

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
CALHOUN, GA
MAY 22, 2006, 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Ray M. Denmon, City Councilman

**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 Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Councilman Crowley 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 May 8, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve as written. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively motion carried.
4. Mayors Comments
 - a. Mayor Palmer expressed appreciation to everyone who attended and participated in welcoming the troop's home on May 17, 2006. He stated it was record attendance and was a very positive welcome for the National Guard Troops.
 - b. Mayor Palmer stated on behalf of himself and members of the City Council he wished to express congratulations to all the high school seniors from all the area schools.
 - c. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and the public of the City's second public hearing on the operating budget for the City scheduled for June 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
 - d. Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated the Starry Nights Concert was held on Friday evening May 19, 2006. It was a good turn out although there was a little rain during the event.
 - e. Mayor Pro Tem Potts announced an information meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Depot regarding Historic Preservation in the City of Calhoun.
 - f. Councilman Hammond stated it was his pleasure on Friday night, May 19, 2006 to attend a debate banquet. He had the opportunity to present a Proclamation from the Mayor and Council and parents to J. Lane Bearden. Mr. Bearden volunteers his time and talent as a coach for the middle school and high school debate team. (Exhibit "A")
 - g. Mayor Palmer asked Mayor Pro Tem Potts to review zoning hearings scheduled for June 12, 2006 and July 10, 2006.

h. Mayor Pro Tem Potts read the zoning hearing schedule for June 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.:

- 1) A rezoning request by the Development Authority of Gordon County, for approximately 15.1 acres located on McDaniel Station Road, SW, lots 1 and 2 only. The request is to rezone from Industrial to C-2.
- 2) A zoning variance request by Bob T. and Carol Nance for a 20 foot variance on the east side of the property adjoining the Smith property. The property is bound by the Dews Pond Road on the south side.
- 3) A rezoning request by Jason Sloan as agent for Jack Perry for 22.360 acres of property on Highway 53 East across from County Road Offices. The request is to rezone from PRD to C-2.
- 4) A zoning request of C-2 and annexation for 69.448 acres off the Old Highway 53 roadway and joining other property on the west owned by Jack Perry and zoned PRD. The request is filed by Jason Sloan as agent for Jack Perry.
- 5) A zoning variance request by Paul Pickard to build a 10 to 12 unit apartment complex on 4 lots located on Carter Street, presently containing mobile home units. The property is zoned R-2 under the 40 year rule and the variance is for a waiver of the 40 year rule.

i. Mayor Pro Tem Potts read the zoning hearing schedule for July 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.:

- 1) A zoning change request by Celeste Bacon for a house and lot located at 167 Richardson Road. The request is to change from R-1 zoning to C-N zoning.
- 2) A zoning request of R-1 and annexation by Vickie W. Goswick for a house and lot on approximately 1.5 acres at 118 Jones Road.
- 3) A zoning variance request of S&B Builders for lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Hannah Hills Subdivision off of Jones Road to allow a long standing fence line to become the property line between the subdivision and Mrs. Smith.
- 4) A zoning request of R-1 and annexation request of Grant and Julie Walraven for approximately 2.02 acres located on Amakanata Road.

5. Council Comments:

- a. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing on the beer and wine package license request of Retail Marketing Corp., with Derrick McClinic as the authorized agent for the location at W.C. Bryant Parkway. Mayor Palmer stated the police report was clear. The location had previously been approved for Smith & Woods. He asked if there were any comments from the public or the Council. There were none and the hearing was closed. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the beer and wine package license request for a grocery business known as Retail Marketing Corp., with Derrick McClinic as authorized agent at W.C. Bryant Parkway. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Hammond and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

6. Old Business:

- a. Councilman Crowley stated he had received notice from Racemark that the City's offer of a \$500,000.00 revolving loan with collateral and job criteria had been declined by Racemark. He stated the City had approximately \$600,000.00 in loan funds available for loans to businesses within the City that will create or retain jobs, and meet the credit criteria.

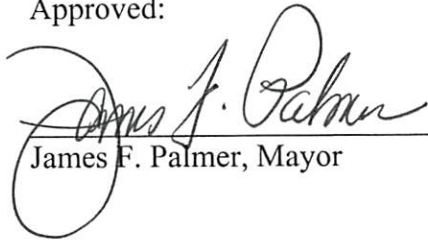
7. New Business:

- a. Mayor Palmer stated the Golf Advisory Commission had met on May 15, 2006 and they had two recommendations. The first was a recommendation to purchase 20 new carts for the golf course. The recommendation included review of the proposal, one from Yamaha for \$65,300.00 and a proposal from Club Car for \$64,760.00. Mayor Palmer stated Yamaha had proposed a higher trade in value for the existing 20 Yamaha's than the trade-in value proposed by Club Car for the 20 Yamaha's. He stated it was the City's desire to trade-in the 20 Yamaha's that are one year newer than the older 20 Club Car's. However, the maintenance and the up keep cost are excessive and it is the desire of the golf course to trade-in the Yamaha's. Mayor Palmer stated it was the recommendation of the Golf Advisory Commission to accept the proposal from Club Car. However, the Council asked the purchasing director to contact Club Car and attempt to get a higher trade-in value for the 20 Yamaha carts. Following discussion Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to approve the request for the purchase of the 20 Club Cars based upon the criteria regarding higher maintenance and up keep cost for the Yamaha equipment. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Crowley and Councilman Hammond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
Mayor Palmer stated the second recommendation of the Golf Advisory Commission was to renew the snack bar contract with Becky Lanier with the same terms and conditions. Following discussion Councilman Hammond made a motion to renew the snack bar contract with Becky Lanier for a 12 month period on the same terms and conditions. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a beer package license request of Lindsey Lewis d/b/a B&L Beverage located at 100 Hwy 53 East. He stated the earliest possible date for a public hearing would be June 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. He stated it is the desire of Mr. Lewis and his sister to purchase the store from Tim Bockholt. Councilman Crowley made a motion to set the public hearing for June 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Hammond and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Councilman Hammond stated the police department requested a \$700.00 transfer from the confiscated assets to the Drug Task Force, Special Ops group for a new copier. He stated he would make a motion to approve the request. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. Regarding a request from Georgia Power for a pole and guide easement on the property donated by the Estate of John Wayne Hall on Red Bud Road and Barrett Road, Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to table the matter until the next meeting. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Crowley and Councilman Hammond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- e. Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to declare two old vehicles as surplus property from the street department. 1) 1991 Ford F-150 Pick up Vin# 1FTDF1SNYM2A61130 and 2) 1992 Ford F-800 Dump Truck Vin# 1FDYJ84A7NOA36249 and to authorize the surplus property to be sold on GovDeals

as contracted with GMA. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Hammond and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. Other Written Items not on the Agenda: None.
9. Work Reports:
 - a. Director of Utilities, Kelly Cornwell stated he had no report.
 - b. Director of Public Safety/Public Works, Eddie Peterson stated he had no report.
11. Attorney Bailey stated there were no matters requiring an Executive Session.
12. Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to adjourn. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Hammond and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively motion carried.

Approved:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

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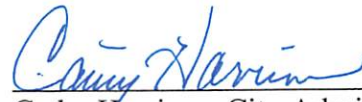

Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

Exhibit "A"

CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, J. Lane Bearden has served as the Debate Program Director for the City of Calhoun Middle School and two years as the Director for Calhoun High School, and

WHEREAS, the position is a volunteer position requiring numerous hours of preparation, coaching, and assisting students ten months per year, and

WHEREAS, the creation of a vision for the Middle School and High School Programs has been accomplished and implemented by J. Lane Bearden, and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments for the 2005-2006 year include 12 First Place Speakers, 12 First Place Teams, 13 Undefeated Top Seeds, 2 State Champions, 1 Nationals District Champion, 1 Public Forum National Qualifier and 8 Individual Georgia All State Qualifiers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor, Council Members and parents of students, that the Honorable J. Lane Bearden be officially recognized for his unselfish dedication of time and talent to the City of Calhoun Middle School and High School Debate Programs, and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Honorable J. Lane Bearden be officially recognized for the long term effect his unselfish service has had and will have on the lives of the numerous students in the Programs.

The Mayor, Council Members and parents of students further express their appreciation to the Honorable J. Lane Bearden for his Professional Leadership and Devotion to the Debate Programs.

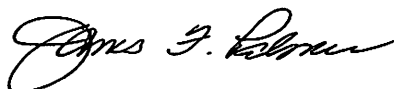
PROCLAIMED, this the 19th day of May 2006.

Attest:



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

City of Calhoun



James F. Palmer, Mayor



Lorene Potts, Mayor Pro Tem



Ray M. Denmon, City Councilman



George R. Crowley, City Councilman



David Hammond, City Councilman