereby approve and adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan Update for Gordon County and the Cities of Calhoun, Fairmount, Plainville, Ranger, and Resaca (Revised February 2008).

Adopted this 9th day of June 2008.

BY:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk