



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 16, 2019 - 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

ALSO: Eddie Peterson, City Administrator; Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Brett Sane, Electric Utilities; Tony Pyle, Police Chief; Kyle Ellis, Director of Water & Wastewater.

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**

**Welcome**

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

**Invocation**

Councilman Edwards 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**

Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the December 16, 2019 agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye.

4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 9, 2019. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

A. Sharon Nelson, City Clerk, performed the Oath of Office for Mayor Palmer for his term of office beginning on January 1, 2020. Mayor Palmer performed the Oath of Office for Councilman Edwards, Post 2 for his term of service beginning January 1, 2020. Mayor

Palmer performed the Oath of Office for Calhoun Board of Education members as follows: Eddie Reeves, post 4; and Becky Gilbert George, post 5. Mayor Palmer noted that Councilwoman Palazzolo was not in attendance due to sickness and would be sworn in at the next regular meeting of the City Council.

- B. Mayor Palmer announced that Calhoun City offices will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas holidays, and January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's Day.

6. **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. Public hearing of a beer, wine, and distilled spirits request, at a location of 255 West Line Street, by Tejashkumar Patel, dba Warehouse Liquor.
- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
  - City Administrator Peterson stated that there were some issues initially, but all legal requirements and notices had been met. City Attorney Govignon stated that the issues were with an LLC that was created to remove interest in the business from one of the partners of LLC. He stated the Department of Revenue is requesting a 2019 license in the new LLC name. Once approved a license for the remainder of 2019 will be issued, as well as the 2020 license. This will fulfill the request of the Department of Revenue.
  - Mayor Palmer opened the floor for public comments.
  - There being none, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning the alcohol request.
  - Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the request for a beer, wine, and distilled spirits package license. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

7. **Old Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an annexation and zoning request of R1-B for 1.40 acres, at a location of Cherry Hill Drive and Peters Street (parcels GC27-010 and GC27-011), by Eric Worley. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held January 9<sup>th</sup> and the public hearing will be held January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a rear setback variance request of 10 feet, varying from 20 feet to 10 feet, at a location of 116 McConnell Road (parcel C11-040) to construct a 1,150 square foot home, by the Housing Authority of the City of Calhoun. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held January 9<sup>th</sup> and the public hearing will be held January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a 50 foot setback variance request from the required 100 feet from the front right-of-way, a 420 foot variance

request from the required 500 feet from R-2 zoning, and a 15 foot height variance request from the required 25 feet height limit for an electronic billboard sign at a location of 1060 Red Bud Road, by Bruce Stock and Mitch Frix. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held January 9<sup>th</sup> and the public hearing will be held January 13<sup>th</sup>.

D. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an annexation and zoning request of C-2 for 0.746 acres, at a location of GC36-120A (N. Wall Street), by Fernandez Investments, LLC. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held January 9<sup>th</sup> and the public hearing will be held January 13<sup>th</sup>.

E. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a zoning change request of R-2 to C-2 for 1.698 acres, at a location of C21-015, C35-088, C35-106 (corner of N. Wall Street and Henderson Bend), by Fernandez Investments, LLC. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held January 9<sup>th</sup> and the public hearing will be held January 13<sup>th</sup>.

8. **New Business**

A. Mayor Palmer gave the 2020 annual business license readings as follows:

1) **Beer, Wine, Liquor Pouring**

- Calhoun's Bar & Grill
- Taco House
- Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the alcohol licenses. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

2) **Beer and Wine Pouring**

- El Sol Restaurant
- Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the alcohol license. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

3) **Beer Package**

- El Sol Restaurant
- Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the alcohol license. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

9. **Other Written Items Not on the Agenda**

10. **Work Reports**

A. Eddie Peterson, City Administrator, stated that General Government funds continue to do well with total operating revenues of \$3.2 million and various investments of \$6.9 million.

B. Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator, stated total operating revenues for the month of November was \$4.5 million and total savings and reserves of \$8.8 million.

C. George Govignon, City Attorney had nothing to report.

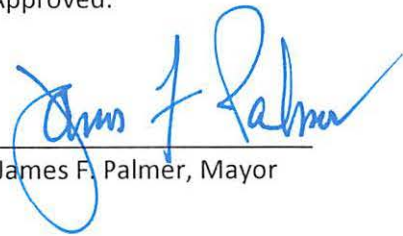
11. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

12. Motion to return to General Session

13. Motion to Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Sharon Nelson, City Clerk



**City of Calhoun**  
**Budget Amendment- 4th Quarter**  
**Fiscal 2019**

			<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Budget Amendment</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
<b>Budget Amendment #1</b>						
<b>General Fund</b>						
Property Insurance	1106180	523102	105	105	1	106
Repair and Maintenance-Vehicle	1107220	522201	3,000	4,016	104	4,120
Travel	1107220	523500	1,900	2,515	432	2,947
Gasoline	1107220	531270	4,100	4,100	913	5,013
Interfund Allocation-Utilities	1107220	554100	9,729	9,729	10,277	20,006
Gordon Co. Contract Labor	1323270	571001	123,822	123,822	(20,372)	103,450
Regular Employees	1404950	511100	114,204	114,204	8,038	122,242
Workers Comp Insurance	1404950	512700	4,215	4,091	607	4,698

*Budget Amendment #1 accounts for the changes in the General Fund. These expenses cover unbudgeted vehicle repairs, gasoline, travel and increases in the interfund allocation from Utilities in Building Inspection. Increases in wages and worker's compensation insurance from a claim within the Cemetery Department and a minor increase in insurance for the Auditorium are covered. These increases were paid for with savings in other expense accounts.*

**Budget Amendment #2**

**Hotel/Motel**

Hotel Revenue	2750000	314100	(765,000)	(765,000)	(99,410)	(864,410)
H/M Downtown Development Authority	2757520	572035	47,812	47,812	6,214	54,026
Transfer-Out - City of Calhoun	2757520	611202	239,063	239,063	31,065	270,128
H/M Chamber of Commerce	2757540	572020	334,687	334,687	43,492	378,179
Transfer-Out - Calhoun Recreation	2757540	611201	95,625	95,625	12,426	108,051
Transfer-Out - City of Calhoun	2757540	611202	47,813	47,813	6,213	54,026

*Amendment #2 accounts for an increase in revenues collected and paid out of the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund.*

**Budget Amendment #3**

**2011 SPLOST**

Appropriation-Fund Balance	3240000	399000	(756,757)	(850,144)	(281,035)	(1,131,179)
Vehicles	3240000	542200	113,841	207,228	26,790	234,018
Transfer Out- Water/Sewer	3240000	611002	-	-	254,245	254,245

*Amendment #3 accounts cameras for new police vehicles and a transfer to Water and Sewer for reimbursement of the Peters Street Utility relocation. These were funded with Fund Balance.*

**Budget Amendment #4****2018 SPLOST**

2018 SPLOST Taxes	3250000	313200		(1,877,076)	(1,877,076)	(36,421)	(1,913,497)
Site Improvements	3250000	541200	274	-	-	4,875	4,875
CO-Buildings	3250000	541300	273	-	-	8,910	8,910
CO-Machinery>4000	3250000	542100		-	159,697	22,361	182,058
Transfer out-Solid Waste	3250000	611006		-	70,858	275	71,133
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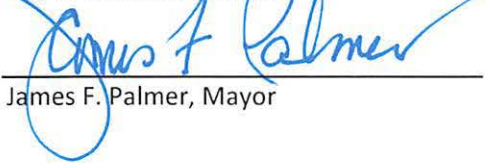
*Amendment #4 accounts for costs associated with the initial construction of the dog park and the Recreation maintenance building, the Fire Department's purchase of four SCBA units, and a small amount was over on the purchase of a trailer for Solid Waste. These were covered with additional tax collections.*

**Budget Amendment #5****Confiscated Assets**

Superior Court Awards	2103200	351110		(10,000)	(10,000)	(25,128)	(35,128)
Appropriation - Fund Balance	2103200	399000		-	(52,599)	(34,666)	(87,265)
Transfers Out-General Fund	2103200	611001		-	-	59,794	59,794
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*Amendment #5 records the transfer of four vehicles, one of which was seized, one K-9 dog and a tv with funds from Confiscated Assets. These items were transferred to the Police Department and Special Ops to fight the war on drugs.*

City of Calhoun, Georgia



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Attest:



Eddie Peterson, City Administrator