

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
CALHOUN, GA  
MARCH 24, 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 with a special welcome to Will Taylor with Leadership Calhoun/Gordon County. 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 with the addition of a zoning reminder matter listed as #2 under May 12, 2008 zoning. The motion was second by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
4. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2008 regular City Council Meeting as written. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
5. Mayors Comments:
  - A. Mayor Palmer asked Councilman Edwards to review the zoning hearings scheduled for April 14, 2008 and May 12, 2007
    - April 14, 2008**
      1. Zoning change request by Harmony Road Development, LLC from C-2 to R-2 for 10.35 acres located at 1401 Dews Pond Road NE.
      2. Zoning change request from R-1 to O&I requested by Gary Phillip Henson Jr. and Patricia E. Smith for a location of 117 East Belmont Drive.
    - May 12, 2008**
      1. Annexation and C-2 zoning request by Larry C. Martin for 4.8 acres located at 800 South Wall Street.
      2. Annexation and R-2 zoning request from B.C. Holdings LLC for .916 acres located on Shephard Drive.
6. Public Hearings and Comments: **NONE**
7. Old Business: **NONE**

8. New Business:

- A. Mayor Palmer read a resolution for a Community Development Block Grant for renovations and upgrades for water, sewer, and housing in a selected area of West Calhoun. **(File)**
- Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the resolution as written. The motion was second by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- B. Mayor Palmer read an address change request by Andres Hernandez for Oasis Taxi from 203 Richardson Road to 802 North Wall Street.
- Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the address change for Oasis Taxi to 802 North Wall Street. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- C. Mayor Palmer read a request from the Calhoun Police Department to transfer \$15,614 from the Police account #1, Asset Seizure, to purchase audio and video surveillance equipment for the Special Operations Unit. **(File)**
- Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the transfer of \$15,614 from the Police account #1, Asset Seizure, to purchase audio and video surveillance equipment for the Special Operations Unit. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- D. Mayor Palmer read a request from the Finance Directors of General Government and Utilities division to close 17 banking accounts due to non activity and placement in other accounts. He stated they also request that the Mayor and Council approve, retroactively, the renewal of all Certificates of Deposit during the 2007-2008 fiscal year to date. **(File)**
- Councilman Hammond made a motion to close 17 banking accounts due to non activity and placement in other accounts and to renewal of all Certificates of Deposit during the 2007-2008 fiscal year-to-date. The motion was second by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- E. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of an annexation and zoning change request from A-1 to CN for 2.79 acres located at 1584 Highway 53 Spur by Flipper McDaniel. Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be June 9, 2008.
- Councilman Edwards made a motion to set the public hearing for June 9, 2008. The motion was second by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- F. Mayor Palmer read a request from Main Street Partnership to close Park Avenue from Harlan to Oothcalooga and Court Street from Wall Street to the railroad tracks on April 26, 2008 for “More Than A Taste”.
- Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the closing of the stated roads on April 26, 2008. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- G. Administrator Peterson reviewed the contract for professional services for the West Calhoun CDBG. The contract is with The Steedley Firm, Inc., Angela Steedley, President. **(File)**
- Administrator Peterson recommended that the last sentence from item number five be deleted. “If funding is awarded to the City for this application and the Steedley Firm is not selected to perform project management services, the City shall pay the Steedley Firm a termination fee of \$20,000, which represents the balance of costs incurred by the Steedley Firm to prepare the application.”

- Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the contract with the deletion of the last sentence of item number five. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

9. Other Written Items not on the Agenda: **NONE**

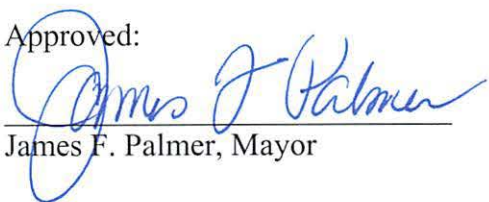
10. Work Reports:

A. Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities:

1. Director Cornwell reviewed the past decision by the Mayor and Council regarding the purchase of an Automated Meter Reading System for water customers. The negotiated bid amount was \$4,338,589 to Kendall Metering Systems & Solutions which is the Metering AMI division of Kendall Supply, Inc. **(File)**
  - Attorney Bailey reviewed the contract between Kendall Metering Systems & Solutions and the City of Calhoun Utilities Division and found it to be in proper form and order.
  - Bryce W. Holcomb, Jr., Director of Public Finance, Municipal Securities Division, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., presented the Mayor and Council with a Post Pricing Book, March 24, 2008 for \$4,755,000 City of Calhoun, Georgia Water and Sewage Bonds, Series 2008. Mr. Holcomb explained four areas of interest in the bond issuance; Summary of Bids, Savings Summary, Final Numbers, and Working Group List.
  - James L. Pannell, Bond Attorney, with Gray & Pannell LLP, Savannah, Georgia reviewed the Second Supplemental Resolution of the Mayor and Council which refers to the June 11, 2001 and June 16, 2003 Supplemental Resolutions as amended to provide for the issuance of \$4,755,000 of City of Calhoun Water and Sewage Revenue Bonds, Series 2008. Mr. Pannell explained various concepts, agreements, and language of the Series 2008 Bond Issuance.
  - Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to adopt the Second Supplemental Resolution as submitted. Councilman Hammond seconded the motion with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.
2. Director Cornwell request a resolution to be adopted to transfer \$985,275 from the Electric fund operating pooled cash account and establish a separate account as a sinking fund for the 2003 bond issuance. **(File)**
  - Councilman Hammond made a motion to adopt the resolution as written. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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

Approved:

  
James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:

  
Eddie Peterson, City Administrator