

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
CALHOUN, GA  
NOVEMBER 10, 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  
Heather Evans, Deputy City Clerk**

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 Hammond made a motion to approve the 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 October 27, 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 reminded the public of the Mayor's Motorcade to N.W. Regional Hospital to deliver donated Christmas gifts to make sure the patients are remembered. He stated City Hall will receive gifts from donors until the day of the event which is December 16, 2008.
  - B. Mayor Palmer stated the City will have one delegate, Councilman Hammond, to attend the National League of Cities in Orlando Florida November 11 – 15.
  - C. Mayor Palmer thanked everyone who voted for the recent election and congratulated the winners. He also thanked the unsuccessful for their interest and encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming run-off election.
  - D. Mayor Palmer asked Councilman Edwards to review the upcoming Zoning Hearings.
    - Councilman Edwards stated the Zoning Public Hearings for December 6, 2008 were as follows and has a Zoning Advisory Board date of December 4, 2008.

1. A 5' sign variance request by Cassie Dixon for a location of 100 Trammell Street.
  2. A 50' sign height variance request by Nimish Patel for a hotel location on Lovers Lane.
  3. A zoning change request by Terry Brumlow from R-1 to C-N for a location of 812 East Line Street.
- Councilman Edwards stated the Zoning Public Hearing for January 12, 2008 was as follows and has a Zoning Advisory Board date of January 8, 2008.
    1. A 15' variance request by CGA Global LLC for a set-back of 4.18 acres located on Thomas Street to build a 4500 sq foot office addition.

6. **Council Comments:**

A. Councilman Edwards gave the October reports as follows:

1) **The Street Department:**

- Routine maintenance of brush truck, leave vacuum, and street sweeper routes.
- Placed 6 new street signs
- Completed 36 shop and 23 street department work orders
- Ran storm water maintenance plan on October 23rd checking all grates and pipes inside the City
- Paved 1.48 miles of L.A.R.P. roads including Chandler Street, Shenandoah Drive, Timber Ridge Drive, Valley Circle, and West May Street using a total of 1353.45 tons of asphalt.
- Built a 12x12 foot observation platform and installed 2 concrete picnic tables at the overlook on the new mountain bike trail.
- Dug out and poured back 222 ft x 9 ft of sidewalk on one way Oothcalooga Street from Wall Street to Park Avenue
- Installed an irrigation system at the new 58 acre park for the new landscaping provided by the beautification committee at the island beside the football field. Hauled in top soil, planted shrubs, covered the grass seed and straw
- Removed a tree that was blown down in the roadway on Saddlebrook Drive
- Hauled 13 loads of top soil to the shed at Fain Cemetery for stock
- EPD inspection on the closed industrial landfill scored 100

2) **The Parks and Maintenance Department:**

- Picked up litter, mowed, weed-eated and cleaned up leaves at all City departments and parks
- Completed and installed new cabinets for the recreation department
- Performed work as called for by other departments

3) **Cemetery Department:**

- Supervised the opening and closing of 9 grave sites
- Performed routine maintenance on Fain and Chandler Cemeteries
- Sold 22 new grave spaces
- Worked 9 grave sites and buried 5 foot-markers

4) **Animal Control:**

- Housed 31 dogs and 18 cats
- Answered 53 customer calls

- 5) Safety Committee:
  - Had a safety topic of Workers' Compensation
  - Inspected Recreation Department on October 7, 2008
  
- B. Councilman Denmon gave the October reports as follows:
  - 1) The Water Treatment Plant Facility:
    - Pumped a total of 323,640,000 gallons of water for a daily average of 10,440,000 million gallons
    - The Brittany Drive Treatment Plant produced 31.2% of the City's potable water for the month.
  
  - 2) The Waste Treatment Plant:
    - Treated a daily average of 5.182 MGD, with an average BOD effluent of 6, average suspended effluent of 9, and an average COD effluent of 74.
  
  - 3) The Water Construction Department:
    - Made 23 water connections
    - Made 30 water connections changed out with new meter
    - Repaired 50 water leaks
    - Installed 1600 feet of 8" pvc pipe
    - Installed 21 2" meters
    - Responded to 295 utility locates
    - Responded to 115 utility locates called in for repairs
    - 31 emergency locates called in for repairs
    - Responded to 187 misc. calls
  
  - 4) The Sewer Construction Department:
    - Provided 7 sewer connections during the month
    - Repaired 3 sanitary services
    - Repaired 2 sanitary manhole
    - Inspected 360 ft of sanitary sewers
    - Completed 268 utility locates
    - Repaired 2 lift stations
    - Responded to 4 calls for sewer service (3 on customer side)
    - Cleaned sewer lines totaling 9,250 feet
    - Cleared 21,500 ft of sewer line right of ways
    - Opened and inspected 134 manholes
    - Began installing backflow preventors at several locations including water intake, sewer treatment plant and water treatment plant.
  
  - 5) The Sludge Department:
    - Applied 1,568 cubic yards representing 202 dry tons of sludge
  
  - 6) Building Inspection Department:
    - Issued 33 permits for an estimated cost of \$1,592,380.00. This included 2 new residential, 2 residential remodeling, 1 commercial remodeling, 1 new industrial, 6 residential plumbing, 3 commercial plumbing, 5 residential HVAC, 2 Commercial HVAC, 4 residential electrical, 5 commercial electrical, 2 sign.

C. Councilman Crowley gave his October reports as follows:

1) The Electric Department:

Long Term Projects Under Construction:

- The utilities construction crews will be supported by electric maintenance personnel as needed to complete all remaining **Waste Treatment** plant projects and controls.
- **Phase II of the System Loss Program for 2007-08** is progressing. The Capacitor switching equipment has been received. The first set of brackets and switches are installed and training on capacitor control is complete. The System Reliability Program is in its final phase with reclosing equipment being acquired for the #3 substation circuits.
- Union Grove Variable Frequency controls upgrade is complete.
- The electric **AMR Project** is progressing with over 2700 residential electric meters set through November 7th. Most of the initial installation “bugs” have been worked through as the reporting software and hardware are adjusted.

Projects and Maintenance Under Construction:

- The Pole Replacement Project is continuing for all rejected poles. The 2008 pole inspections complete an 8 year cycle for the entire electric system. Additional poles needing replacement this year were found and 11 poles have been set during October. One pole
- Specialized training for substation operators required by MEAG Transmission to perform emergency operations continues, 7 members of the Electric Dept. have completed training with 3 others to be trained in November.
- The electric 300 Kva service to the **new El Napol** restaurant has been energized. The developer is near completion.
- **The Apache Industries** 1,000 Kva manufacturing addition at its River Street location is under construction. The transformer replacement was completed in early October.
- The new **Century Bank** on W. Belmont and **Kobelco** additional service are engineered. All Electric Facilities are complete at Century Bank and waiting on the developer.
- The **Coosa Senior Complex Phase 2** engineering and design is complete. The temporary overhead service is complete. Engineering is complete on the project outdoor lighting and materials are on order for the entire development.
- **Tree Trimming and Clearing** will continue for Meadow Lane, Curtis Parkway and Mims Drive areas. Spot trimming will also target “Hot Spots” in the Industrial areas as well as dead tree removal in several locations during November.
- Electrical design and engineering remains in process for the **Bentley Project on McDaniel Station Rd.** Planning meetings continue with the contractors.

WORK ORDERS IN PROCESS OR COMPLETED FOR OCTOBER:

- Street and security lighting – 60
- New business and maintenance – 39
- After hours trouble callouts – 15

During the Month of October the Electric Department:

- Set 6 meters
- Provided maintenance/replacement for 7 meters
- 1460 AMR Meter Changes
- Purchased over 29 million KWH of electricity in September

- 2) Telecommunications Department:
- Finished transferring files from the electric server to the new file server and decommissioned old file server.
  - Started planning transfer of Utility Administration files to new file server.
  - Finished connecting new copper phone lines and demolished old copper line for Depot phones in support of Streetscape project.
  - Continued testing CALIX fiber electronics.
  - Started developing reporting tools for AMR meter validation.
  - Converted 3 circuits to run on AllOptic fiber system. This allowed 5 fibers to be recovered for future use.
  - Opened 41 and closed 38 work orders.
- During the Month of October the GIS Department:
- Committed a major portion of time correcting parcel addresses.
  - Continue developing tools for fiber optic system management.
  - Continue Geo-referencing meters for AMR Project. To date 2142 electric meters and 6482 water meters have been marked.
  - Conducted GIS training for Waste Water, Police, Engineering and Electric Departments.
  - Started developing web site for GIS data.
  - Updated the Engineering section of the City of Calhoun website.
- D. Councilman Hammond gave his October reports as follows:
- 1) The Police Department:
- Made 548 cases with 8 DUI's
  - Fines collected by Municipal Court - \$87,605.00
  - Issued 412 warnings
  - Investigated 54 highway accidents and 32 private property accidents, 0 injuries, 0 fatalities
  - Provided 68 escorts
  - Filed 1,539 incidents reports
  - Responded to 355 alarms
  - Patrolled 59,031 miles
  - Responded to 5,233 calls for service by E-911
  - Councilman Hammond reported on the successful K-9 conference in Calhoun during October. He congratulated Chief Moss as the event raised enough money to purchase a second dog for the City of Calhoun Police Department.
- 2) The Fire Department:
- Responded to 65 calls for service, 10 fire incidents for damages totaling an estimated \$58,000
  - Responded to 24 emergency medical service calls with 25 injuries and 0 deaths
  - Responded to 10 hazardous conditions incidents
  - Responded to 4 miscellaneous service calls, 17 false alarms
  - 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

- Took an engine to First Baptist Pre-School, Calhoun Primary, Calhoun Elementary, and Calhoun Church of Christ schools for Fire Safety presentation to a total of 2015 children.
- Conducted a fire extinguisher class for Nance Carpets
- Assisted with the Pandemic Flu exercise at Trinity Baptist Church

3) Fire Inspection Department:

- Provided 53 inspections during the month: 9 new business, 27 requested, 3 follow-up re-inspections, 2 burn site inspections, 1 plan review
- Inspectors spent 4 full days in new building doing carpenter work, cleaning, moving and organizing
- Inspectors coordinated the Fire Safety classes for the schools.
- Completed school inspections and fire safety education for Calhoun City Schools with Michelle Taylor and Warren Weeks.
- Conducted a fire drill at Morning Pointe Assisted Living with State Fire Marshal
- Lt. Dooley attended week long NIMS 300/400 class. This completes the Fire Department in State/Federal National Incident Management System requirements.
- Both inspectors conducted spot checks on locations on weekend nights for occupancy issues
- Both inspectors attended the two day MERIT class on radioactive materials transportation
- Lt.'s Dooley & Duvall worked on Fire Department core competencies for state certification.
- Inspectors assisted with building projects at their new office/training building (31 hours)
- Inspectors assisted with some of the final projects on the new building.

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 read the request of a 16 foot height variance by Gordon County Development Authority for a building on approximately 42 acres located at McDaniel Station Road.
  - The public hearing was opened
  - Peterson stated signs on the property, notices to the adjoining property owners and notices to the local legal organ were completed.
  - Mayor Palmer asked if there were any questions/comments
  - There were none and the public hearing was closed
  - The findings of the Zoning Advisory Board were:

- (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 IND-G
- (4) The zoning proposal will 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.

- Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the Request of a 16 foot height variance by Gordon County Development Authority for a building on approximately 42 acres located at McDaniel Station Road. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

**B. Other Public Hearings and Comments**

1. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing regarding a beer-wine-liquor package request by Jaimin Patel for a location of 541 East Hwy 53.
  - Mayor Palmer asked if there were any there were any questions/comments. There were none.
  - The public hearing was closed.
  - Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the beer-wine-liquor package request by Jaimin Patel for a location of 541 East Hwy 53. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
2. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing on a beer package license request by ABC Convenience store with Devin Desai as authorized agent for a location of 703 Oothcalooga Street.
  - Mayor Palmer asked if there were any questions/comments.
  - Chiles Jones, attorney for applicant, spoke asking the Mayor and Council to consider approval for the applicant. He stated the applicant had met all the requirements, owns other businesses within Georgia, and would provide a job to a resident of Calhoun.
  - Mayor Palmer asked if there were any other questions/comments. There were none.
  - Mayor Palmer asked if anyone would like to make a motion to approve the request. There was no response and the hearing died due to lack of a motion.

**8. Old Business:**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of a taxi license request by Olga M. Moss Deleon d/b/a Los Buenos Amigos Taxi with a business address of 408 Court Street # 1.
- Mayor Palmer stated the public hearing would be November 24, 2008.

9. **New Business:**

- A. Vickie Goswick requested to speak to the Mayor and Council about deposits and permit fees.
- Ms. Goswick stated she has a non-profit organization called Hope for Life and employees homeless and high risk in JD's Place Café and provides them with housing and also mentors young adults. She explained that she does not have the funds to complete everything at once and she is overwhelmed with deposits and permit fees for each time she starts a new project.
  - Mayor Palmer applauded Ms. Goswick for the great things she is doing. He stated he believes in consistency and there are many non-profits around the area that do not receive breaks in fees. He stated at this time the City of Calhoun does not have a policy in place for something of this nature but it would be considered for review. He requested she speak to Kelly Cornwell or Ray Dudkowski about a year's utility deposit refund for good payment history.
- B. Mayor Palmer read an alcohol manager change request by Wholesale Food Outlet from Billy Michael Copeland to Davis Michael Bernier, Jr.
- Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the alcohol manager change request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hammond with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- C. Mayor Palmer gave a 1<sup>st</sup> reading of a wine package license request by Chaudhari Enterprises, LLC d/b/a BP with Ashish Chaudhari as authorized agent for a location of 312 North Wall Street.
- Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be December 8, 2008.
  - Councilman Hammond made a motion to set the public hearing for December 8, 2008. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- D. Mayor Palmer gave a 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the 2009 beer-wine-liquor renewal requests.

**Beer Package**

- ❖ Phil Beamer for Phil Beamer Distributor d/b/a Liberty
- ❖ Phil Beamer for Phil Beamer Distributor d/b/a BP
- ❖ Ray Tierce for Tierce's Little Giant Grocery Store
- ❖ Barbara V. Bishop for Dixie Beverage Shop
- ❖ Roy Thomas Aaron for South 41 Package
- ❖ Raymond J. Brown for J&J's Package Store
- ❖ Ashish Kumar R. Chaudhari for Chaudhari Enterprises d/b/a BP

**Beer & Wine Package**

- ❖ Douglas Lloyd Busch for Kroger Store # 393
- ❖ Karen Aldridge for The Pantry, Inc. d/b/a Kangaroo Express # 3513
- ❖ Karen Aldridge for The Pantry, Inc. d/b/a Kangaroo Express # 3563
- ❖ Karen Aldridge for The Pantry, Inc. d/b/a Kangaroo Express # 3519
- ❖ Hanna Soliman for LA Kyrillos, LLC d/b/a The Food Mart #530
- ❖ Kishor Shah for R&R Beer & Tobacco
- ❖ Davis Michael Bernier, Jr. for Retail Marketing Corp d/b/a Food Outlet, IGA

- ❖ Patsy Colleps for J&P Package

**Beer, Wine, Liquor Package**

- ❖ Yogesh Patel for Siya Enterprises Inc, d/b/a Party Liquor
- ❖ Lindsey Lewis for B&L Liquor, Inc
- ❖ Kamlesh Patel for Mukhi, Inc. d/b/a Calhoun Liquor
- ❖ Champ Kelly for Red Bud Liquor Store, Inc.

**Beer Pouring**

- ❖ Kitty Leung for Great Wall Restaurant
- ❖ Melba Jane Price for Kurani Pizza d/b/a Pizza hut
- ❖ Kristina Maddux-Lawrence for JDK Foods, Inc d/b/a Schroder's New Deli

**Beer & Liquor Pouring**

- ❖ Luis Rey Fitz, Solis for El Rayos
- ❖ Martin Carranza for Los Gallos De Mexico
- ❖ Juana Naranjo for El Pueblito Mexican Restaurant
- ❖ Edna Talley for Renis Barrett Memorial Home, Inc. d/b/a VFW Post 5376

**Beer, Wine, Liquor Pouring**

- ❖ Ian B. Wonderling for Ruby Tuesday
- ❖ Jeff Mathis for Rare Hospitality International, Inc. d/b/a Longhorn Steakhouse
- ❖ Juan Leon Escamilla for El Nopal
- ❖ William T. Howard for Los Reyes

**Combination beer Package / Pouring and Liquor Pouring in Private Club**

- ❖ William Whittenburg for American Legion Post 47

E. Mayor Palmer gave a 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the 2009 Pawn License Request.

- ❖ Frank McDonald for National Title Pawn of Calhoun, Inc.
- ❖ Larry E. Knight for Corner Pawn & Auto Sales, Inc
- ❖ Tim Langston for This & That Pawn Shop
- ❖ Kent Popham for The Cash Store d/b/a Cash Store of Calhoun
- ❖ Nancy P. Long for D&S Pawn
- ❖ Douglas Driscoll for Park Avenue Pawn & Jewelry
- ❖ Rod Aycox for Instant Cash Loans on Car Titles, Inc. d/b/a Loan Max

10. **Other Written Items Not on the Agenda: NONE**

11. **Work Reports:**

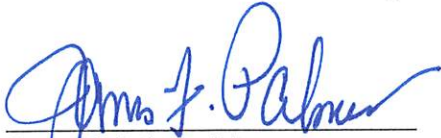
A. Eddie Peterson – City Administrator

- Peterson explained that he met with the GDOT 6<sup>th</sup> District State Aid Coordinator last week and Calhoun will apply for a State aid grant for Peters Street from SR3 to the Belmont four way intersection. The project will consist of two 12 foot lanes, 24” curb and gutter, drainage piping, and a five foot sidewalk. Peters Street is a high population density area and also has a moderate to high vehicle traffic counts. The pedestrian traffic warrants sidewalks and intersection improvements. Peters Street is a connector between SR3 and Curtis Parkway and has 17 side street intersections. The grant first phase will cost approximately \$750,000.

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

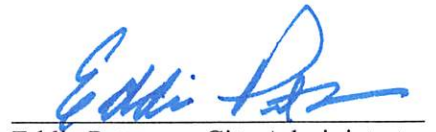
Approved:

Submitted:



---

James F. Palmer, Mayor



---

Eddie Peterson, City Administrator