

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
JANUARY 26, 2004, 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

**PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Ray M. Denmon, Councilman
Lorene Potts, Councilwoman
George R. Crowley, Councilman**

**ALSO: William P. Bailey, City Attorney
Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities
Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works
Cathy Harrison, City Administrator**

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. He stated in lieu of an invocation, he would ask for a few moments of silent prayer in memory of Mayor Pro Tem John D. Shelton, Jr.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Following review, minutes of the January 12, 2004 regular City Council meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's comments:
 - a. Mayor Palmer welcomed the members of the leadership group and asked that they introduce themselves. The members were John Johanson, Leslie Heinz, Stephen Roberts and Rosa Amos. Mayor Palmer welcomed them and stated this would be a short meeting. He asked that they return in the future for additional meetings.
 - b. Mayor Palmer stated, as everyone knows, the Council lost Mayor Pro Tem Shelton a few days ago. He stated it had been his pleasure to work with Mr. Shelton for over ten years on the Council. He had always found him to be a dedicated elected official, visiting all the various departments of the city, giving the department heads encouragement and reviewing all the new projects to keep himself aware of the various activities of the city. Mayor Palmer stated Mayor Pro Tem Shelton would be missed. Mayor Palmer expressed condolences to the family on his behalf and on behalf of the Council and staff of the City of Calhoun.
 - c. Mayor Palmer stated the city elected officials and staff had attended the Georgia Municipal Association Mayors' Day Conference in Atlanta on January 24 through 26. It had been an extremely good session, with the Association setting legislative policy they felt would be helpful to Georgia cities during these trying economic times.
 - d. Mayor Palmer made a recommendation for David Hammond to fill the unexpired term of Tony Swink on the Zoning Advisory Board, with the term to expire December 31, 2005. Following review, Councilwoman Potts made a motion to appoint David Hammond to fill the term on the Zoning Advisory Board through December 31, 2005, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively, motion carried.

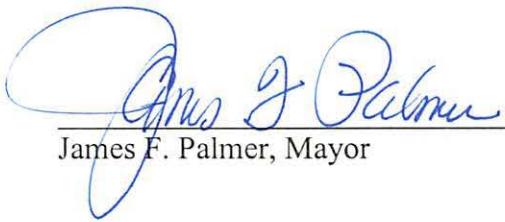
- e. Mayor Palmer stated at this time he would accept a motion to fill the position of Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Denmon made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Potts to the position of Mayor Pro Tem, second by Councilman Crowley, with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley and Mayor Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - f. Mayor Pro Tem Potts reminded the public and Council of the zoning hearings scheduled for February 9, 2004, as follows:
 - 1) A request for zoning of Industrial-G and annexation of the remaining property owned by Constantine Dying, LLC (Colormasters) off Pine Street.
 - 2) She stated the zoning variance request by Tom Griffith had been withdrawn.
 - 3) A zoning variance request by Mitchell Washington to allow construction of duplexes on property zoned R-2 at 115 Yarbrough Street, an area with a 40 year history of single-family dwellings.
5. Public Hearings and Comments: **none.**
6. Old business:
- a. Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of the late 2004 taxi renewal license request of Heliodoro Parra-Rodriguez for Taxi Acapulco, with an office at 1108 South Wall Street, Suite 3. Following review, Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the 2004 taxi license renewal request, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
7. New business:
- a. Mayor Palmer reviewed the special election report regarding filling the unexpired term of Councilman Shelton. This term would be from the current date through December 31, 2005. Mayor Palmer stated three dates were available. The first date, in March, was determined to be too close to file the required documentation with the Department of Justice and to meet other deadlines. He stated the second date, July 20, 2004 would coincide with the county, state and national Primary Election. He stated if the Council wishes to proceed with that next date, he would entertain a motion to that effect. Councilman Crowley made a motion to authorize the special election for July 20, 2004, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - b. Mayor Palmer also stated that since the Council desired to set the special election on that date, he would need a motion to contract with the Gordon County Board of Elections and Voter Registration for those services. Councilman Crowley made a motion to authorize a contract with the Gordon County Board of Elections and Voter Registration to allow the names of the candidates who apply to be added to the ballot. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Crowley Councilman Denmon, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts, voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - c. Mayor Palmer stated dates that would be appropriate for qualification of candidates at City Hall would be April 26 through April 28, 2004, for three days of qualifying or April 26 through April 30, 2004 for five days of qualifying. He

stated the mandatory qualifying fee would be \$144.00. Following review, Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to set the qualifying dates for April 26 beginning at 8:30 a.m. through April 30, 2004 ending at 4:30 p.m., and with a qualifying fee of \$144.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Crowley, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Crowley and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. Other written items not on the agenda: **none.**
9. Work Reports:
 - a. Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities: **none.**
 - b. Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works: **none.**
10. Mayor Palmer stated there was no need to move to Executive Session.
11. Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Denmon and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:

Submitted:



James F. Palmer, Mayor



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator