

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
APRIL 12, 2004, 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

**PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem Potts
Councilman Denmon
Councilman Crowley**

**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. Mayor Palmer asked the members of the 2004 Leadership Group to stand and introduce themselves. They were Craig Callahan of Shaw Industries, Debbie Pankey of the Fairmount Credit Bureau, Chris Forsythe of North Georgia Bank, and Larry Gilbert of the City of Calhoun Police Department. Mayor Palmer stated Stewart Lance, also a member of Leadership 2004 had attended the city's work session at noon.
 - a. Mayor Palmer gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Minutes of the March 22, 2004 regular City Council meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's comments:
 - a. Mayor Palmer stated at this time he would ask Chief Goswick to provide a special award for a member of the city police department. Chief Goswick asked that Colonel Moss and Mayor Palmer join him in recognizing and presenting an award to Ray West, a Calhoun police officer that had been recognized by Floyd County for the handling of an incident in early April in which Mr. West was shopping and was out of uniform but observed in the parking lot a female citizen being attacked and robbed. Mr. West was able to apprehend the attacker, who was a larger individual, and to hold him until proper authorities could arrive. Mr. West was recognized for his professional handling of the situation and for his alert response.
 - b. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and staff of the GMA reverse auction demonstration at the Calhoun Depot at 1:00 p.m. on April 20, 2004. He urged those with an interest to attend.
 - c. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council that there will be two voting events at the GMA Annual Conference in June: one on June 28 and one on June 29. He stated a voting delegate and an alternate would be needed and he would recommend Mayor Pro Tem Potts as the voting delegate and Councilman Denmon as the alternate. Following review, Councilman Crowley made a motion to appoint those officials as the voting delegate and alternate, second by Councilman

Denmon, with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- d. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and staff that the city will serve as the host city for the GMA Regional Listening Session scheduled for May 12, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at the Calhoun Depot and he urged each one to attend. He stated Lou Comer and Lamar Norton of GMA would be attending and would update those elected officials and staff members of the outcome of the legislative session.
- e. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council to review the proposed ordinance that was submitted by several citizens regarding historic preservation for Calhoun. He stated this is a very busy time of the year and it was impossible for the Council to properly review the proposed ordinance at this time and he would ask that the group be made aware that this item would be postponed for approximately 30 days until there is time to properly review prior to any official readings.
- f. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and public of the GMA recognition of cities for the week of April 18 through 24. He also stated 12 sixth grade essay winners for their "If I were Mayor" papers will be receive their awards in Atlanta with a special opportunity to have lunch with the governor.
- g. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and public of candidate qualifying for the special election on July 20, 2004 to fill the unexpired term of John D. Shelton, Jr. Qualifying will be held at City Hall from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on April 26 through 30, 2004.
- h. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and public of the hearing on April 26, 2004 on a request for a pouring license for beer, wine and liquor by Gerardo Herrera, Alcohol Manager for Los Rene's Mexican Restaurant at the Prime Outlet Mall, Suite 12.
- i. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and staff of the budget work session immediately following the Council meeting.

5. Council Comments:

a. Mayor Palmer stated:

- 1) In the month of March, the Calhoun police department made 867 cases, issued 110 warrants, 97 speeding tickets, and 660 others. Anticipated fines totaled \$112,290.00 and collected \$90,523.50 on previous cases. They made 26 DUI cases, which was up from the previous month. They issued 470 warnings tickets. They had 97 highway accidents and 38 private property accidents. There were 9 injuries. They provided 90 escorts, filed 1,512 incident reports, and responded to 164 alarms.
- 2) The fire department responded to a total of 82 calls for service during the month of March, with 10 fire incidents causing estimated damages of over \$95,500.00. They provided 21 rescue and emergency medical responses to incidents with 19 injuries. There were 19 hazardous condition incidents, 5 service calls, 5 good intent calls, 18 false alarms, and 4 special intent calls. The department completed training for all firefighters on preventive maintenance of equipment. They conducted safety education classes at Station 1 for 65 children. They completed all routine maintenance of stations and vehicles. The inspection division conducted 55 inspections during the month.

b. Councilman Denmon stated:

- 1) The water treatment plant pumped a total of 387,380,000 gallons of raw water during the month of March for a daily average of 12.497 million gallons. Of this, 32% of the raw water was from the wells off Brittany Drive.
- 2) The waste treatment plant treated an average flow of 8.154 million gallons per day. The average BOD effluent was 11, the average suspended effluent was 23 and the average COD effluent was 108.
- 3) The water and sewer construction department completed 67 water taps and 3 sewer taps in March. They installed 1400 feet of 6-inch water line on Highway 136 to connect two homes with wells that had been contaminated by a recent latex spill on Highway 136. They installed 2300 feet of 6-inch water line along Davis Road off of Highway 136, installed 400 feet of 2-inch water line on Cardinal Drive off Dews Pond Road, installed four 6-inch hot taps on Blackwood Terrace for a new subdivision, installed six hot taps for fire lines to the new First Baptist Church addition, and installed 140 feet of 6-inch water line across the new culvert on Wesley Chapel Road. They repaired 52 water leaks and 32 water meters, changed out 7 water meters and responded to 62 miscellaneous calls.
- 4) The Building Inspector issued 83 permits for estimated construction of \$6,580,000.00.

c. Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated:

- 1) The street department placed 16 new street signs during the month and completed 41 shop work orders. They sawed and took out 150 feet of failed section of McDaniel Station Road, put in new stone base and paved the street. They laid 160 feet of 15-inch pipe and built to 24 by 24 storm water boxes on Calhoun Avenue. They removed old sidewalk, formed and poured 3,855 square feet of new sidewalk on College and Fain Streets. They removed old curb, formed and poured 182 feet of 24-inch curb and gutter on Fain Street, removed old curb and gutter on Red Bud Road and formed and poured 180 feet of DOT curb, 885 square feet of sidewalk and 14 handicap ramps. They dug out and built a new long jump pit at the Calhoun High School track.
- 2) The sanitation department gained one 4-yard dumpster account and ran their commercial trash routes and serviced and washed vehicles.
- 3) The parks department crews completed maintenance jobs at Fields Ferry Golf Course, the police department, water treatment plant and City Hall. They laid block for the Calhoun High School long jump pit and the fountain at City Hall.
- 4) The cemetery department sold 16 gravesites. Contractors set 4 new monuments. They performed routine maintenance at both Fain and Chandler Cemeteries.
- 5) There was 1 workers' comp accident and no vehicle accidents during the month. A safety inspection was conducted at the fire department.
- 6) Animal control department responded to 49 customer calls.

d. Councilman Crowley stated:

- 1) The electric department continued to work on the underground lighting for the new Calhoun Elementary School, which is 80% complete. They

continued work on the Streetscape project and repaired the lights at the Calhoun High School and the VFW ball fields. Engineering and design are the electric service design for Towne Lake Gardens on Dews Pond Road is in progress, and street lighting for the next phase of Brookstone and the Laurel Ridge Developments is under construction. Design work on the Fox Building Service on Executive Park Drive has been completed. The electric department continues engineering, design and equipment specifications for the water plant pumping expansion. Engineering, material acquisition and scheduling continues for the completion of the line extension project along Curtis Parkway. They continue to work on proposed traffic signals that will be at the C. L. Moss Parkway and River Street and at Curtis Parkway and Laurel Place. The sub-grade installations for the new water and sewer building are complete. Work orders in process included 53 for street and security lighting, 8 new business and maintenance, and 11 after hours callouts. They purchased wholesale power of 29,696,024 kWh in February.

- 2) The electric inspection division issued 27 permits in the month of March, provided 108 inspections and set 7 meters.
- 3) The telecommunications department made 5 contacts during the month. They also provided 2 service quotes and are waiting on 3 agreements to close. They provided 3 additional quotes for new service and renewed 8 agreements with Shaw Industries for replacement of the Dixie Group circuits. They finished construction of a T-1 connection to Artisans through Dalton Utilities. They finished construction of internet service for Phoenix Chemical and the engineering and ordering of fiber-optic cable to connect the new Calhoun Elementary to the city network is in progress.

6. Public Hearings and Comments:

- a. Mayor Palmer stated at this time, public hearings on zoning matters would be held. The public would have the opportunity to make pro and con comments with a ten-minute maximum time limit for each side of the matter. Each person speaking would be required to have filed a Financial Disclosure Statement five days prior to the hearing, and each person would be required to give their name and address before speaking. An inquiry was made to determine if any of the elected officials had filed a disclosure statement regarding ownership or special interest in the agenda items. The response was negative.

Mayor Palmer reviewed the Standards Governing the Exercise of Zoning Power, as follows:

STANDARDS GOVERNING THE EXERCISE OF ZONING POWER

- (1) Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.
- (2) Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.
- (3) Whether the property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned.
- (4) Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities or schools.

- (5) Whether there will be capital costs for capital improvements to serve the area. Capital costs shall include water mains, sewer mains, new street pavement or widening, new fire stations or equipment, new police stations or equipment, and other like costs.
- (6) Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan.
- (7) Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for their approval; or disapproval of the zoning proposal.
- (8) Whether there are 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 property.

VARIANCE CONSIDERATIONS (ONE OR MORE)

- (a) There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property in question because of its size, shape or topography.
- (b) The application of this ordinance to the particular piece of property would create an unnecessary hardship.
- (c) Such conditions are peculiar to the particular piece of property involved.
- (d) Relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purposes and intent of this ordinance, provided, however, that no variance may be granted for a use of land or building or structure that is prohibited by this ordinance.

- 1) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a request for rezoning from R-2 to R-1B by Kevin and Brenda Allen for approximately 8.3 acres of land off Henderson Bend Road for development of a single family home subdivision.
 - a) A public hearing was opened.
 - b) Harrison reported that signs had been placed on the property, notices had been published in the local legal organ and she had received evidence of notification to adjoining property owners.
 - c) Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated the Zoning Advisory Board had met on this matter on April 8, 2004 at 4:30 p.m. Information provided by the Zoning Review Committee and by personal inspection of the area indicated there is a problem with the street which will serve the subdivision initially. The road is a county road and the therefore, the city has no jurisdiction over the road. The developers would be encouraged to discuss improvements to the road with county officials. She stated that based upon the favorable delineation of R-2 and changing to R-1B zoning had been considered and the recommendation was to approve the request, based upon the relevant zoning factors.
 - d) Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments by the applicant. Mr. Kevin Allen stated he and his wife would be developing the area and he understood the situation with the road.

- e) Mayor Palmer asked if there were other comments. Mr. Reed Turner, who had registered to speak, stated he operates a chicken house operation on the adjoining property and he wanted to make sure before any homes are constructed that they understood his business was there prior to any development. Attorney Bailey stated the state law protects agricultural developments that precede surrounding residential development and he would have proper protection under the law. Mr. Turner stated he understood this but he also understood that residences tend to have a problem with the odor that accompanies his operation and he wanted to make sure everyone was put on notice regarding this. He also concurred that the road is indeed very narrow and has deep drop offs. He stated he understands the county has very little right-of-way that has not been developed for the road and he is a major land owner for a large part of the road and he is not interested in selling any property for road improvements.
- f) Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any other comments. There were none and the public hearing was closed.
- g) Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated the following findings were relevant to the property:

- (1) The zoning proposal would permit a use that is more suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.
- (2) The proposal would not adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.
- (3) The property as currently zoned does have a reasonable economic use as zoned.
- (4) The zoning proposal would not result in a use that would cause excessive or burdensome use of existing facilities. However, the Board determined that the road, which is controlled and maintained by the county, is a narrow road with sharp curves and drop-offs, which should be addressed by the county.
- (5) Costs for capital improvements for the property would be borne by the developer.
- (6) The proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan.
- (7) The change from multi-family housing to single-family housing is an advantage for the application.
- (8) The development of single family housing in the area will be more favorable than other types of development for the public health, safety and general welfare.

- h) Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to waive the third and fourth reading and approve the request to rezone the property from R-2 to R-1B, second by Councilman Crowley, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Crowley and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- 2) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a request for rezoning from Industrial to R-1B by DMK Holdings, LLC for 17 acres on New Zion Road.
- a) A public hearing was opened.
 - b) Harrison reported that signs had been placed on the property, notices had been published in the local legal organ and she had received evidence of notification to adjoining property owners.
 - c) Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated the Zoning Advisory Board also heard this matter on April 8, 2004 and based upon the findings of the Zoning Review Committee and on personal review of the area, and based upon comments made by the applicant at the hearing, it was the recommendation of the Zoning Advisory Board to rezone the property from Industrial to R-1B.
 - d) Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments by the applicant or the public. There were none and the hearing was closed.
 - e) Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated following was the zoning criteria determined by the Zoning Advisory Board:

(1)	The zoning proposal would permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.
(2)	The proposal would not adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.
(3)	The property as currently zoned has a reasonable economic use.
(4)	The zoning proposal would add to the transportation needs in the area.
(5)	Costs for capital improvements for the property would be borne by the developer.
(6)	The proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan. The property is in an area of mixed residential and industrial zoning, with the property in question being at the edge of the residential area.
(7)	N/A
(8)	N/A
 - f) Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to waive the third and fourth reading and approve the request for rezoning from Industrial to R-1B, with the understanding that the developer is aware of the possible odor and noise associated with nearby industry and other commercial activity in the surrounding area, such as the motor-cross track, since the DMK property is at the edge of the residential area that adjoins the industrial zoning. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Denmon and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively, motion carried..
- 3) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a zoning variance request by Gary Duke for a 10-foot setback variance from the south property line for property at 418 Elm Street.
- a) A public hearing was opened.

- b) Harrison reported that signs had been placed on the property, notices had been published in the local legal organ and she had received evidence of notification to adjoining property owners.
- c) Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated the Zoning Advisory Board also heard this matter on April 8, 2004 and it had been determined that the small commercial building, which would be built on the lot that has been zoned commercial for some time, would be facing north, with the rear of the building facing the south side property line. She stated based upon the findings of the Zoning Review Committee and on personal review of the area, the Zoning Advisory Board had recommended approval of the request.
- d) Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments by the applicant. There were none.
- e) Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments by the public. There were none and the hearing was closed.
- f) Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated following was the zoning criteria determined by the Zoning Advisory Board:

VARIANCE CONSIDERATIONS (ONE OR MORE)

- (a) There are no extraordinary or exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property in question.
 - (b) The application of the zoning ordinance could create an unnecessary hardship.
 - (c) There are no conditions peculiar to this particular piece of property.
 - (d) Relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purposes or intent of this ordinance.
- g) Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to waive the third and fourth reading and approve the request for a 10-foot setback variance, second by Councilman Crowley, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Crowley and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.

b. Other hearings or comments: **none.**

7. Old business:

- a. Mayor Palmer gave a third reading of a request for a taxi license by Alba A. Parra, d/b/a Taxi Acapulco, an existing business. The business is currently owned by the applicant's father, who is returning to Mexico. She is currently a registered driver for the business and wishes to continue the business in her own name.
 - 1) Harrison stated the license of the father had recently been suspended based on continued commercial activity in residential areas. The license had been reinstated based upon a rental agreement in a commercial area and with a definite understanding that they understood the taxis should be left at the commercial area when not in use and not in a residential neighborhood. Harrison stated she had received complaints from the neighborhood as late as the day regarding continued overnight parking of taxis in the residential area. She stated that based on this information, she would recommend the request be held over for a fourth reading.
 - 2) The Council concurred and the matter was held for a fourth reading.

- 3) Harrison stated there are numerous taxi licenses with continued traffic violations and complaints of improper activity in residential areas. Harrison recommended that the Council consider a moratorium in order that the ordinance might be reviewed to determine if any changes needed to be made in order to make sure the applicants are properly screened on the front end before licenses are issued.
 - 4) Attorney Bailey stated in order for the Council to officially review a moratorium, he would request the administrator to compile a list of all the applicants that had been considered in the past 24 months, as well as the current taxi licenses that have been issued and the number of cabs registered to each.
- b. Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a taxi license request by Valerio Domingo, 1100 South Wall Street, a commercial office.
- 1) Chief Goswick stated at the present time, the applicant has 15 citations for no insurance and other traffic violations. Some of these violations include operating a taxi without a license. He stated the applicants have not met the criteria of the ordinance and he would recommend denial of the request.
 - 2) Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to deny the taxi license request of Valerio Domingo at 1100 South Wall Street based upon the evidence regarding the citations for non-insurance, for operating a taxi without a license and other traffic violations, the police record to be a part of the file. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Denmon, and Councilman Crowley voting to deny the application, motion carried.
8. New business:
- a. Mayor Palmer stated the City of Calhoun had received three DOT requests for signals to be located at three city intersections. The first is at Warrior Path and Highway 156. He stated this location does not have proper lane and turn signals for all traffic. The second and third are at the I-75 northbound and southbound ramps at Highway 156. The request from DOT is for the city to furnish telephone lines with modular plugs. Following review, Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the requests and to authorize the city to furnish the telephone lines with modular plugs, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - b. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a request for Industrial zoning and annexation by Enoch Overby, Administrator for the Estate of Miriam Sitton, for approximately 50 acres off Belwood and Marine Drive. He stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be May 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time, second by Councilman Crowley, with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - c. First reading of a beer pouring license application by Husein Asadi for the Back Gate Restaurant to be located at 355 Richardson Road, Suite 3. He stated the earliest date for a public hearing, as per the alcoholic beverage ordinance, would be May 24, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time, second by Councilman Crowley, with

Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

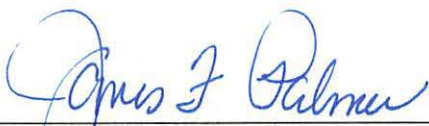
- d. Mayor Palmer stated there is a request in the Council's folders for grit removal equipment for the renovation of the city's waste treatment plant system. Mayor Palmer asked Director Cornwell to review. Director Cornwell reviewed a recommendation from the city's engineer, Bob Peoples. He stated the item had been put out for bids and they had expected approximately three bidders. However, only one bid was received and that bid was for a total of \$187,500.00. The bidder was Hydro International. He stated on review by the engineer and city staff, it was determined that the city could provide part of the work and reduce the bid to \$135,375.00. He stated based upon this action, he would recommend approval and award of the bid to Hydro International for \$135,375.00 and he would further recommend the notice of award be authorized. Following discussion, Councilman Crowley made a motion to make the award to Hydro International for \$135,375.00 and to authorize the notice of award. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - e. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a request for zoning of PRD and annexation by Riverside Developers, LLC, Paul Lusk, for 120 acres connected to Riverside Subdivision (Gray's Landing) on Riverside Drive. He stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be May 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time, second by Councilman Crowley, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Crowley and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - f. Mayor Palmer stated it was time to review and approve the official city zoning map containing all amendments, including new zoning, rezonings and annexed properties through March 31, 2004. Attorney Bailey stated that with the approval of the recent SPLOST legislation by the state legislature which will be signed by the Governor, and based upon more stringent overview of annexations and zoning matters, he would recommend the Council consider readopting the Code of Ordinances, including the zoning ordinance, as well as the official updated zoning map to include all items up through March 31, 2004. He stated based upon all the recent activity regarding zoning and annexations, he would recommend this as a routine pattern each year as the city updates its official zoning map. He gave a first reading of the proposed ordinance for adopting and he asked that it be held for a public hearing on May 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. with proper advertising between now and that date. Following review of the proposed ordinance, Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time, second by Councilman Crowley, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Crowley and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
9. Other written items not on the agenda:
- a. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading to a request for R-1B zoning and annexation by David Heramb of lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of Skyline Subdivision off of Viking Drive, which is located off Jones Road. He stated the earliest possible date for a public hearing would be May 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time, second by Councilman Crowley, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Crowley and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Crowley, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Crowley and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.

10. Work Reports:
 - a. Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities: A written report was provided at the noon work session and will be made a part of these minutes as "Exhibit A."
 - b. Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works, stated the fire department had recently been notified of a community-wide Haz-Mat grant regarding Homeland Security of over \$400,000.00, which represents the third phase of Homeland Security grants, making a total of almost \$1 million received by the community. This includes the city and county fire departments, the sheriff's office, the police department and the emergency management agency, which served as host agent for the grant application. Director Peterson congratulated Chief Nesbitt and Chief Goswick on their work on these grants. He also stated the city was fortunate to have Chief Goswick to serve on the Haz-Mat Council. He also announced that a mutual aid grant of \$92,000.00 had also been awarded to the group. Chief Nesbitt stated the grants were the result of the community working together for a regional approach, which has allowed the region to develop a Haz-Mat group that is properly educated and certified, serving the entire area in North Georgia. Chief Goswick stated he has enjoyed his term on the Haz-Mat Council. He stated his term is expiring and he had recommended Garry Moss to serve as the local representative.
11. Mayor Palmer stated there was no need to move to executive session.
12. 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

“EXHIBIT A”
Water & Sewer
Special Projects Status Report
April 12, 2004

- Mauldin Road Water Treatment Plant Modifications and Water System Improvements, Phase IV: Construction of the Sugar Valley Tank has begun, completion should be in June. Grading of the Brownlee Mountain Tank site to begin near the 26th of April, 2004. Engineering has begun on the Mauldin Road WTP improvements. Delivery of the two new high service pumps should be in May. Delivery of the new rate of flow control valves is scheduled for May and the meters arrived in March. The construction has begun for the 85,000 feet of new water mains as part of the DWSRF project. We have 35,000 feet installed to date. We are reviewing the Submittals for the new motor control centers.
- Mauldin Road Water Treatment Plant (Carbon Feed System for taste and odor): The installation is complete. Start Up is scheduled for May 3, 2004.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Modifications: The projects completed to date as part of the CWSRF Project are: New Belt Press, Sludge Conveying System, the Lime System, cleaning of the old basins, and new sludge holding facility. We are awaiting contracts for the Grit Collection System and reviewing bid documents for Aeration and Clarification equipment. The new roof at the laboratory building is 95% complete.
- North Interceptor replacement Sewer: The contractor has installed all the pipe for the project and is working on final clean up and paving.
- The Gordon County/City of Calhoun Sewer Projects – Sonoraville Project design is 95% complete. We have given the county the easement drawings. This will allow the county to proceed with easement acquisitions. The county has obtained some of the easements to date, with several remaining. We are continuing to assist the county by providing information as needed.
- Surveying for the 41 South Sewer Project is underway with approximately 90% of the surveying completed. Testing for rock has been completed on the first 15,000 feet and only small amounts were found. We will issue a change order for Phase I within the next week. Construction should begin by early May.
- Environmental Protection Agency-Vulnerability Assessment: EPA as part of the “Homeland Security Act” is requiring all water systems to complete a vulnerability assessment of their water systems. The time frame for completion is based on population served. Our deadline is June 30, 2004.

In addition to the assessment we will have to develop an Emergency Response Plan along with addressing the possible threats by implementing countermeasures. We are now 85% complete with the assessment.