

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING ST
JULY 28, 2014 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; Major Larry Gilbert, CPD; Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief; Jerry Crawford, Water and Wastewater Director; Jeff Defoor, Director of Electric Utilities; George Govignon, City Attorney

- 1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
A. 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 and Councilman Barton seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion approved.**
- 4. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the regular minutes of the July 14, 2014 City Council Meeting. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. Mayor Palmer asked Attorney Govignon to clarify executive session minutes procedures. Attorney Govignon stated that he recommended that only the permissible subject matter of real estate acquisition be entered into the executive session minutes and any further details were not required by state law. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the amended Executive Session minutes of the July 14, 2014 City Council Meeting. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.**
- 5. Mayor's Comments:**
- 6. Public Hearings and Comments:**
 - A. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing for an ordinance change to amend Chapter 6: Alcoholic Beverages to provide additional provisions and sections. Mayor Palmer stated that this was the third public hearing on the ordinance and the ordinance has also been discussed with public input during the past three work sessions.**
 - Mr. Peterson stated that advertising requirements have been met.
 - Attorney Govignon stated that at the last work session issues were raised and in further review of the redrafting of the special events ordinance, there was a need to merge the alcohol festival sales with the

ordinance change to the special events ordinance that is on the agenda as a first reading. Also discussed were certain entertainment venues in downtown Calhoun to be able to receive an alcohol permit. A small multi-purpose theatre provision is included in the ordinance to allow applicable businesses to obtain an alcohol license from the City with applicable State of Georgia alcohol licenses required. The alcohol license will be based on gross receipts instead of the traditional food sales requirements. The ordinance will allow 12 event permits for serving alcohol per year, and also provide opportunity to apply for additional permits that would need approval by the Mayor and Council.

- 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 ordinance change. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

B. Mayor Palmer opened a public hearing of a pawn shop license request by Jerry Holcombe DBA: Calhoun Title Pawn at a location of 1108 Red Bud Road.

- 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 pawn shop license request. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

C. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing for a beer and liquor pouring request for Derrick Williams DBA: Scores at a location of 235 West Line Street, Suite 2.

- 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 beer and liquor pouring request. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

7. Old Business:

A. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of an annexation and zoning of R-1B for 0.33 acres at a location of 110 Jeep Street for Sandra Salazar. The ZAB meeting will be on August 7th and the public hearing will be on August 11th.

8. New Business:

- A. Mayor Palmer announced a parade request on the traditional route by Bud Owens for the Annual Northwest Georgia Regional Fair Parade on September 13th at 11:00am. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the parade request. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- B. Mayor Palmer read a parade request on an extended route by the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce for the annual Calhoun Christmas Parade on December 11th at 7:00pm. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the parade request. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- C. Mayor Palmer read a road closure request by United Way of Gordon County for Unity Run XX to be held on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 6:30pm. The Unity Run begins on Warrior Path at Gordon Central High School, crosses Red Bud Road onto Curtis Parkway, right onto Dews Pond Road, right onto Barrett Road, left onto Meadow Lane, left onto Buena Vista continuing on Boulevard Heights, right onto East Line Street, left onto Piedmont Street, right onto North Court Street crosses Hwy 41 and ends at the corner of Court Street and Park Avenue in downtown Calhoun. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the road closure request. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- D. Mayor Palmer conducted the first reading of an ordinance change to amend Chapter 90: Traffic, Article V: Parades and Motorcades to provide additional provisions and sections. Changes include new regulations for special events requiring road closings and temporary permitting of malt beverages and wine at special events. Attorney Govignon stated that the City's parade ordinance has not changed in 26 years and was in need of revisions. The proposed ordinance will help the City put proper procedures in place to ensure all applicants are treated the same. Also, procedures are needed to ensure safe closure of public streets and other public areas with a report of costs from the principal city employees needed to ensure public safety. These costs would be the responsibility of the event producer. In addition, the responsibility of who determines vendors that can serve alcohol at the special event will reside with the producer of the event. The special events would be considered by the Mayor and Council with appeals for denials sent to the Municipal Court Judge. Councilman Hammond asked if this ordinance is implemented that it would be for every group without exceptions. Attorney Govignon stated yes, the purpose of the procedure was to treat everyone the same way. Councilman Hammond also stated that in the proposed ordinance is the requirement of off-duty police officers to be present at the event organizers expense. Attorney Govignon stated that was correct and that if the producer of the event has alcohol sales additional off-duty police officers are required to monitor the alcohol sales area at the producer's expense. There will be a second reading on August 11th and a public hearing on August 25th.

9. Other written items not on the agenda: None

10. Work Reports:

A. Administrator Eddie Peterson

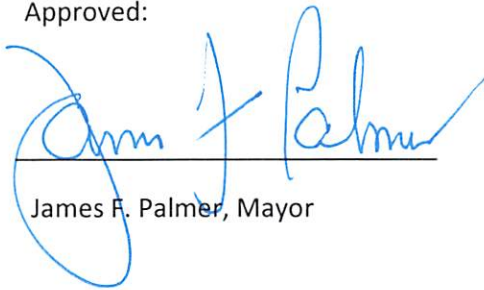
- Administrator Peterson reviewed the General Government monthly cash report with cash flow and savings in good standing. With the report was an approval request for the establishment of an animal control checking account specifically for donations. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the cash report and new animal control checking account. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

B. General Manager Larry Vickery

C. City Attorney George Govignon

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

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Paul Worley, City Clerk