

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
CALHOUN, GA
DECEMBER 11, 2006, 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Lorene Potts, Mayor Pro Tem

**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. Mayor Palmer gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Mayor Palmer stated a copy of the November 27, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes were in everyone's packet and he ask if there was a need to amend or if he could have a motion to approve. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve as written. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively, motion carried.
4. Mayors Comments:
 - a. Mayor Palmer announced that Mayor Pro Tem Potts was ill and she regretted not being able to attend the meeting.
 - b. Mayor Palmer announced the Parade of Lights sponsored by Main Street, Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Merchants. The parade will be held on December 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. if weather permits, other wise, it will be rescheduled for December 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
 - c. Mayor Palmer stated it was his pleasure to announce two City employees who have achieved 30 years of service, Bobby D. Kinsey and J.D. Rogers, Jr. He read Resolutions for each one. He stated they were eligible for a watch or a ring in recognition of their 30 years of service. The Resolutions were approved. Mayor Palmer and Councilman Hammond presented the Resolutions to each of the recipients and presented a watch to Mr. Kinsey. He stated Mr. Rogers would be shopping for his watch or his ring in the near future. The Council conferred their recognition of the two employees for their 30 years of excellent service.
 - d. Mayor Palmer announced the Mayor's Motorcade to the Northwest Regional Hospital on December 12, 2006. He stated the donations will leave Calhoun at 9:00 a.m. and the ceremony at the hospital will begin at 10:00 a.m. in Rome. He expressed appreciation to individuals and groups that have donated gifts for the

patients. He stated if anyone wished to be a part of the project, to make their donations prior to 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning, December 12, 2006.

- e. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council Members of the GMA Legislative Conference in Atlanta on January 20-22, 2007. He stated there was an all day training session for elected officials on Saturday and he recommended that everyone register.
- f. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and public that the regular meeting scheduled for December 25th has been rescheduled for Monday, December 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. due to the holidays.
- g. Mayor Palmer reviewed the Zoning Hearings scheduled for January 8, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.:
 - 1) A first reading of an annexation request and C-2 zoning request by Terry Brumlow, for 28.625 acres located in Land Lots 274 and 303, 14th District, 3rd Section of Gordon County, south of Kentucky Fried Chicken and etc.
 - 3) A request by North Georgia Bank, Donna McEntyre agent for Ethel Gilreath Estate/Lane Bearden, Laural Beardon, and D. Lynn Beardon. The request is for rezoning of R-1B to C-2 for approximately 1 acre located at 1131 Dews Pond Rd.
 - 3) A request by North Georgia Bank, Donna McEntyre agent for Pauline Davis/ Reed Davis, POA the request is to rezone to C-2 for property located at 1125 Dews Pond Rd.
 - 4) A request for annexation and C-2 zoning by Mahendra Patel for 1.38 acres located at 1033 Fairmount Highway.

5. Council Comments:

- a. Mayor Palmer stated in the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Potts, he would provide her report:
 - 1) The street department:
 - Ran the brush truck, leaf vacuum and street sweeper for their normal routes during November.
 - Completed 16 shop work orders.
 - Placed 8 new street signs.
 - Ran the storm water maintenance plan on November 15, 2006, checking all grates and pipes inside the City. They cut and hauled brush from the bank in front of the soccer field.
 - Hauled 21 loads of fill dirt to the golf course.
 - Cleaned out pipes and ductile iron pipe ditches on Victory Drive and Wilson Street.
 - Placed potting soil in the flower bed at BB&T Park.
 - Very active in removing leaves.
 - 2) The sanitation department:
 - Ran their routine commercial routes and serviced vehicles. They gained 1 four yard dumpster account and 1 eight yard dumpster account.
 - 3) The parks and maintenance division:
 - Removed liter, raked leaves and maintained all the fountains at all the City departments.
 - Completed maintenance jobs for City Hall, Downtown Annex, Library, Street department and the Depot.

- Installed doors at the police department and at the fire department.
 - Measured and obtained material for a new roof at the cemetery building.
- 4) The cemetery department:
 - Performed routine maintenance at both Fain and Chandler Cemtery.
 - Supervised the opening and closing of 10 grave sites.
 - Sold 9 new grave spaces.
 - Assisted contractors with the setting of 3 new monuments.
 - 5) The animal control division:
 - Responded to 45 customer calls.
 - Housed 21 dogs and 12 cats.
 - No lease law warnings were issued.
 - 6) The safety committee: Topic for the month, “Avoiding Carbon Monoxide Exposure”
 - Inspected the police department.
 - Reported 3 vehicle accidents in the prior month.
- b. Councilman Denmon stated:
- 1) The water treatment plant facility:
 - Pumped and daily average of 11.757 million gallons of raw water per day during the month of November.
 - The Brittany Drive Plant produced 39.15% of the City’s potable water.
 - 2) The water construction department:
 - Made 30 water connections.
 - Changed out 12 new water meters.
 - Repaired 58 leaks.
 - Installed 2,500 feet of 12 inch duct iron pipe and 1,100 feet of 6 inch duct iron pipe.
 - Set 70 meters.
 - Installed 1 fire hydrant.
 - Provided 416 locates for developers and others.
 - Called in 90 locates for City activity.
 - Provided 26 emergency locates.
 - Responded to 149 miscellaneous calls for service.
 - 3) The waste treatment plant:
 - Treated a daily average of 6.52 million gallons per day during the month of November.
 - Average BOD effluent was 10.
 - Average suspended effluent 15.
 - Average COD effluent of 59.
 - 4) The sewer construction department:
 - Made 5 sewer connections.
 - Repaired 6 sewer service lines.
 - Repaired 4 sewer manholes.

- Inspected 3 sewer lines for a total of 900 feet.
 - Inspected 12 sewer services for a total of 1,100 feet.
 - Provided 258 locates for developers.
 - Repaired 1 lift station.
 - Responded to 4 sewer calls.
 - Cleaned 8 sewer lines for a total of 2,000.
 - Opened and inspected 36 manholes.
 - Continued work on the Newtown Road Sewer Relocation Project and it is 95% complete.
- 6) The building inspection department:
- Issued 38 permits during the month for an estimated \$1.66 million dollars of construction and this included \$1.04 million dollars for residential development.
- 5) The sludge department:
- Applied 2,080 cubic yards of sludge for a total of 254.017 dry tons.
- c. Councilman Crowley stated:
- 1) The electric department:
- Continued work on long term projects, such as the Waste Treatment Plant, Sewer Protection System and the System Capacitor project.
 - Projects under construction are the, , Brookstone Subdivision final phase is complete, Projects and maintenance under construction:
 - Annex building remodeling and rewiring.
 - Newtown and Red Bud Road intersection is complete for the current stage of construction.
 - Continuing work on the Line Street Commons Project and the Avalon Estates Subdivision Project.

Projects in engineering and design:

- Tires Inc. expansion.
 - Calhoun OBGYN Association on Curtis Parkway.
 - Completed 51 street and security lighting projects completed.
 - 40 new business and maintenance requests.
 - Responded to 16 after hour call outs.
 - Issued 12 permits.
 - Provided 41 inspections.
 - Set 6 meters.
 - Purchased over 30 million KWH of electricity from the wholesaler.
- 2) The telecommunications department:
- Continuing fiber connections and testing for the electric department's metering for the Ethernet system.
 - Installed additional fiber line for additional internet to Shaw Industries.
 - Signed an agreement and completed installation on T1 and 10 Megs of Ethernet connections for Apache Mills.
 - Signed an agreement and completed installation of internet services for M&S Logistics.

- Continued construction of internet service to Coble Elementary.
- Opened 12 work orders and completed 11.
- Responded to 8 trouble calls and closed 8.

d. Councilman Hammond stated during the month of November the police and fire reports were as follows:

1) The police department:

- Made 536 cases including 92 for speeding, 8 for DUI's and 342 others.
- Collected \$66,324.00 in fines for previous cases.
- Issued 397 citation warnings.
- Responded to 56 highway accidents and 29 private property accidents with 7 injuries and no fatalities.
- Provided 85 escorts.
- Responded and prepared 1,104 incident reports.
- Responded to 234 alarms.
- Patrolled 55,090 miles.
- Responded to 4,177 calls for service from 911.
- Issued 7 parking citations.

Councilman Hammond stated Coosa Valley Regional Development Center will be online to assist Springs Industries with their announced closing over the next calendar year.

Councilman Hammond stated it was reported at the last Council meeting the police department was able to secure the Coachman vehicle. The price of the vehicle is \$10,000.00 and he would make a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$10,000.00 for the vehicle from the Federal Asset Seizure Account. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.

2) The fire department:

- Responded to 53 calls for service including 7 for fire incidents with estimated damages of \$150,600.00.
- Responded to 14 emergency medical services, accidents and rescue incidents, with 22 injuries and no fatalities, 15 hazardous condition incidents, 4 service calls for odor check and etc., responded to 11 false alarms and 1 special condition call.

Other department activities:

- Conducted a Fire Drill at Calhoun Middle School.
- Worked with the police department regarding the Veterans Day parade.
- Completed in-house training during the month for all Firefighters on State required core skills.
- 131 phone calls for After Hours Utilities were received and dispatched.
- Completed all scheduled station and vehicle maintenance work.

3) The fire inspection division:

- Provided 78 inspections during the month, including 19 annual, 5 new businesses, 8 requested, 40 follow up and 1 burn site inspection.
- Provided a plan review for the Kroger renovation.
- Provided a plan review for the proposed Longhorn Steak House.

- Conducted Fire Department Public Safety Awareness Programs
- Inspectors attended an 8 hour Fire Code update class.

6. Public Hearings and Comments:

a. Mayor Palmer stated at this time public hearings would be opened on zoning matters. The public would have the opportunity to make pro and con comments with a ten minute maximum time limit for each side of the matter and with each person speaking having filed a Financial Disclosure Report five days prior to the hearing if required and each person giving their name and address. Mayor Palmer asked if any of the elected officials have filed a Disclosure Statement regarding ownership or special interest in any of the agenda items. Councilman Crowley stated he would abstain from any votes on item 1 and 1a. Mayor Palmer stated the zoning maps are available and are on display in the City Council Chambers for the Zoning Advisory Board and the Council for all hearings.

1) A second reading of an annexation request by Flipper McDaniel, agent for approximately 2 acres located at 1201 Dews Pond Road.

- A public hearing was opened.
 - Administrator Harrison reported the notices to the adjoining property owners, signs on the property and notices to the local legal organ had been completed.
 - Attorney Bailey stated the Zoning Advisory Board had heard this matter on December 7, 2006 and based upon the area located at the intersection of Dews Pond and Curtis Parkway moving towards Commercial activity, it was the recommendation of the Zoning Advisory Board to annex the property and C-2 zoning.
 - Mayor Palmer stated the two requests, one for annexation and the request under 1a for C-2 zoning would be voted on separately. The information provided by Administrator Harrison and Attorney Bailey was appropriate for both items.
 - Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments by the applicant or by the public. There were none. He asked if there were any questions by the Council. There were none and the hearings were closed.
 - Mayor Palmer asked if there was a motion regarding the request for annexation Councilman Hammond made a motion to waive the third and fourth reading and approve the request for annexation by Flipper McDaniel, agent for approximately 2 acres at 1201 Dews Pond Road. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- 1a. Councilman Hammond stated the appropriate zoning for item 1a had been determined to be C-2 as per the following:

STANDARDS GOVERNING THE EXERCISE OF ZONING POWER

- (1) The zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.
- (2) The zoning proposal will not adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.
- (3) The property to be effected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned in the unincorporated part of the county.
- (4) The zoning proposal will add to the traffic on the existing streets, utility extensions will be paid by the developer and there will be no additions that affect the schools.

- (5) Any capital costs for improvements will be at the expense of the developer.
- (6) The zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan.
- (7) There are no other existing or changing conditions effecting the use and development of the property which gives supporting grounds for approval or disapproval.
- 8) There are no other factors relevant to balancing the interest and promoting the public health, safety morality or general welfare against the right of the unrestricted use of the property.

- b. Councilman Hammond stated he would make a motion to approve C-2 zoning for approximately 2 acres located 1201 Dews Pond Road. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Councilman Crowley abstained from voting on the annexation and the zoning request.

2) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a request for re-zoning from Agricultural to C-2 by Steve C. Moore for approximately 28.5 acres located at the corner of Belwood Road and Union Grove Road.

- a. A public hearing was opened.
- b. Administrator Harrison reported all notices to adjoining property owners, signs on the property and notices to the local organ had been completed.
- c. Attorney Bailey stated the Zoning Advisory Board had also heard this matter on December 7, 2006 and they had determined that the zoning of C-2 was more appropriate than Agricultural zoning and there would be no detriment to the public health, safety, morality or general welfare of the public as a result of the rezoning of the property. He stated there would be portions of the property that would be utilized for right-of-way for the interchange and the bypass road within the future months and this was the reason for the applicant filing a notice to rezone the property.
- d. Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments by the applicant or by the public. He asked if there were any questions by the Council. There were none and the hearing was closed.
- e. The findings of the Mayor and Council were:

STANDARDS GOVERNING THE EXERCISE OF ZONING POWER

- (1) The zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.
- (2) The zoning proposal will not adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.
- (3) The property to be effected by the zoning proposal does not have a reasonable economic use as zoned agricultural.
- (4) The zoning proposal may affect traffic when developed.
- (5) Any capital cost for improvements or for infrastructure will be at the expense of the future developer.
- (6) The zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan.

- (7) There are other existing and changing conditions effecting the use and development of the property, those being the proposed construction of a new interchange and bypass road in the immediate area.
- 8) There are no other factors relevant to balancing the interest and promoting the public health, safety morality or general welfare against the right of the unrestricted use of the property.

f. Councilman Crowley made a motion to waive the third and fourth reading and approve the request for rezoning from Agricultural to C-2. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon and Councilman Hammond voting affirmatively, motion carried.

3) A second reading of a sign variance request by Russell Owen was given. The request is for a 4 foot variance on setback, an 8 foot height over the maximum and 251 feet that is over the allowed square footage. The property is located at 405 Belwood Road.

- a. Mayor Palmer opened a public hearing.
- b. Administrator Harrison reported the notices to adjoining property owners, signs on the property and notices to the local organ had been completed.
- c. Attorney Bailey stated this matter had also been heard by the Zoning Advisory Board on December 7, 2006. They had heard by the Zoning Review Committee and they were more favorable to one sign with a variance rather than having eight individual signs for the eight commercial units. He stated the Zoning Advisory Board had also felt having one sign would be the proper approach and they were impressed with the sketches of the proposed signage.
- d. Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments by the applicant or by the public. There were none.
- e. Mayor Palmer asked if there questions or comments by the Council. There were none and the pubic hearing was closed.
- f. The findings of the Mayor and Council were as follows:

VARIANCE CONSIDERATIONS (ONE OR MORE)

- (a) There are no extraordinary or exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property in question regarding size, shape or topography.
- (b) The strict application of this ordinance would create an unnecessary hardship.
- (c) There are no conditions that are peculiar to the particular piece of property.
- (d) Relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detrimental to the public good or impair the purpose and intent of the ordinance and would be esthetically more pleasing for one well structured sign as opposed to eight individual signs.

g. Councilman Denmon made a motion to waive the third and fourth reading and to approve the variance for the 4 foot variance on setback, the variance for height and the variance for the total square footage and to allow the single sign. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley and Councilman Hammond voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- 4a. Mayor Palmer stated items 4a and 4b regarding an annexation request by Rebecca Brown for 2.044 acres at 128 Newtown Road. It also included 4b a request for R-1A zoning of the property.

Mayor Palmer stated the findings of the Zoning Advisory Board and the report of the notices will be sufficient for both items. However, he would ask for a separate motion on each item.

- a. Mayor Palmer opened a public hearing.
- b. Administrator Harrison reported the notices adjoining property owners, signs on the property and notices to the local organ had been completed.
- c. Attorney Bailey stated the matter had been heard by the Zoning Advisory Board on December 7, 2006. He stated the Zoning Advisory Board had confirmed there is a house located on the property and there is no request for additional construction. He stated the property is eligible for annexation and the zoning of R-1A is compatible with the surrounding area. He stated it was the recommendation of the Zoning Advisory Board to recommend annexation and zoning of R-1A.
- d. Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments by the applicant or by the public. There were none.
- e. Mayor Palmer asked if there questions or comments by the Council. There were none and the pubic hearings were closed.
- f. The findings of the Mayor and Council were:

STANDARDS GOVERNING THE EXERCISE OF ZONING POWER

- (1) The zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.
- (2) The zoning proposal will not adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.
- (3) The property to be effected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned in the unincorporated part of the county.
- (4) The zoning proposal will not add to the traffic on the existing streets, since it is currently developed as a single family residence.
- (5) Any future capital costs for improvements will be at the expense of the developer.
- (6) The zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan.
- (7) There are no other existing or changing conditions effecting the use and development of the property which gives supporting grounds for approval or disapproval.
- 8) There are no other factors relevant to balancing the interest and promoting the public health, safety morality or general welfare against the right of the unrestricted use of the property.

- g. Councilman Crowley made a motion to waive the third and fourth reading and to approve the request to annex the property for 2.044 acres located at 128 Newtown Road. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Hammond and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- h. Councilman Hammond stated for item 4b he would make a motion to waive the third and fourth reading and approve the request for zoning of R-1A for the 2.044 acres at 128 Newtown Road, owned by Rebecca Brown. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Hammond,

Councilman Denmon and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively, motion carried.

7. Other Hearings and Public Comments:

- a. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing on the beer package license request for Hi-Tech Fuel located at 295 West Line Street. Mayor Palmer stated the police report is clear. The location has been previously approved for alcohol sales and it meets the other criteria. Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments. There were none. The hearing was closed. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the beer package license request by Jeff Knight for Hi-Tech Fuel located at 295 West Line Street for the remainder of 2006 and for the calendar year 2007. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Mayor Palmer opened the Ordinance Amendment regarding adoption of the 2006 International Building Codes and etc. Attorney Bailey stated in addition to the recommended Code adoption he had included in the Ordinance Amendment the appeal and due process procedure. Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments by the public or by the Council. There were none and the hearing was closed. Councilman Crowley made a motion to waive the third and fourth reading of the Ordinance Amendment and to adopt the amendment. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Hammond and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. Old Business:

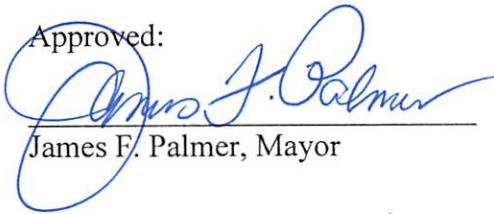
- a. Mayor Palmer gave a second reading to the beer and wine package renewal license request for Ingles Market for 2007. Following discussion Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the renewal license for Ingles Market for beer and wine package. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Hammond and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.

9. New Business:

- a. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of an annexation request by Richard Rogers, Stanton Rogers and Clara Lutz for approximately 78 acres in the 15th District, 3rd Section, Land Lots 153 & 178 of Gordon County off Hwy 41, South for Industrial Zoning. Mayor Palmer stated the earliest possible dates for public hearings would be February 8, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. for the Zoning Advisory Board and February 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. for the Mayor and Council. Councilman Hammond made a motion to set those dates for public hearings. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a rezoning request by James P. Rasbury for approximately 4.58 acres located at 161 Executive Drive. The request is to rezone from Industrial to C-2. Mayor Palmer stated the earliest possible dates for public hearings would be February 8, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. for the Zoning Advisory Board and February 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. for the Mayor and Council. Councilman Crowley made a motion to set the public hearing for those dates and times. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon and Councilman Hammond voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- c. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a pawn license renewal for 2007, requested by Pawn Mart located at 460 Hwy 53, East, owner, Fredrick Clifford Osborn II. Mayor Palmer stated the request would be eligible for a second reading and consideration on December 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
10. Other Written Items not on the Agenda:
 - a. Mayor Palmer stated the City had received a request from Long Horn Steakhouse regarding a sign variance for the proposed property located at the Intersection of GA Hwy 53 and Lovers Lane Road. The variance would be for an additional 349 square feet in sign area and an additional 95 feet in height but it would be compatible with other signage in the area. Mayor Palmer stated the first available dates for public hearings would be February 8, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. for the Zoning Advisory Board and February 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. for the Mayor and Council. Councilman Hammond made a motion to set the public hearings for those dates and times. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 11. Work Reports:
 - a. Director of Utilities, Kelly Cornwell stated he had provided a report and he asked that it become a part of the minutes. He stated included in the report the Pine Chapel Water Transmission Main and Booster Station had been completed. Start up was accomplished on December 4, 2006. He stated the contracting for the Transmission Main work had been completed by Ellis Contracting and it had been completed at \$143,000.00 under budget. (Exhibit "A")
 - b. Director of Public Safety/Public Works, Eddie Peterson stated following a failed request for a design built building for the tennis complex, he had the architect to draft plans for a building that would be 32' X 80'. He stated the project had been advertised and only one bidder had responded, Fox & Brindle for a line item bid of \$262,485.00. He asked for the bid to be awarded to Fox & Brindle with the understanding that he be allowed to negotiate a lower price in order to down size the project. Following discussion Councilman Hammond made a motion to award the bid to Fox & Brindle and allow the Director of Public Works to negotiate the line item bid in order to down size the project. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 12. Mayor Palmer asked if there was a need to move to Executive Session. There was none.
 13. Mayor Palmer asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Councilman Hammond made a motion to adjourn. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Crowley and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively motion carried.

Approved:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:


Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

Exhibit "A"

City of Calhoun

Water & Sewer

Special Projects Status Report

December 11, 2006

- **Mauldin Road Water Treatment Plant Modifications and Water System Improvements, Phase IV:** The project is 100% complete and may be finalized.
- **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 and is 95% complete. The two replacement screw pumps have arrived and are scheduled for installation in December 2006. The blower building along with the blower installation is 95% complete. RAS/WAS pumps have arrived and are scheduled for installation in January 2007. Reclamation Reuse pumps have arrived and are scheduled for installation in January 2007.
- **Construction has been completed for the Pine Chapel Water Transmission Main and Booster Station.** Startup was accomplished on December 4, 2006. Ellis Contracting is 100% complete with the transmission main. The transmission main project was completed at \$143,000 under budget. This was due to a solid design, a very good contractor and good project management.
- **The Belmont Creek (formerly Amakanata Sewer Project) Sewer Project design is final.** Permits have been applied for. Easement acquirement has begun.
- **Construction on the Newtown Road Utility Relocation Project has begun.** Progress to date has been very good. We are on schedule and expect to remain on schedule with weather permitting.