

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
CALHOUN, GA  
JULY 24, 2006, 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor**

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

1. Mayor Pro Tem Potts called the meeting to order and Councilman Hammond gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Potts led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Following a review of the July 10, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve as written. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
4. Mayor Pro Tem Potts Comments:
  - a. Mayor Pro Tem Potts congratulated all of those winning at the local and state level in the July 18, 2006 Primary. She expressed appreciation to those electors who took time to vote during the Primary.
  - b. Mayor Pro Tem Potts announced a Town Hall meeting at Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center in Dalton that would be sponsored by Congressman Nathan Deal on August 1, 2006 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. She stated it was an excellent opportunity to discuss CDBG Funding and Federal Cable Franchising. She stated talking points are listed in everyone's packet for those items.
  - c. Mayor Pro Tem Potts reviewed the zoning hearings scheduled for August 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
    - 1) Kitty Leung for rezoning property at 1124 N. Wall Street from R-2 to C-2 and 10 foot variance on the side and back of the property.
    - 2) A zoning variance request of S&B Builders for lots 1, 2 and 3 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, resulting in a lot size variance for lot 1 for 586 ft., lot 2 for 1,315 ft., and lot 3 for 579 ft.
    - 3) Grant and Julie Walraven zoning of R-1 and annexation for 2.02 acres at Amakanata.
  - d. Mayor Pro Tem Potts review zoning hearings scheduled for September 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
    - 1) Randall and Donna McEntyre annexation and R-1B zoning request for house and lot at 105 West Drive.
5. Public hearings and comments:

- a. A public hearing was opened on a liquor pouring license request of Alma Blassengame, authorized agent for Lizzi's Deli and Grill at 203 Richardson Road. Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated the location currently has a beer and wine pouring license – it meets location criteria – and the police report was clear. There were no comments and the hearing was closed. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the request. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Mayor Pro Tem Potts opened a public hearing on a beer, wine and liquor pouring license for Ruby Tuesday Located at 731 Highway 53 East, Ian B. Wonderling, authorized agent. Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated this would be a new location and it has sufficient parking, meets the required distance from schools and churches, and residential development. The police report is clear. There were no Council comments. Mr. Ian B. Wonderling stated his Company is looking forward to being in the community. He stated for the record his Company has a four drink maximum limit. It is a family restaurant and they will be a good partner for the community. He stated initially they will have 100 employees and after several months as business settles, he will reduce his employees to approximately 80 employees. He stated that during the week they will be open from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. and on weekends they will be open until 12 midnight. There were no additional comments and the hearing was closed. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the request. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

6. Old Business:

- a. Mayor Pro Tem Potts gave a second reading of a taxi cab license request of Luis M. Santana for Taxi Bienvenido, located in a commercial area at 374 Piedmont Street. She stated the request is for one vehicle and one driver. Following review Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the request provided the taxi meets police inspection, proof of insurance is provided and the driver is approved and has a proper license. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

7. New Business:

- a. Director of Water and Sewer, Jerry Crawford reviewed the bids for the Waste Treatment Plant Effluent re-use equipment for the SRF Loan Project. He stated there were two bids on the pump, however, only one met the specifications and that was the bid from GPM Environmental, Inc., for a bid of \$39,686.00 for Yeomans pumps. Kesco, Inc., submitted a bid of \$25,840.00 and an alternate of \$32,000.00 however, neither pump specified Kesco met the specifications. He said the second bid was for a strainer. There was only one bid and it was from Carl Eric Johnson, Inc., for \$5,225.00 for a Hellan strainer. He stated it is his recommendation and the recommendation of the consulting Engineer, Peoples and Quiggly, Inc., to accept the bid from GPM Environmental, Inc., for the Yeomans pumps in the amount of \$39,686.00 since it does meet the proper specifications and criteria. He stated in regards to the bid on the strainer it would be there recommendation to accept the one bid of \$5,225.00 from Carl Eric Johnson, Inc., for the Hellan strainer. Following review Mayor Pro Tem Potts inquired if there were any questions or comments by the Council. There were none. Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the bid from GPM Environmental, Inc., for \$39,686.00. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley, Councilman

Hammond and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried. Regarding the second item, the strainer with only one bid, Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the bid of \$5,225.00 from Carl Eric Johnson, Inc. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Hammond and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- b. Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated Mapco Express, Inc. d/b/a Fast Food and Fuel Corporation had filed an application to change the authorized agent from Worth L. Thompson to William Lee Carter and a request to change the ownership of the Corporation for two locations, one located at 328 West Line Street and one at Highway 41, South for beer package/grocery/gas stores. She stated the earliest date for a public hearing is August 28, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., and it will be set for that time.
- c. Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated there had been a street dedication request filed by Brent Stepp Construction, Co., Inc. for Professional Place and Lenox Road at the Villages. She stated they had submitted a warranty Deed, Title Opinion and Declarations of cost for the projects. She stated she had confirmed with the Public Works Director that the streets are ready for dedication to the City. Following review Councilman Denmon made a motion to accept the streets as City Streets. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated United Way had filed a request for a road closing request for August 29, 2006 for "Unity Run X111". The request is to close Curtis Parkway and Devonwood Drive from Dews Pond Road to Red Bud Road from 6:45 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. She stated the proposed route was not entirely clear to the Council. The Council had requested that the group work with the City and County Public Safety Officers and provide a map of the proposed route that would be the least problem for closure of streets and in the meantime they look for alternate locations for this type of run in the future based upon the traffic and safety concerns associated with this particular area. She stated the matter can be referred to the Council at the August 14, 2006 Council Meeting.

8. Other Written Items not on the Agenda: None.


9. Work Reports:

- a. Director of Public Works/ Public Safety, Eddie Peterson stated he and Suzanne Roland had interviewed three Architectural/ Engineering Firms for Streetscape Phase III and he would have a recommendation at the next Council Meeting. (Other items Exhibit "A")

10. Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated there was not a need to move to Executive Session.

11. Councilman Hammond made a motion to adjourn. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively motion carried.

Approved:



Lorene Potts, Mayor Pro Tem

Submitted:



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

# Exhibit "A"

Work Report  
July 2006  
Eddie Peterson

**1. Paving 2006:** We have resurfaced 3.0 miles of City streets during 2006. The City has approximately 100 miles of streets and during the past 10 year period we have resurfaced approximately 53 miles. Depending on the type of traffic, volume, and utility cuts, a street should last between 8 and 15 years before resurfacing is required. Most of our streets have curb and gutter and have been resurfaced several times. In the future we will have to mill many of our streets to assure that the drainage system works and there is not a significant pavement edge drop off. Milling will be a substantial cost increase. A goal of resurfacing 5 percent of our street inventory each year should provide adequate protection of this asset. Our existing street system conditions when graded based on drainage, alligator cracking, edge cracking, reflection cracking, shrinkage, distortion, and slippage, is a B. You can see that from year 2000 through 2003 we resurfaced 31 miles. This was accomplished due to the Transportation SPLOST funding.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Resurfacing Mileage</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Resurfacing Mileage</u>
1995	2.4 miles	2000	8.0 miles
1996	2.2 miles	2001	8.3 miles
1997	1.9 miles	2002	9.9 miles
1998	4.2 miles	2003	4.6 miles
1999	3.7 miles	2004	2.4 miles
		2005	2.2 miles
		2006	3.0 miles

**2006 Paving:** South Moss Road .1, Cindy Lane .1, Devonwood Drive .7, Wildwood Circle .1, Little Pine Drive .1, Lake Drive .1, Kenmoreland Drive .3, River Street .7, Galman Ave. .250, Powell Street .140, Elm Street .4.

**2. Tennis Courts:** We are working on the final eight courts at this time. There will not be as many retaining walls on this phase, so completion should be in late August 2006. When completed there will be 15 new courts with proper lighting, drainage, dimensions, and fixtures. We are in the process of reviewing bids for the Tennis Building.

**3. Dilapidated Structures:** The efforts of Don McGinnis and Bill Bailey have shown results in the past two years in removing dilapidated structures. Mr. McGinnis and Mr. Bailey have been working with owners of buildings which were deemed unfit for human habitation, which has resulted in buildings being razed or building permits issued to renovate the structure. We are also seeing building permits issued for new structures on the lots where a building was removed.

<u>Address</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
103 Mac Ave.	Joy Hollingsworth	<u>Razed 7/06</u>
204 Cove Street	Joy Hollingsworth	<u>Razed 7/06</u>
204 ½ Cove Street	Joy Hollingsworth	<u>Razed 7/06</u>
110 Mac Ave.	Joy Hollingsworth	<u>Razed 7/06</u>
210 River Street	Joy Hollingsworth	<u>Razed 3/05</u>
528 Court Street	Gary Bailey	<u>Razed 3/22/05</u>
119 McConnell Road	Walter Printup	<u>Razed 4/05</u>
1322 Hwy 41 South	Pathik M. Soni	Pending
116 McConnell Road	Ben Upshaw	Pending
202 McConnell Road	First Corinth Christian Church	Pending
610 Court Street	Deandrea Michell Cooper	Pending
611 Court Street	Harry Johnson	<u>Re-building Structure</u>
867 N. Wall Street	Chris Frix	<u>Razed 7/05</u>
841 N. Wall Street	Robert McKinnon	<u>Razed 11/05</u>
609 N. Wall Street	LeRoy Wilson	<u>Razed 12/05</u>
841 N. Wall Street	Robert McKinnon	<u>Razed 11/05</u>
860 N. Wall Street	Ms. Lane	Pending
407 E. May Street		Condemned 1/16/06
234 River Street	Romona Porch	<u>Re-building Structure</u>
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**4. 58 Acre Project:** We will begin grading in the near future.

**Build Out Budget**

Engineering, Design, Plans	250,000
Grading, storm, roads, parking	360,000
Water, sewer, electrical	250,000
Sidewalks, Trails	80,000
Fields	160,000
Concession, Storage, Restrooms	320,000
Seating	60,000
Fencing	90,000
Pavilion	70,000
Bridge	120,000
Disabled Facilities	850,000
Lighting	250,000
Landscaping	<u>30,000</u>
	\$ 2,890,000

**5. Practice Fields:** The practice fields on SR 136 Connector are at proper grade. We have brought in top soil, seeded, and fertilized. Kevin McEntire has done a good job of building these fields. If we have enough rain during late July and August 2006 we should be able to use these fields during football and soccer season. There is sufficient area for two regulation soccer fields and one football field. There is also room for parking. By this time next year we will have several excellent practice fields.

**6. STIP:** Below is the July 12, 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program listing in color. The black and white are the listings as of July 19, 2005. There are several changes.

**SR 156 @ College Street:** Project 0000308. This is an intersection improvement that will probably be tied into the SR3 project. There will be turn lanes and signals at College Street and Red Bud Road and will extend to SR3. Federal funds \$288,000 State funds \$72,000.

This is now showing construction in 2009 at a cost of \$707,000.

**McDaniel Station @ SR53:** Project 0004048. This is an intersection project with turn lanes and signal lighting. Federal funds \$652,500, State funds \$72,500, local funds \$74,000. This project needs some push to get back on track.

This project is showing \$1,129,000 with no funding required by Calhoun. There is no start date, but I think it will begin within the next year.

**Downtown Signals on SR3: Project 0007369.** These signal improvements include the mast arms downtown (Courthouse, Line Street) and hopefully left turn arrows. The last scheduled let date was March 2005. Cost \$1,200,000.

There is going to be a historic review period associated with this project. I don't think we will see actual construction until spring 2007.

**I-75 @ Red Bud Road:** Project 610750. Interchange ramp lengthen, bridge widening, Harmony Church and Newtown Church Road turn lanes and signals. Cost \$13,048,000. Construction after 2008.

This project now shows a cost of \$19,903,000 and construction after 2009.

**Union Grove Interchange:** Project 610870. New interchange. Cost \$6,707,000, construction after 2008.

The new cost is \$10,434,000 with construction in 2008.

**SR3 from Union Grove Rd. north to SR53.** Project 621365. Four lanes with bridge, cost \$8,690,000, construction after 2008.

This has been removed from new STIP.

**Replace Bridge SR156 Oothcalooga:** Project 642391, new bridge, realign road. This is just west of Kirby Road. Cost \$2,800,000. Construction after 2008.

The new cost is \$3,160,000, but construction in 2007.

**SR3 Four Lane:** Project 620780. 1.65 miles, four lane from SR3/Red Bud Road north to C.L. Moss Parkway. Cost \$9,962,000. Construction after 2010.

This project has been removed from new STIP.

**SR3/Line Street North to Red Bud Road:** Project 621360. 1 mile three lanes with intersection improvements. This project has been on the books since 1991 as 4-lanes and 20' raised medium. At the current time it has been scaled back to fit cost. Previous cost were in the \$9,000,000 range due to R/W. Atlanta GDOT design is working on the new configuration.

SR 53 from WC Bryant Parkway east to I-75: Project 621620. Six lanes with 20' medium. Cost \$5,700,000. Construction Dec. 2007.

This project has been removed from the new STIP.

**South Calhoun By-Pass:** Project 662510. New 4 lane from SR 53 @ County Road 13 west to County Road 64. Length 6.72 miles. Cost \$24,411,000. Construction after 2011.

**SR3/US41 Union Grove Rd to SR53:** Project 621365. I added this from the last report while attaining more information. For years this 4-lane project, from Union Grove Road north to SR53, was on the books at about \$10,000,000. During the last STIP report this project was on at \$110,300,000. I called attention to the hundred million dollar number and was told by Andy Ricker, out of Cartersville GDOT, that this number was correct. He checked in Atlanta and R/W told him that there would be a raised bridge type intersection at SR41/53 and significant rights-of-way to be acquired. The \$110,300,000 is the largest project cost I have seen for any project in Calhoun. This type of costing on the books could skew our project cost numbers. I am continuing to check with GDOT to determine why the change in scope.

This project has been removed from the new STIP.

**7. Trail Grants:** Attending a Trail Grant Workshop on July 24, 2006, which was suggested by DNR, to see if we could get some matching monies for the 58 acre project. I will advise.

**8. Food Lion Signal:** Since the traffic signal at SR156 and Harmony/Newtown Church road was placed on line in mid-May 2006 there have been no vehicular accidents at this site. Food Lion manager, Robert Canders, expressed his thanks to the Mayor and Council, and shared with me that the Food Lion business had increased dramatically since the signal was placed on line.

**9. Police:** The Calhoun Drug Task force made 56 cases, 64 arrest, and issued 94 State Warrants between January 2006 and the end of June 2006. Seizures included \$10,999 currency, three vehicles, various guns, cell phones, and other items. Drugs seized included; 344.86 grams methamphetamine, 327.40 grams marijuana, and 20 grams of cocaine. In December of 2005 Calhoun decided to concentrate its drug enforcement efforts more in the local community rather than jointly with the Gordon County Drug Task Force. Working with the F.B.I.'s Safe Streets Program our efforts have been successful in corporate Calhoun. Also during the six month period between January and end June 2006 the Calhoun Police issued 3,623 citations, 3,095 warnings, worked 644 accidents, issued 213 State warrants, provided 500 escorts, and responded to 1,124 false alarms. The total incidents recorded were 8,858.

**10. Street Scape:** Suzanne Roland and I have met with three engineering consulting firms who are GDOT pre-qualified to design Transportation Enhancement projects. We received proposals from Arcadis, W.K. Dickson, and The Yeager Company.

**11. Erosion and Sedimentation:** There were 22 new developments in 2005 and 24 new developments in 2004. There have been only eight in 2006. Ross Wilburn, Don McGinnis, and Joey Moore have received their 1A and 1B (Advanced Regulatory Enforcement Inspector) Erosion and Sedimentation certifications. All jurisdictions are required to have personnel with a minimum certification of 1A before December 31, 2006.

- All God's Children - Professional Court - First building of the project is complete with parking and landscaping. This will be a medical park of three buildings. BMP's in place
- Brookstone Subdivision (Dwight Wilson) - Progress on Phase 3 is in buildout of individual lots. The job site presented very few problems regarding E&S control. There were no violations or Stop Work Orders.
- Old Mill Condominiums - Hall Realty - The majority of the site has been stabilized but the runoff from the site has continued to somewhat muddy. Street improvements to ditching in the area (a county road) are needed to contain the flow. Buildout continues very slowly.
- Damascus Church of Road ( Bramblett) Is now known as Woodland Park. - Utility installation is 60% complete. BMP's have been installed - exterior banks were either mulched or grassed
- Hannah Hills (Brian Carded) - The project is in buildout phase. The job site presented runoff problems throughout 2005, but stabilization and storm water handling facilities seem to have taken care of most problems.
- Jolley Road Apartments (Bonner) - No problems this year. There was very little building activity. Flooding will probably be a problem in certain areas along the creek in the future. A new phase is beginning on the east and south side of creek. A large culvert will be installed the last week of July 2006.
- Kensington Subdivision (Russell Owen) - Buildings are in progress. There have been very few problems on this site to date.
- F. McDaniel on Curtis Parkway - Speculative commercial project. Land has been cleared, mass grading has not started. Runoff to the neighborhood below will be a challenge. BMP's are not complete.
- F. McDaniel - SR53 at Lover's Lane - Speculative commercial project. Grading complete and all land has been stabilized. No problems are foreseen. Client sub-parcels

(Longhorn) have started their design but no submittal to date.

- Mohawk Road Extension - City of Calhoun - Work is complete. Grassing in January 2006. Few problems during construction.
- Mohawk South Expansion - All work is complete except for re-grassing at the south end of the building.
- The Manor - North Henderson Bend Road - A residential development - Road subgrade 80% complete. Storm pipe in progress. Detention ponds and perimeter silt fence is in place. No runoff problem to date.
- Owens - Evco Drive - A speculative building which is 100% complete. BMP's were installed and work well.
- Owens - Marine Drive - A spec building which is 100% complete. All BMP's in place, no problems.
- Riverside Phase I (Hardin/Lusk) - This phase is in buildout and approximately 8% complete. this project has presented no problem in 2006.
- Riverside Phase II - Mass grading is being done. BMP's are in place and little problem has been presented. Most banks are stabilized but utility work has held up completion of the right of way stabilization. The project has been further subdivided with the hilltop section to be completed later.
- Towne Lake Garden (Bonner) - Buildout is 90% complete. Excessive runoff from the site will continue to run across the City street due to inadequate culvert size. Builder has been requested to reduce size of th outlet pipe to restrict flow.
- Bristol Phase II - Stepp - The project continues at about 40% build out. Very little erosion/sedimentation problems to date.
- Brumlow - McDaniel Station - Borrow pit operation- Residential subdivision. BMP in place. This will be a very difficult project due to the extreme slope above McDaniel Station Road.
- Ansley Subdivision - Stepp - Buildout is beginning. BMP's in place.
- Harmony Square - Dew's Pond Lovers Lane - Hardin/Howard - Commercial development. Mass grading is complete, utility installation in progress - BMP's in place
- Foothill Development - Lovers Lane Road - Hardin/Howard. Residential commercial development. Land clearing is complete, no earth moving to date. Preliminary BMP's in

place.

- Park Place VIII - Lusk - Residential - Road subgrade 60% complete. BMP's in place.

**12. GDOT:** Mike Evans, our Transportation Board member representative, has been elected as Chairman of the Transportation Board.

**13. Structure Numbering:** We are in need of physical house and business address numbers at all locations. At the present time we probably have addresses on houses or mailboxes at 50 percent of Calhoun structures. This affects public safety and public works in location times.

**14. Methane Monitoring:** Calhoun received results on the June 2006 methane monitoring at the Harris Beamer Landfill site. There were no samples taken which exceeded EPD limits.