



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2018- 7:00 PM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

MINUTES

PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
George R. Crowley, Mayor Pro Tem
Ray Mitchell Denmon, Councilman
Al Edwards, Councilman
Jackie Palazzolo, Councilwoman

SPEAKING: Will Crunk, 1894 General George Patton Dr, Suite 600, Franklin, TN
Darin Hardin, 230 Old Hwy 41, Adairsville, GA
Add Layson, 221 Thornwood Dr, SE, Calhoun, GA
Randy Ballew, 125 Ruben Dr, Calhoun, GA
Lane Warren, 302 Amakanata Rd, Calhoun, GA
Mark Dyke, 339 Saddlebrook Dr, Calhoun, GA
Julie Williams, 222 Thornwood Dr, Calhoun, GA
Jonathan Stone, 104 Thomas St, Calhoun, GA

ALSO: Eddie Peterson, City Administrator; Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator; Paul Worley, Assistant City Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Jeff Defoor, Director of Electric Utilities; Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief; Jerry Crawford, Director of Water & Wastewater, Don Colburn, Special Operations Commander, Brad Carrick, Telecommunications Director, and Sharon Jolley, Chief's Assistant.

1. Council Meeting Called to Order

Welcome

Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Invocation

Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave the invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

3. **Amendment or Approval of Proposed Agenda**

Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to approve the August 13, 2018 agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of July 23, 2018. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

A. Mayor Palmer announced that the City of Calhoun has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. The certificate of achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Individual award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to Andrea Bramlett, Director of Finance.

6. **Council Comments**

A. Councilwoman Palazzolo submitted July reports as follows:

1) **Public Works**

Animal Control

- Housed 18 dogs and 9cats
- Number of dogs adopted: 4
- Number of cats adopted: 0
- Number of dogs rescued: 5
- Number of cats rescued: 12
- Number of dogs reclaimed by owner: 7
- Number of cats reclaimed by owner: 0
- Number of dogs euthanized: 1
- Number of cats euthanized: 0
- Number of warnings given: 14
- Number of bite cases: 1
- Citations issues: 0

Recycling

• OCC	44.78 tons	\$4,030.20
• Loose OCC	2.39 tons	\$ 0.00
• Plastics	3.56 tons	\$ 0.00
• Paper	0.00 tons	\$ 0.00
• Glass	4.97 tons	\$ 74.55
• Aluminum	0.00 lbs.	\$ 0.00
• Steel Cans	662 lbs.	\$ 31.10

2) Recreation Department

1. PROGRAMMING:

Youth Baseball and Softball – Both 7-8 Coach Pitch Baseball teams participated in the GRPA State tournament in Madison – July 10-12, 2018 the #1 team finished 3rd place in the tournament.

CAMP SOL – Camp Sol was held July 9 – 13 and July 16-20 with 44 participants.

TENNIS – Community Education held tennis camp July 16-20; Daytime Quads ended July 26; League play Monday – Thursday; Saturdays 14 courts; JR Tennis -8 courts; JR. Tennis 101 8 Courts.

FOOTBALL, CHEERLEADING, SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL– Registration began July 9 for Youth Football, Cheerleading and Soccer.

2. TOURNAMENTS -

GRPA STATE 7-8 BASEBALL COACH PITCH – There were 8 teams that participated in the 4 day tournament July 11 – 14, 2017. Teams were from Gainesville, Clayton County, Cartersville, Bartow County, Rockmart, Gordon County and host Calhoun. A total of 365 visits were made to our facility during this event with an economic impact of \$25,675.00

3. FACILITY USAGE:

The following facilities were reserved throughout the month of June for Special Events:

Billy Bearden Recreation Center:

Meeting Room – 6 events Community Room – 7 events

Ratner Pavilion – 7 events

Playground Pavilion -6 events

SWIM – Forty Barracudas advanced to the GRPA State Swim meet in Tifton, Ga July 13-15 participating in 80 events. The team finished 3rd place over-all.

Pool Usage/General Public – 2,269 visitors

Pool Parties – 25 parties

4. WEBSITE USAGE:

CalhounRec.com

4,942 views, 22-posts; 1,720 - Sessions

Facebook Page

5,371 – People reached; 2,628 engaged; 11 posts; 654

3) Library

- There are 11,496 library card holders, 5,021 library visitors, and 4,381 total circulation.
- There were 233 story time attendance, 57 adult program attendance, 75 digital new users, 197 e-books, 207 audio books, 1,029 computer logins, and 6,314 Facebook visits.

B. Councilman Edwards submitted July reports as follows:

1) **Electric Department**

- New Residential services are continuing at Madison Garden, Willow brook and Meadow brook.
- Construction continues on the new Rockbridge Community Church.
- Construction continues on relocating the South River Street pole line and adding LED roadway lighting.
- Electrical Engineering continues on the Krystal rebuild and the New Dollar General on Hwy 41 and Mauldin Road.
- Construction has begun on the Old Mill Town Homes on Old Mill Drive.
- Reject pole replacement continues with 10 additional poles being replaced.
- The traffic light controller at Pine Street and River Street near the Calhoun Middle School was replaced to improve traffic flow in a very congestive area. The controller was over 30 years old and replacement was made possible by the assistance of the Georgia Department of Transportation.

WORK ORDERS IN PROCESS OR COMPLETED FOR JULY:

• NEWLY CREATED	115
• COMPLETED AND CLOSED	97
• CONSISTING OF:	
• CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION	23
• STREET AND SECURITY LIGHTING-	19
• DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE	24
• OUTAGES / TROUBLE CALLS	19
• WORK FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS	30
• NEW METER SETS	5
• METER MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT	13
• ELECTRIC LOCATE TICKETS PROCESSED-	242
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The City of Calhoun's Electrical load for July is estimated to be 42,000,000 kilowatt hours (kWh). This is about a half a million kWh less than July of last year and about 1,000,000 more than last month. Actual numbers will be released about August 17th.

2) **Telecommunications**

Telecommunications

- Connected four new internet customers and started fiber construction for one more.
- Added 55 megabits of internet bandwidth to existing users.
- Disconnected one internet customer.
- Upgraded the main internet trunk line from 600 megabits-per-second to 1500 megabits-per-second.
- For the second month in a row, repaired fiber cut caused by construction equipment at new bypass and Highway 41.

- Completed four more fiber splices for Brittany Well's connection to the City's network. Installed 4000 feet of fiber, uncovered one buried vault, and added two new vaults for conduit cuts. Discovered locations of two more damaged conduits.
- Made excellent progress this month switching 12 customers to new access equipment bringing the project completion to 85%.
- Opened 29 and closed 25 work orders.

Geographic Information Systems

- Continued development and provided training for the new, real time, Electric Outage Management System.
- Worked with Engineering Department on Water Modeling sessions.
- Provided GIS training for Electric and Engineering Departments
- Updated the following GIS layers
 - Water system
 - Water meter data
 - Fire Department fire pre-plans for industrial and commercial buildings
 - Physical addressing for building and billing information
 - Fiber construction
 - Cemetery
- Updated City and GIS web sites

3) Building Inspections

- Issued 50 permits for an estimated cost of \$1,599,846, collected \$13,470 in permit fees. This included 3 new residential, 2 residential remodel, 1 industrial remodel, 3 commercial plumbing, 1 commercial electrical 8 residential electrical, 13 residential plumbing, and 10 residential HVAC. 150 total inspections.

4) Safety Committee

- The safety committee met on December 5th and a year-end safety review completed.
- A safety inspection was completed on December 12th at the Police Department.
 - Vehicle accidents: 0
 - Workers compensation: 0

C. Councilman Denmon submitted July reports as follows:

1) Water and Sewer Operations

Water Treatment Plant

- Total gallons withdrawn: 344,640,000
- Daily average: 11,117,419
- Wells: 138,490,000
- Big Springs: 0
- % produced by Brittany Drive: 40.2%
- Brittany Dr. daily production to capacity: 37.85%
- Mauldin Rd. daily production to capacity: 41.56 %
- Rainfall for July – 2.26"

Waste Water Treatment Plant

- Treated a daily average of 3.817 MGD, with an average BOD effluent of 3, average suspended effluent of 9, and an average COD of 36.

Water Distribution & Wastewater Collection

- 341 work orders completed, 30 new water connections, 8 water service leaks repaired, 19 water main leaks repaired, 23 water services changed to new main lines, 187 meter changes, 13 utility locates called in for work orders, 344 utility locates responses.
- 2,300 feet of Sanitary Sewer Services TV inspected, 254 utility locates completed, 4,300 feet sanitary sewer lines cleaned, 2 new sewer connections installed, 3 sanitary sewer services repaired.

2) Water and Sewer Construction

Water and Sewer Systems Active Projects

- As part of the new NPDES requirements, steps are underway to meet the storm water segment of the Watershed Protection Plan. EPD notified us on April 17th that our Section 319 Grant had been recommended for funding by the EPA.
- Construction of the Love's Truck Stop Sanitary Sewer Lift Station is under construction and nearing completion.
- The Stone Ridge Lift Station is under construction.
- The North Henderson Bend Lift Station is under construction.
- Unidirectional Flushing Program is underway.
- The two inch galvanized line replacement continues utilizing city forces.
- S.R. 156 Water Main Relocation (GDOT/ RR Bridge Replacement @ Ranger) – Plans have been submitted to GDOT and is scheduled for 2018-2019 budget year.
- Hwy 41 South at Lynn Creek (GDOT Widening Project) – Plans have been submitted to GDOT and is scheduled for 2018-2019 budget year.

Water & Sewer Projects in Development

- Airport Sanitary Sewer Relocation- Relocating approximately 4500 feet of sewer main to accommodate the airport expansion.
- North Wall Street and Redbud Road Intersection improvements- GDOT asked for and was given an estimate to relocate any utilities in conflict with the proposed project.
- Ranger Tank Site property acquisition is underway.
- New 2.0 MG Ranger Tank and 12 inch water mains - Engineering is underway.

Projects in Engineering Conceptual Design

Sewer

- Blackwood Creek Trunk Sewer Replacement
- Yarrowborough Street Replacement Sewer
- Louise Ave., Cherry St., and Florence Ave. Sewer Replacement

Water

- Bellwood Road Water Transmission Main
- Reeves Station Water Main (replacing existing 6" C. I. with an 8")
- Second Interconnect with Pickens County

- GDOT SR 156/Salacoa Creek Bridges. Scheduled for 2020
- SR 225 8" water main river crossing

3) Downtown Development Authority

The DDA director attended a Business Engagement Committee meeting; a Young Professionals meeting & Chamber of Commerce State of the County meeting. Planning is underway for the 12th annual Harvest Fest. It is scheduled for October 27th from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. There will be tractor rides, free entertainment, arts & crafts for sale, food vendors and much more! The United Way Young Leaders & the Downtown Development Authority are hosting Food Trucks & Friends on August 24th in the Depot Parking lot. The event will be from 6:30 pm-10:30 pm. Each of these events attract people to downtown and we hope to have more events similar to these in the future.

D. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley submitted July reports as follows:

1) Police Department

- Made 483 cases with 6 DUI's
- Fines collected by Municipal Court - \$44,973
- Issued 488 warnings
- Investigated 55 highway accidents, 38 private property accidents
- Escorts - 54
- Incident reports -1,552
- Alarm responses - 228
- Miles patrolled: 54,670

2) Municipal Court

- Total Court cases- 481
- Court cases dropped- 121
- Number of Bond forfeitures- 305
- Number of Probation cases- 19
- Failure to appear- 48
- Subpoenas served- 9

3) Fire Department

Fire Suppression Division

165 Total reported calls for service for the Suppression Division

Responses to Calls

- 4 Fire Incidents (\$483,200 in estimated Fire damage)
- 0 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (**NO FIRE**)
- 103 Emergency Medical Services / Rescue (Injuries, Medical, or Fatality)
- 11 Hazardous Conditions Incidents (**NO FIRE**; Leaks, Spills, Electrical Hazards; All Other Hazardous Conditions without injuries)
- 5 Service Calls (Water Leak; Assist Other Agencies with Non Emergency Calls)

- 28 Good Intent Calls (Smoke / Odor check; Investigation of Unknown Problem)
- 13 False Alarms or False Calls
- 0 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster
- 0 Special Incident Type (Citizen Complaint; Other)

Additional Fire Department Activities

- Water days for Calhoun Primary Summer Program and Jacket Jamboree.
- Hosted Camp New Adventure at Station 1 for Tour and Safety Program.
- Safety Class and presentation for children at Calhoun Church of Christ.
- Completed all routine vehicle and station maintenance.

Training Division

CFD completed 476 Total Man Hours of training during the month.

Training consisted of:

- Rope Technician level 2
- Search and Rescue Operations
- Fire Apparatus set up and procedures
- Fire Behavior
- Fire Streams
- Forcible Entry and Ladder Operations

Fire Inspections - Public Safety Education -Code Enforcement Division

79 Total Reported Activities / Inspections completed during the month.

Inspections

- 25 Annual Inspection
- 3 New Business Inspections
- 22 Requested Inspections
- 11 Follow Up, Re-Inspections
- 0 Burn Site Inspections
- 3 Plan Reviews
- 0 Pre-Construction Meetings
- 0 Sprinkler Permits Issued
- 0 Tank Permit
- 15 Consultations
- 0 Illegal Burning Citations

Additional Inspection - Public Safety & Codes Division Activities

- Lt Duvall participated in the City Safety meetings and inspections.
- Inspections conducted a Hands On Fire Extinguisher class at Apache Mills @ River Street location for 16 students.
- Lt. Duvall met with Rome Fire Dept. about new Fire Safety Education Programs for children in the schools and other locations.

7. Public Hearing and Comments

Announce at this time, public hearings will be held. The public will have the opportunity to make pro and con comments with a ten minute maximum time limit for each side of the matter, with each person speaking having filed a financial disclosure statement five days prior to the hearing if required, with each person giving their name and address. An inquiry should be made to determine if any elected official has filed a disclosure statement regarding ownership or special interest in any of the agenda items. Zoning Land Use Maps on display in Council Chambers for Zoning Advisory Board and Council hearings.

A. Annexation & Zoning Request – Hamilton Medical Center

Public hearing of an annexation and zoning request of C-2 for 7.26 acres, at a location of 1165 Red Bud Road, parcel GC65-034, by Hamilton Medical Center, Inc. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held August 9, 2018.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Peterson stated that all notices have been completed.
- Councilwoman Palazzolo stated that the Zoning Advisory Board was in favor of the annexation and zoning request.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for public comments. Will Crunk, the applicant, was in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions of the Council and those in attendance.
- There being none, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning the annexation request. Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to approve the annexation request of 7.26 acres. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning the zoning request of C-2. Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to approve the zoning request. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

B. Annexation & Zoning Request – Jonathan Maddox

Public hearing of an annexation and zoning request of C-2 for 4.41 acres, at a location of 1611 Dews Pond Road (056A-066), by Darin Hardin. Property owner is Jonathan Maddox, Executor of the estate of Lillian and David Maddox, Sr. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held August 9, 2018.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Peterson stated that all notices have been completed.
- Councilwoman Palazzolo stated that the Zoning Advisory Board vote failed for lack of a motion.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for public comments. Darrin Hardin, the applicant, presented council members with an executive summary of the need for the Assisted Living Center and reviewed his plans for the project. Members of the Amakanata community were in attendance to address their concerns pertaining to traffic issues that currently exist in the area, as well as the additional traffic impact that could result from the project.
- Upon conclusion of public comments Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a vote pertaining to the annexation request of 4.41 acres. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the annexation request. Councilman Edwards gave a second. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley voted aye, with

Councilwoman Palazzolo, Councilman Denmon, and Councilman Edwards voting nay. Motion denied.

C. **Annexation & Zoning Request – CGA Global Realty, LLC**

Public hearing of an annexation and zoning request of Ind-G for 4.89 acres, at a location of 113 Henderson Bend Road (GC35-093), by CGA Global Realty LLC. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held August 9, 2018.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Peterson stated that all notices have been completed.
- Councilwoman Palazzolo stated that the Zoning Advisory Board was in favor of the annexation and zoning request.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for public comments. Jonathan Stone, the applicant, was in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions of the Council and those in attendance.
- There being none, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a vote concerning the annexation request of 4.89 acres. Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to approve the annexation request. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye.
- Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning the zoning change Ind-G. Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to approve the zoning request. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

D. **Zoning Change Request – Harmony Road Development, LLC**

Public hearing of a zoning change request from C-2 to R-2 for 8.8 acres, at a location of parcel C67-001, on the corner of Dews Pond and Lovers Lane, by Harmony Rd Development, LLC. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held August 9, 2018.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Peterson stated that all notices have been completed.
- Councilwoman Palazzolo stated that the Zoning Advisory Board tabled the request until their next scheduled meeting.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for public comments. Darin Hardin, the applicant, withdrew his request for the zoning change, as well as the variance request for parcel C67-001.

E. **Variance Request – Harmony Road Development, LLC**

Public hearing of a variance request to reduce the buffer requirement on C-2 property bordering residential property from 20 feet down to zero feet, at a location of parcel C67-001, by Harmony Rd Development, LLC. The applicant states that the 20 foot buffer requirement will be implemented on the residentially zoned property instead of the commercially zoned property. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held August 9, 2018.

- Applicant's request withdrawn (see item D).

8. Old Business

A. Taxicab Application – Carmen Zamora

Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a Taxicab and Limousine Operator Regulatory License Application for Calhoun Taxi, at a location of 360 S. Piedmont Street, by Carmen Zamora. Eligible for a public hearing on August 27th.

9. New Business

A. Beer Pouring License – Estela’s Taqueria

Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a beer pouring license for Estela’s Taqueria, at a location of 802 North Wall Street, by Suceli Monzon. The proposed store manager is Jorge Monzon. Eligible for a public hearing September 10, 2018.

B. Calhoun Recreation Commission – Dickie Goswick Reappointment

Mayor Palmer read a request for the re-appointment of Dickie Goswick to the Calhoun Recreation Commission. The appointment is to serve another six year term. Mr. Goswick will be ineligible for reappointment after this term. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to reappointment Mr. Goswick to the Calhoun Recreation Commission. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

C. Purchase Request – Calhoun Police Department – 2013 Dodge Charger

Mayor Palmer read a request by the Calhoun Police Department to purchase a 2013 Black Dodge Charger with State Forfeiture funds. This vehicle will be installed with necessary equipment for the New School Resource Officer that will be at the Primary/Elementary Complex. Purchase from Calhoun Auto Outlet for \$15,600.00. VIN#2C3CDXHG3DH512238. Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

D. Calhoun-Gordon County Airport Authority – Philip Beamer Reappointment

Mayor Palmer read a request for the re-appointment of Philip Beamer to the Calhoun-Gordon County Airport Authority. The appointment is to serve another three year term. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the reappointment. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

E. Zoning Change Request – Shelley Hall

First reading of a zoning change request from C-2 to A-1 for 25.03 acres at a location of CG32A-050 (Sugar Valley Road) by Shelley Hall. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2018.

10. Other Written Items Not on the Agenda

None

11. Work Reports

A. Eddie Peterson, City Administrator

None

B. Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator
None

C. George Govignon, City Attorney
None

12. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

13. Motion to return to General Session

14. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion adjourn. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved:

Submitted:



James F. Palmer, Mayor



Sharon Nelson, City Clerk

