

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
CALHOUN, GA  
APRIL 11, 2005, 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

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

**ALSO: William P. Bailey, City Attorney  
Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities  
Cathy Harrison, City Administrator**

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Following a review of the minutes of the March 28, 2005 regular City Council meeting with no amendments voiced by the Council, Mayor Palmer stated the minutes would be approved as written.
4. Mayor's comments:
  - a. Mayor Palmer recognized members of the leadership committee attending the City Council meeting, Sharon Jolly, Keith Parker, and Kelly Goble.
  - b. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council of the budget work session that will immediately follow the City Council meeting and will be held for the next two evenings at 6:30 p.m. if needed.
  - c. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council of the City-County SPLOST meeting scheduled for April 21, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the County offices located at 201 North Wall Street.
  - d. Mayor Palmer announced public hearings on the proposed zoning changes and amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance on April 25, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.
  - e. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and the public of the hearing to be held April 25, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. on a beer pouring license request of Won Shil K. Witcher d/b/a as China Panda, a restaurant located at 474 Red Bud Road, a new location.
  - f. Mayor Pro Tem Potts reviewed the public hearings on zoning matters scheduled for April 25, 2005:
    - 1) A request by Moss Family, Inc., Truett Moss, Sr., President, for a 10-foot rear setback variance to accommodate an addition to an existing building at Challenger Carpet on Highway 41 South.

- 2) A request for zoning of C-2 and annexation of 1.66 acres at the intersection of Curtis Parkway and Kent Lane by Donald D. Taylor, as agent for J. Haley Stephens, Mary Lynne Kelly and Kristina Robertson.
- 3) A request for zoning of R-1B and annexation of a lot at 1174 McDaniel Station Road, between McDaniel Station and the railroad, on the corner of Salem Church Road, by Terry Brumlow as agent for Ruth Ann Logan.
- 4) A request for zoning of R-1B and annexation of 2.927 acres on McDaniel Station Road, directly across from the end of Salem Church Road, by Terry Brumlow as agent for B & J Development Company, LLC.
- 5) A request for zoning of C-2 and annexation of 1.624 acres on McDaniel Station Road, just south of Salem Church Road, by Terry Brumlow as agent for Kevin Vaughn.
- 6) A request for zoning of R-1 and annexation by the City of Calhoun for property 2.82 acres on McDaniel Station Road just south of the Salem Church Road intersection, which contains a 6 million gallon water reservoir.
- 7) A request for zoning of R-1B and annexation by Terry Brumlow as agent for Gregory Leonard and Carla J. Saunders of 16 acres on Nelson Lake Road.
- 8) A request for zoning of R-1B and annexation of a parcel approximately 100 x 2,000 feet off of Nelson Lake Road by Terry Brumlow as agent for Gerald King.
- 9) A request for zoning of R-1B and annexation of 70.659 acres off McDaniel Station Road by Terry Brumlow as agent for B & J Development Company, LLC.

5. Council Comments:

- a. Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated that during the month March 2005 the street department placed eighteen new street signs, dug out and patched pot holes, water and sewer cuts, on Curtis Parkway, Trammell Street, Victory Court, Kirby Road, Fain Street, W. C. Bryant Parkway, Carter Street, Telfair Street, and East May Street using 39.03 tons of asphalt.  
The street department and layed 32 feet of 24 inch barrel concrete drain pipe across South Moss Road to correct a long-time flooding problem.  
The street department dug out and layed 180 feet of 36 inch metal drain pipe and built a 4X4 storm water box at the ditch on Alyssa Lane.  
The street department dissembled an old house and hauled debris from the right of away at the new Mohawk Road near Old Dixie Hwy.  
The street removed approximately 5,000 feet of barb wire fence from the Mohawk Road Project site.  
The street department removed and repoured 46 feet of curb and gutter on Dobbs Street and Boulevard Heights and 95 feet of 5 foot sidewalk on Fain Street at the First Baptist Church.  
The street department cleaned and hauled trash from two downtown alley ways.  
The sanitation department serviced vehicles, continued their commercial trash route and gained two four yard dumpster accounts.  
The parks department provided maintenance to the grounds of all City departments and parks; they completed maintenance jobs at City Hall, the

Library, and the Downtown Annex. They continued work on the electrical transformer pad at the soccer field and they began construction on new offices at the police department.

The Cemetery department in addition to their routine maintenance supervised the opening and closing of twelve grave sites, sold twelve new grave sites and set ten new monuments.

The Animal Control division housed twenty dogs and nine cats, issued no warnings for lease law violation, and responded to forty-four customer calls.

- b. Councilman Denmon stated the building inspector for the month of March sold 57 permits for estimated construction costs \$1,899,860.00. The majority of this is twelve new residential permits for estimated construction cost of \$1,130,000.00.

The water treatment plant during the month of March pumped 384,431,000 thousand gallons of raw water for daily average of 12.401 million gallons. Of the total potable water, 38.7 % came from the well on Brittany Drive.

The waste treatment plant treated a daily average flow of 8.956 million gallons per day with the average BOD effluent being 14, average suspended effluent 23, average COD effluent is 94.

The water construction department made 78 connections during the month, repaired 28 water leaks, made 29 water connections, set 26 meters, changed 45 meters, installed 3 new fire hydrants, responded to 62 service calls, responded to 354 locate request, called in 141 locate requests, 7 emergency locate were called in and worked, and 2 fire hydrants have been repaired.

The sewer construction department made 20 sewer connections, provided 16 sewer service repairs, repaired 4 sewer manholes, inspected 37 sewer mains for a total of 7,683 feet, inspected 8 sewer services for a total of 800 feet, completed 228 locates, repaired 4 lift station, responded to 8 sewer service calls, cleaned 39 sewer lines totaling 13,650 feet, opened and inspected 43 manholes.

The sludge disposal area applied 1,616 cubic yards of 193.28 dry tons of sludge during the month.

- c. Councilman Crowley stated the electric department during the month of March continued to work on projects under construction:

- The new Hannah Hills development on Jones Road is continuing construction.
- The Village, Bristol Place phase II is also continuing in construction.
- The water plant pumping expansion continues in construction.
- The first phase of the system protection and reliability project is continuing.
- The recloser installation on Hillcrest Drive is under construction.
- The soccer lighting project continues, however it has been delayed due to weather.
- The department will begin installation of the controls on the new Union Grove pump station.

Projects in engineering and design:

- Continue to receive quotes on the new girls' softball field on River Street for primary lighting service.

- The Red Bud Road, Newtown Road, and Barrett Road intersection engineering is complete. The project will have joint poles and be coordinated with Georgia Power and NGEMC.

Work orders in process completed during March:

- Street and security lighting 33
- New business and maintenance 36
- After hours call out 13

Telecommunications area:

- Installed conduit on Laura Lane for future services
- Started construction on new sub ring from Central office to Wall Street
- Started engineering of a connection for Gordon County detective officials to incorporate the drug task force and the network
- Repaired fiber on Union Grove that was damaged by a crane movement.
- Wired the police office and relocated phones and computers
- Increase internet service speed and added spam filtration service for the Seven Day Adventist Conference and a regional cancer specialist area
- Calnet crews opened 21 work orders in March

The electric department issued 22 permits in March, provided 55 inspections, set 14 meters and sold 28,611,239 kilowatt hours of electricity.

- d. Councilman Hammond stated the police department during the month of March made 544 cases, 84 of these were warrants, 126 were speeding, 12 were DUI's and 322 other. They collected \$81,427.00 in fines. There were a total of 289 warning tickets issued, 87 highway accidents, 41 private property accidents. They provided 80 escorts, 13,026 incident reports, responded to 135 alarms, patrolled 54,607 miles and received 4,001 calls from E 911. There were 198 parking citations issued and fines collected for parking citations \$1,480.00.

The Calhoun fire department for the month of March responded to 50 calls for service, 8 calls were fire incidents for an estimated damage of \$5,100.00, 16 calls were for emergency medical service calls, 10 were for hazardous conditions calls, 3 service calls, 2 good intent calls, 11 false alarms and 1 special incident. In other activities the fire department completed in house training on state required core skills, rope rescue and water supplies.

The haz-mat team members attended training at the Murray County Fire Training Facility; 8 CFD personnel attended fire safety officer class at Dalton Fire Station. A fire safety class was given and a station tour for 90 children from Swain Elementary at Station #1. They taught fire safety at the Little Learners Daycare, conducted fire extinguisher classes at Owasa medical office and Gordon Health Care. They took a fire engine to an event for children of the deployed National Guard; firefighters completed all regular scheduled maintenance at Station #1,#2, and #3 and provided vehicle maintenance.

The fire inspector conducted 31 inspections during the month, 16 were general type inspections, 5 re-inspections, 2 new business inspections, and 8 consultations. Councilman Hammond stated that on March 24, 2005 he attended

the Coosa Valley RDC board meeting. He stated at this meeting, the executive director Billy Beckett tenured his resignation and the board began the process of selecting a new executive director.

6. Public hearings and comments:

a. Mayor Palmer announced at this time public hearings on zoning matters would be held the public would have the opportunity to make pro and con comments with a ten minute maxim time limit for each side of the matter and with each person speaking having filed a financial disclosure statement, five days prior to the hearing and with each person giving their name and address. An inquiry was made to determine if any elected official had filed a disclosure statement regarding ownership or special interest on any agenda item. The response was negative.

1) A zoning change request by Sam Edwards for rezoning of tract 5, less one house and lot, of property located at the corner of Highway 136 and Camelot Circle from R-2 to R-1A, for development of single-family housing. A public hearing was opened. Harrison reported that notices had been mailed to the adjoining property owners, signs were placed on the property and notices to the local legal organ were completed. Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated the request to change from R-1 to R-1A was heard by the Zoning Advisory Board at the April 7, 2005 meeting. There were several people from the neighborhood who requested information regarding the size of houses and the size of the proposed lots. The individuals were informed that the maximum under the R-1A zoning would be lots of 15,000 square feet; however the plat supplied by Mr. Edwards indicated that the lots would be much larger. The lot sizes would also depend upon the permit for their septic system that would be governed by the health department. The board stated that the developer would be required to comply with all subdivision and development regulations and policies, also the board recognized that the development for R-1A is more restricted than the development of R-2 as it is presently zoned. Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated that based upon this information the Zoning Advisory Board recommended the change from R-2 to R-1A. Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments by the applicant, there were none. He inquired if there any comments by the public or Council, there were none. The public hearing was closed. Mayor Pro Tem Potts sited the findings of the Zoning Advisory Board and the Zoning Committee as follows:

**STANDARDS GOVERNING THE EXERCISE OF ZONING POWER**

- (1) The proposal would permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.
- (2) The proposal would not adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.

- (3) The property as currently zoned does have a reasonable economic use.
- (4) The zoning proposal will not result in a use which would cause an excessive burden on existing streets, utilities or schools.
- (5) The capital costs to serve the area will be borne by the developers.
- (6) The proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan and will infill an area.
- (7) There are no existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property.
- (8) There are no other factors relevant to balancing the interest in promoting the public health, safety, morality or general welfare against the right to the unrestricted use of property.

Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated that she would make a motion to waive the third and fourth reading and to approve the rezoning request from R-2 to R-1A, the motion was second by Councilman Crowley, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon, and Councilman Hammond voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- 2) A request by John Wayne Hall for rezoning from Industrial H to R-1B for tract number 2, consisting of 13.4 acres on Beamer Circle and New Zion Road, and tract number 3, consisting of 5.1 acres on Beamer Circle. A public hearing was opened. Harrison reported that notices to the adjoining property owner, signs on the property and notices to the local legal organ had been completed. Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated that the Zoning Advisory Board also heard this matter on April 7, 2005. The board recognized that the property adjoins property recently rezoned by the Layson Family also zoned for residential development. The board acknowledged that the sewer line in the area is at capacity, however based on the City's new extension policy and with the number of taps that will be prepaid for both developments it will allow the City to address the line at capacity. Also based on the recent activity in the area, the board acknowledged that there appears to be a shift in development in the area from industrial to residential. She stated that the recommendation of the Zoning Advisory Board was to approve the zoning change from Industrial H to R-1B. Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments by the applicant, there were none. He inquired if there any comments by the public or Council, there were none. The public hearing was closed. Mayor Pro Tem Potts cited the findings of the criteria from the Zoning Advisory Board and the Zoning Committee as follows:

**STANDARDS GOVERNING THE EXERCISE OF ZONING POWER**

- (1) The proposal would permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.
- (2) The proposal would not adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.

- (3) The property as currently zoned does have a reasonable economic use.
- (4) The zoning proposal would result in additional use of streets, utilities and schools.
- (5) The capital improvement costs associated with the development of the lot will be borne by the developer.
- (6) The proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan.
- (7) There are no existing or changing conditions affecting the development of the property.
- (8) There are no other factors relevant to balancing the interest in promoting the public health, safety, morality or general welfare against the right to the unrestricted use of property.

Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated that she would make a motion to waive the third and fourth reading and approve the request to rezone from Industrial H to R-1B zoning. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- 3) A request for rezoning from R-1 to C-N by Jason Sloan of Flipper McDaniel & Associates as agent for Barbara Roland for property at 171 Richardson Road. A public hearing was opened. Harrison stated notices to the adjoining property owner, signs on the property and notices to the local legal organ had been completed. Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated that the Zoning Advisory Board also heard this matter on April 7, 2005. She stated the request was to rezone the property to allow a beauty shop to be operated on the corner lot. The commercial property designation would require a 20 foot buffer, however based upon the building that is located on the property this buffer cannot originally be maintained and it would be non-conforming; however if the building is removed the buffers will apply. The board acknowledged that the general area is moving towards commercial activity and it was the recommendation of the board to approve the request to rezone from R-1 to Commercial Neighborhood Zoning. Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments by the applicant. Flipper McDaniel speaking on behalf of the property owner, Barbara Roland, stated that he was available to respond to any questions that the Council may have. Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments from the public. Mr. Frank Cochran who resides on Peter Street stated that he is concerned that the residential neighborhood is eroding and is moving towards commercial activities and he would ask that the Mayor and Council consider not granting this request in order to stop any further changes for commercial activity in the neighborhood. Following Mr. Cochran's comments Mayor Palmer asked if there were any additional rebuttal from the applicant. There were none. The

public hearing was closed. Mayor Pro Tem Potts reviewed the findings of the Zoning Advisory Board and the Zoning Committee as follows:

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- (1) The proposal would permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.
- (2) The proposal would not adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.
- (3) The property as currently zoned does have a reasonable economic use.
- (4) The zoning proposal will not result in a use which would cause an excessive burden on existing streets, utilities or schools.
- (5) There are no capital improvements planned, since services have been previously extended to the lot. Any changes would be at the expense of the owner.
- (6) The proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan, since it is in an area that is changing from residential to neighborhood commercial usage.
- (7) There will be setbacks for commercial areas that will be grandfathered as non-conforming. However, buffers will be required should the existing building be renovated structurally.
- (8) There are no other factors relevant to balancing the interest in promoting the public health, safety, morality or general welfare against the right to the unrestricted use of property.

Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated that based upon these findings that she would make a motion for the R-1 zoned property to be rezoned commercial-neighborhood. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley, and Councilman Hammond voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- 4) A variance request by Melinda K. Smith, agent for Shaw Industries, to allow construction of a covered entryway into the office building of Shaw Industries on South Industrial Boulevard. A public hearing was opened. Harrison indicated that notices to the adjoining property owner, signs on the property and notices to the local legal organ had been completed. Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated the request for a zoning variance would not infringe upon any other property in the area, nor would it be a detriment to the road. The Zoning Advisory Board acknowledged that the request would allow extensive renovation of the industry located on South Industrial Boulevard and that it was in the best interest of the property owner. Mayor Palmer inquired if there if there were any comments by the applicant. Mr. Bob Knight stated that he was representing Mrs. Smith for Shaw Industries and that he was available for any questions. Mayor Palmer asked if there any comments by the public, there were none. There were no questions by the Council and the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Pro Tem Potts reviewed the findings of the Zoning Advisory Board:

**VARIANCE CONSIDERATIONS (ONE OR MORE)**

- (a) There are no extraordinary or exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property in question because of its size, shape or topography.
- (b) The application of this ordinance to the particular piece of property would create an unnecessary hardship.
- (c) There are no conditions peculiar to the particular piece of property involved.
- (d) Relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purposes and intent of this ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to grant the 10 foot variance as requested by Shaw Industries. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley, and Councilman Hammond voting affirmatively, motion carried.

7. Other hearings:

- a. Mayor Palmer re-opened public hearings on the two proposed changes on the zoning ordinance: Factory fabricated transportable buildings and a time frame for permits issued for said buildings and proposed amendments for the additional setbacks, 15 feet on the east and west side along Curtis Parkway. Attorney Bailey reviewed both items, reviewing the history and the reasons for consideration of the changes. Mayor Palmer inquired if there if there were any comments from the public or the Council. There were none. Mayor Palmer stated that the hearing would be extended to April 25, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.
- b. Mayor Palmer re-opened the hearing on the proposed amendment to the potentially dangerous dog ordinance. He stated that the definition will be amended from its present form which currently requires the designation of the dangerous dog to be enacted when a dog has bitten a human being. The new proposed amendment will allow the designation to be enacted when an animal has bitten a human being or another animal. Mayor Palmer asked if there were any questions by the public or the Council. Keith Parker asked for the definition to be reviewed. Attorney Bailey reviewed the definition of the present ordinance as it relates to a potentially dangerous dog and the definition following the amendment. Mayor Palmer asked if there were any other questions. There were none. Mayor Palmer extended the public hearing to April 25, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.

8. Old business: **none**

9. New business:

- a. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a request for a zoning of Industrial G and annexation of approximately 105 acres on Union Grove Road and zoning of R-1B and a annexation of approximately 3 acres on Hensley Drive by Clarence B. King.

Mayor Palmer stated the earliest possible date for a public hearing by the Mayor and Council would be May 23, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time, second by Councilman Hammond, with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- b. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a request for zoning or R-1B and annexation of 47.72 acres on Nelson Lake Road, by Attorney Terry Brumalow as agent for Gerald W. and Edith C. King. Mayor Palmer stated that the earliest possible date for a public hearing would be May 23, 2005 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley and Councilman Hammond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a beer, wine and liquor license request of El Rayos Restaurant, Inc., Luis Ruc Fitz Solis, President and Manager, at 360 Piedmont Street. Mayor Palmer stated that this is not a new location. The present owner now qualifies under the amended alcohol ordinance to apply for a license based on his permanent residence status. He stated that the earliest possible date for a public hearing on the application would be May 9, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Hammond made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley, with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading first reading of a pension plan agreement with GMA for the Defined Contribution Plan 401(a), in reference to insurance and other features. Harrison explained that in 2003 the City of Calhoun changed its primary pension plan from a defined contribution program to a defined benefit program and had contracted these plans with the GMA. The Defined Contribution Plan would no longer accept any funding from the city or the employees, but would remain in a frozen status until current employees terminated or retired. She stated insurance was part of the original plan in 1981 still remains a feature for some of the employees covered in the program. However, the plan that was moved to GMA did not allow for the insurance policies to be transferred from the plan to the individual at their request as they terminated or as they retired. The amendments would add that feature and would add a few other recommended features by the GMA pension attorney. Mayor Palmer asked if there were any questions. There were none. Mayor Palmer stated that the public hearings on these proposed changes would be set for April 25, 2005 and May 9, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

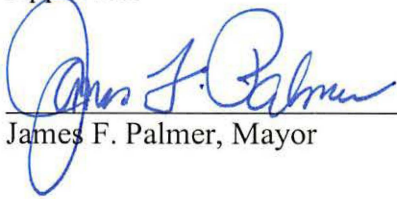
10. Other written items not on the agenda:

- a. Mayor Palmer stated that the City of Calhoun had received an appraisal for the approximately 5 acres that had been donated by Clarence B. King for a new road that would connect Old Dalton Hwy to Union Grove Road. He stated the appraisal indicated a value of \$135,000.00. Mayor Palmer stated that this would need to be officially accepted by the City of Calhoun and a letter forwarded to Mr.

King indicating the value of the donation. Councilman Crowley made a motion to accept the approximate 5 acres as a donation valued at \$135,000.00 from Mr. Clarence B. King. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond, with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried. Mayor Palmer stated that it would be appropriate for that section of the new road to be named for Mr. Clarence B. King based upon his generous gift. Councilman Hammond made a motion to designate that section of the new road, Clarence B. King Drive, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley, and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

11. Work reports:
  - a. Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities: **no report.** Mayor Palmer asked that his written report be made a part of the minutes as exhibit A.
  - b. Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works: **no report.** Mayor Palmer stated that Mr. Peterson had gotten snowed in during his vacation and was unable to return to work on April 11, 2005.
12. Mayor Palmer stated that it was not necessary to move to Executive Session.
13. Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilman Hammond, with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:



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James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



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Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

***“Exhibit A”***  
***City of Calhoun***  
***Water & Sewer***  
***Special Projects Status Report***  
***April 8, 2005***

- **Mauldin Road Water Treatment Plant Modifications and Water System Improvements, Phase IV:** Construction of the Sugar Valley Tank and Brownlee Mountain Tanks is complete. The Brownlee Mountain tank is in operation. The Sugar valley tank should be in operation by May. Engineering has begun on the Mauldin Road WTP improvements. EPD has confirmed that we will not need to build a new sedimentation basin, if “Tube or Tray Settlers’ are installed in the existing basins. The two new high service pumps have been installed, electrical work is in progress. Installation of the rate of flow control valves and the meters are 70% complete. We have 85,000 feet of the 87,000 feet of new water mains as part of the DWSRF project installed to date. The filter work has begun and five filters have been modified. This is a twelve month project. We have received bids for the new filter controls and Universal Controls will be the contractor.
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Modifications:** The projects completed to date as part of the CWSRF Project are: New Belt Press, Sludge Conveying System, the Lime System, cleaning of the old basins, and new sludge holding facility. The Grit Collection System installation is 95% complete. The aeration and clarification equipment has been delivered. Installation has begun on the aeration equipment. The installation will take approximately 120 days.
- **41 South Interceptor Sewer:** Phase I & II have been completed. The contractor has begun work on Phase III and hopes to have the work completed by May, 2005. We have 95% of the project completed.
- **The Gordon County/City of Calhoun Sewer Projects –** Despite multiple delays the project is on schedule. Approximately 7100 feet of the 12” gravity sewer is complete and approximately 24,000 feet of the forcemain is complete. Gordon County has been notified that all of the contingency monies have been used and that it will be necessary to install a “Rock Bore/Tunnel for the S.R. 53 sewer crossing under Change Order number Two. We have not had any confirmation from the county regarding possible approval of the proposed change order.
- **Construction has begun on the Union Grove Road Booster Station.** This is a new booster station which will replace the OMC booster station and also will serve a new service datum. The new station will distribute water from our Brittany Drive Water Plant to the south west part of the county and to the new service datum for the McGill Mountain area. Construction is 85% complete.
- **Preliminary engineering is under way for several future sewer infrastructure replacements.**