

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING ST
FEBRUARY 23, 2015 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; Garry Moss, Police Chief; Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief; George Govignon, City Attorney; Jerry Crawford, Water and Sewer Director

- 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 Barton made a motion to approve the agenda and Councilman Crowley seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion approved.**
- 4. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2015 City Council Meeting. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.**
- 5. Mayor's Comments:**
 - A. Mayor Palmer stated that the City will hold a Close-Out Public Hearing on a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant on February 25, 2015 at noon at the Calhoun Depot. The grant was used toward the renovation of the old O'Jay Mill Building to build 60 loft apartments and is currently housing 102 residents of low to moderate income.**
- 6. Public Hearings and Comments: None**
- 7. Old Business:**
 - A. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a beer package request by Pankajkumar Patel DBA: Quick Stop at a location of 461 Harris Beamer Road. The public hearing will be on March 9, 2015.**

8. New Business:

- A. Mayor Palmer stated that the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG) has plans to build a substation on McDaniel Station Road. MEAG has purchased land from the Development Authority and they also are seeking to purchase 1.367 acres from the City of Calhoun, currently apart of the Recreation Department, of contiguous land for the project. However, this would cut off access to floodway property still owned by the Development Authority that the City is interested in to further develop the Recreation park seeing as it would be unsuitable land for building structures. Mr. Govignon explained that he is negotiating with MEAG for the necessary easements to be able to access the additional floodway acreage. MEAG has agreed to install a self-supporting pole to ensure an easement would accommodate the intended recreational use of the land. The additional expense would justify a swap, instead of a fee simple deal originally proposed, of the 1.367 acres for the needed easement access and the extra expense of the pole installation. Councilman Crowley made a motion to allow Mr. Govignon to proceed with negotiations between MEAG and the City and for the Mayor to sign the final documents. Councilman Edward gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- B. Mayor Palmer read a request from the Calhoun Police Department to use funds in the amount of \$3,275 out of asset seizure account #1 for the purchase of equipment. Mayor Palmer stated that the equipment to be replaced is outdated and parts are no longer available. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- C. Mayor Palmer read a Special Event road closure request by the March of Dimes. The proposed march would occur Saturday April 25, 2015 beginning at 11:00am through 12:30pm. The march begins at BB&T Park on Piedmont Street down to the intersection of Piedmont and Hicks Street. This event would coincide with BBQ, Boogie, and Blues. The March of Dimes is sponsoring the BB&T Park Kids Zone for this year's event. Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the closure of the south bound lane of Piedmont Street from Line Street to Hicks Street from 11:00am to 12:30pm. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

9. Other written items not on the agenda: None

10. Work Reports:

- A. City Administrator Eddie Peterson
- 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