

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
CALHOUN, GA
OCTOBER 24, 2005, 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

**PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Lorene Potts, Mayor Pro Tem
Ray M. Denmon, City Councilman
George R. Crowley, City Councilman
David Hammond, City Councilman**

ABSENT:

**ALSO: William P. Bailey, City Attorney
Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities
Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety / Public Works
Cathy Harrison, City Administrator**

1. Mayor James F. Palmer called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Mayor James F. Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Following review of the minutes of the September 26, 2005 regular City Council Meeting Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve as written, second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley and Mayor Pro Tem Potts, voting affirmatively, motion carried.
4. Mayor's comments:
 - a. Mayor Palmer expressed sympathy to the family of Harry Bennett, a former City Councilman and also to the family of Tim Poarch, a City police officer on the death of his father.
 - b. Mayor Palmer reminded the public that children will be on sidewalks and crossing streets, observing Halloween on Monday October 31, 2005. He stated the occasion would be observed by children age 12 and under from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 - c. Mayor Palmer reminded the public of the GMA Mayor's Christmas Motorcade. He stated this occasion allows the general public to remember patients, many of whom are from Calhoun, Gordon County at Northwest Regional Hospital. He stated some of the patients would not receive any gifts at Christmas unless donations were provided. He stated the public may leave gifts or donations at City Hall through December 12, 2005.
 - d. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and public of two beer package license applications for Fast Petroleum, Inc. with Worth L. Thompson, Jr. as the authorized agent for conversion of the license at 1402 U.S. 41 South to a package license for sale with grocery items and for a new license at 326 West Line Street,

a service station operation, both applications to be heard on November 14, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

e. Mayor Palmer asked Mayor Pro Tem Potts to review the zoning hearings scheduled for November 14, 2005 and December 12, 2005. Mayor Pro Tem Potts reviewed those items as follows:

- 1) A zoning variance request of Martha Juanita T. Muse for 1 acre (out of 6 acre tract) at 1066 Sugar Valley Road, NW for rezoning as commercial in order to build a pet grooming shop.
- 2) A zoning request of PRD and C-2 plus annexation by Darin Hardin for approximately 130 acres located at 700 Lover's Lane Rd.
- 3) A zoning request of C-2 and annexation by Darin Hardin for approximately 17 acres located at on the Northwest corner of Dews Pond Road and Harmony Church Road.
- 4) A zoning request of R-1 and annexation by Joe Stepp for approximately 14.388 acres located on Meadowbrook Road.

f. Remind Council and public of zoning hearings scheduled for December 12, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

- 1) Ronnie Holbrook, agent for Jacqueline S. Roberson for house and lot at 104 Joann Street for a zoning request of R-1B and annexation.
- 2) Ronnie Holbrook for house and lot at 102 Joann Street for zoning of R-1B and annexation.
- 3) Ronnie Holbrook, agent for Edna Blankenship for house and lot at 100 Joann Street for R-1B zoning and annexation.
- 4) Southern Heritage Construction, Inc. for lot off Highway 41 and North Drive for C-2 zoning and annexation.

5. Council Comments:

a. Councilman Hammond stated that Mayor Pro Tem Potts had been appointed to the Police Academy Board and on behalf of the Council he would like to extend his congratulations to Mrs. Potts on the appointment. He stated he realized that Mrs. Potts has a keen understanding of the stress and requirements placed upon law enforcement officers and she will provide excellent service as a board member.

Mayor Palmer also expressed his appreciation to Mayor Pro Tem Potts stating this type of service is without monetary rewards and is done because of a desire to improve the community and be of service to the law enforcement community. He expressed appreciation to Mayor Pro Tem Potts for her willingness to serve in this position.

Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated she has a long term interest in the duties of law enforcement officers. She stated that she admires those willing to serve in these areas and she is proud to be in any service possible that will aid them in their duties. Mayor Pro Tem Potts also reminded everyone of the Concerned Citizens Against Meth meeting that will be at the Calhoun Civic Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. on October 25, 2005.

6. Public hearings and Comments:

a. Mayor Palmer stated there were two zoning and annexation matters that had been tabled on October 10, 2005. The two items were from Mike Jones and Acey Cronan as agents for Raymond King and Betty Holbrook for 2 tracts off of

Belwood Road with development planned for the larger tract with an amended zoning of R-1A and zoning of A-1 and for the smaller tract with no development planned. He stated the City had been notified by agents Mr. Acey Cronan and Mike Jones to withdraw both requests. Mayor Palmer stated both are officially withdrawn.

- b. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing on the beer license request of Barbara Bishop to convert her beer package license to a beer package license for sales within her grocery store as currently available under the City ordinance. He stated her store is located on Red Bud Road and her police report is clear. He asked if there were any comments by the Council or by the public. There were none and the hearing was closed. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the request for a conversion of beer package license by Barbara Bishop for her Red Bud location. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Mayor Palmer stated in reference to the public hearing for Cristobal Vazquez d/b/a Tienda El Salvador Grocery Store at 309 Court Street regarding a beer package license. He stated the City had investigated the ownership of the building located within the 600 foot radius and determined it is owned by the church therefore the request does not meet the guidelines of the ordinance and the application is denied based upon non compliance with the ordinance.

7. Old Business:

- a. Mayor Palmer stated in reference to the taxi license of Pedro Gonzales d/b/a Taxi Roman for a business address of 904 B North Wall Street that did not meet the guidelines of the taxi ordinance and therefore was denied.
Mayor Palmer stated the applicant for both the beer license request at 309 Court Street and the taxi license request of 904 B North Wall Street that did not meet the guidelines of the ordinances, both can meet with Administrator Harrison to review their applications and she can provide detailed information regarding the requirements and the lack of the applications meeting the requirements.

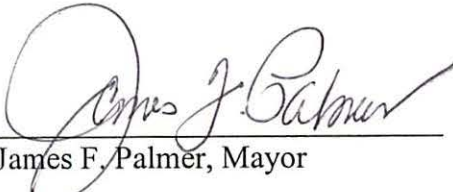
8. New Business:

- a. Councilman Crowley stated the Airport Authority Board had requested the City to re-appoint Chip Sloan to the Airport Authority Board for an additional term of 3 years since his term expired June 30, 2005. Councilman Crowley stated he would make a motion authorizing the re-appointment of Mr. Sloan to the Airport Authority Board based upon his interest in providing a quality regional airport, with the term to expire June 30, 2008. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Hammond and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Councilman Hammond stated the police department has filed a request for two vehicles to be listed as surplus property and to allow those vehicles to be sold, via the GMA internet process through GovDeals. The descriptions of the vehicles are as follows:
 - 1. 1991 Chev Astro Van, Serial # 1GNFM19ZXM8188802.
 - 2. 1996 Ford Crown Victoria, Serial # 2FALP71W3TX198315.

Councilman Hammond stated he would make a motion to declare these vehicles surplus property and authorize the sale as requested. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

9. Other written items not on the agenda: None.
10. Work Reports:
 - a. Director of Utilities Kelly Cornwell gave a first reading to proposed changes in the water and sewer installation policy. Director Cornwell stated the proposed changes are based upon a continuing desire to provide policies that meet the needs of the City and that allow developers to know exactly what the requirements are prior to the onset of development. He stated the largest primary change was a requirement that all utilities be located on the plats provided, in order that the City or other utilities not to infringe on the area provided for additional utilities. Mayor Palmer stated the second reading of the proposed amendments would be held on November 14, 2005.
 - b. Director of Public Safety and Public Works Eddie Peterson stated his report is on file for the Council to review. He reiterated that in his report he discusses traffic signals and the bulk of those are located on State Route 3 and the time table for updates. He also reminded the Mayor and Council that the City continues to participate in the Safe Street Program, coordinated with the FBI and Whitfield County Officials. He stated within the last week they worked in an area in Calhoun and provided 14 arrests.
11. Attorney Bailey stated there was no need to move to Executive Session.
12. Councilman Hammond made a motion to adjourn. The motion was second by Mayor Pro Tem Potts with Councilman Hammond, Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Denmon, and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:


Cathy Harrison, City Administrator