



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 28, 2025 – 7:00 PM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

MINUTES

PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Ed Moyer, Mayor Pro Tem
Ray Mitchell Denmon, Councilmember
Jacqueline Palazzolo, Councilmember
Al Edwards, Councilmember

ALSO: Paul Worley, City Administrator; Kyle Ellis, Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; and Christy Nicholson, Police.

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**

Welcome

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

Invocation

Mayor Palmer 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**

Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the April 28, 2025 agenda as presented. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of April 14, 2025. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

- A. Mayor Palmer announced that the first public hearing on the City's Annual Operating Budget and Capital Plan for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 will be held on May 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

6. **Zoning Hearings and Comments**

7. **Other Public Hearings**

8. **Old Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a zoning request from C-2 to R-2, for 0.11 acres, at a location of 110 Mac Avenue, being parcel C26-127, by Kevin Osborne. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held on May 8th and the public hearing on May 12th.
- B. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a beer, wine and liquor package request, at a location of 510 West Belmont Avenue, by RINI, LLC d/b/a Calhoun Bottle Shop. Sejalben Shah is the owner and will also serve as the store manager. The public hearing will be held May 12th.

9. **New Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of the updated 2025 City of Calhoun Zoning Map. The public hearing will be held June 10th to allow for proper zoning procedure and advertising.
- B. Mayor Palmer stated there was an opportunity to reappointment Lucia Eastham to the Zoning Advisory Board for an additional three year term ending April 30, 2028. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the reappointment. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- C. Mayor Palmer read the slate of GMA's slate of District 1 Officers for FY 2025-2026, requesting approval or recommendations for alternative officers. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the slate of District 1 Officers as presented. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- D. Mayor Palmer read a request from Echota Baptist Church to block the road beginning at the mailbox by the front steps of the church, College Circle, to the stop sign behind the church at Short North Wall Street from 5:00pm to 9:00pm on Saturday, May 31st for their annual Block Party, and the same road block on June 8 -13 for Vacation Bible School. Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the road closures. Councilmember Edward gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- E. Mayor Palmer read a request from the Purchasing Department to surplus a 2012 Dodge Ram 1500 used by the Police Department and no longer needed. VIN# 1C6RD6GP6CS110245 Mileage: 157,459. Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the surplus request. Councilmember Edwards gave a second with all voting aye.

10. Work Reports

- A. City Administrator Worley gave a review of March 2025 general cash and hotel motel reports. (copy attached) Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- B. Utilities Administrator Ellis gave a review of the March 2025 utilities cash report. (copy attached) Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the report as presented. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- C. City Attorney Govignon had nothing to report.

11. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

12. Motion to return to General Session

13. Other written items not on the agenda

- A. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer extended his appreciation to the City of Calhoun for its support of the AMEN Free Health Clinic, held on Sunday, April 27, 2025, at the Calhoun Seventh-day Adventist Church. The City was able to financially support the event with Opioid Settlement funds that are restricted for opioid education for prevention efforts. This event provided essential medical, dental, and vision services to over 600 individuals in need. The clinic was made possible through the collaborative efforts of numerous dedicated professionals and volunteers who generously donated their time and expertise. Their commitment ensured that uninsured and underinsured members of our community received quality healthcare services.
- B. City Administrator Worley stated the 2025 BBQ & Boogie Festival was a huge success, drawing thousands of attendees to Downtown Calhoun. He extended his appreciation to all City of Calhoun departmental staff that participated for their exceptional efforts in supporting the BBQ & Boogie Festival. He also recognized the Downtown Development Authority for their commitment, leadership, and tireless work in organizing and promoting the event.

14. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Denmon made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Approved:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:


Sharon Nelson, City Clerk



