

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
CALHOUN, GA
AUGUST 25, 2008 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

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

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley 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 proposed agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
4. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2008 regular City Council Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edwards with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
5. Mayors Comments:
 - A. Mayor Palmer expressed condolences to the family and friends of Kathy Cox. Mrs. Cox, Gordon County Ordinance Officer, died in an automobile accident last week.
 - B. Mayor Palmer explained the Georgia Child Identification Program, which is being sponsored by the local Masonic Lodges, is a program directed at child safety where the first 12 to 18 hours of a missing child is critical.
 - Councilman Hammond made a motion to fund \$400 for this local service which affects the health, safety, and welfare of local children. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - C. Marcus Palazzolo, President of the Calhoun Cycling Club, and the officers of that club, thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the Water Tank Mountain Bike Trail. The two miles of multi-use trail is located off of Kirby Road. Mr. Palazzolo also thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of local biking. Mayor Palmer, the Council, Director Cornwell, and Attorney Bailey were given honorary membership status in C3.
 - D. Mayor Palmer asked Councilman Edwards to review the zoning hearings scheduled for October 13, 2008.
 1. A 6 foot variance request by Neva Faith Wetton to build a 10'X20' open garage at 81 Echota 2nd Street.

2. An annexation and C-2 zoning request by Danny Keith and Hilda Jane Davis for 1.51 acres located at 1367 US 41 North.
 - Councilman Edwards stated the Zoning Advisory Board meeting for these items would be held on October 9, 2008 at 4:30 PM.

5. Public Hearings and Comments:
 - A. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing on a taxi license request by Ruben Ochoa Flores d/b/a Bimbo Taxi with a business address of 637 Oothcalooga Street.
 - Mayor Palmer asked if there were any questions/comments. There were none.
 - The public hearing was closed.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the taxi license request by Ruben Ochoa Flores d/b/a Bimbo Taxi with a business address of 637 Oothcalooga Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edwards with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - B. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing on a beer pouring license request for JDK Food, Inc. d/b/a Schroder's New Deli with Bonnie Kristina Maddux-Lawrence as authorized agent for a location of 120 Cornerstone Way Suite 2 in Harmony Square.
 - Mayor Palmer asked if there were any questions/comments. There were none.
 - The public hearing was closed.
 - Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the beer pouring license request for JDK Food, Inc. d/b/a Schroder's New Deli with Bonnie Kristina Maddux-Lawrence as authorized agent for a location of 120 Cornerstone Way Suite 2 in Harmony Square. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

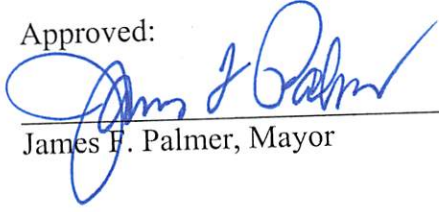
6. Old Business:
 - A. Mayor Palmer gave a 2nd reading of a beer-wine-liquor package license request by Yogesh Patel, authorized agent, with a business location of 101 Williams Street.
 - Mayor Palmer stated the public hearing is set for September 8, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

7. New Business:
 - A. Mayor Palmer gave a 1st reading of a taxi license request by Maria Garcia for a business location of 802 North Wall Street
 - Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be September 22, 2008.
 - Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing for that date. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. Other Written Items not on the Agenda:
 - A. Mayor Palmer stated that the City of Calhoun was awarded an \$800,000 Community Development Block Grant for the West Calhoun Initiative. This grant along with City in-kind work will provide for water, sewer, and housing improvements in areas near Court Street, Fair Street, MLK Drive and McConnell Road. The official award will take place in mid September 2008.

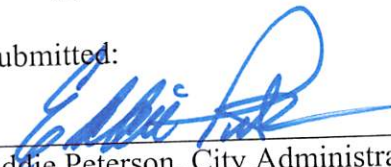
9. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hammond with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Eddie Peterson, City Administrator