

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
CALHOUN, GA
SEPTEMBER 25, 2006, 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

**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. Following a review of the September 11, 2006 Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, they were approved following a motion by Councilman Crowley and a second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Hammond and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
4. Mayors Comments
 - a. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council of the GMA Training Session that is available for elected officials in Macon on October 13, 2006. If anyone is interested in attending please notify the City Administrator.
 - b. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council of the National League of Cities, Congress of Cities and Exposition Conference for elected officials. The conference will be December 5-9, 2006. He stated if anyone is interested in attending please notify the City Administrator.
 - c. Mayor Palmer expressed appreciation to those voters who cast ballots September 19, 2006 for the E-SPLOST Referendum.
 - d. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and public of the City School Tax Hearings on September 26, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. He stated this is regarding their budget and the schools digest for the current fiscal year. He stated a third public hearing would be held October 9, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. The Council will also vote on the tax millage on October 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. following the public hearing.
 - e. Councilman Crowley stated the Tom B. David Airport in Calhoun will have their annual "Fly In" this Saturday and Sunday, September 30, 2006 and October 1, 2006. He encouraged the public to attend. He stated it will start with a pancake breakfast and there will be hotdogs for lunch and there will be flights available for the public.
 - f. Mayor Palmer asked Mayor Pro Tem Potts to review the zoning hearings scheduled for October 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. and November 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

October 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.:

- 1) A zoning variance by Jennifer Krupp for a 7 foot variance on the South side of the property located at 508 Woodland Avenue to allow construction of a garage and extra bedrooms.
- 2) A request for annexation and R-1 zoning by Shawn and Tonya Prather for 4 acres located at 486 Henderson Bend Road.
- 3) A variance request filed by Riverside II, LLC, for a 10 foot variance from the City's minimum front set back on a local street for single-family housing for 80 acres located off Henderson Bend Road.

November 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.:

- 1) A request for annexation and zoning of R-1B for approximately 20.87 acres on Henderson Bend Road by Terry Brumlow, agent for PFW Properties, Inc.
- 2) A request for annexation and R-1B zoning of house and lot at 105 Harris Street by Walter Hartsfield.

5. Public hearings and comments:

- a. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing on the Coosa Valley Technical College Foundation application for a \$235,000.00 Revolving Loan. He stated the funding would be used immediately to start-up a Truck Driver Training Program that would continue on Richardson Road until such time as the permanent Truck Driver Facility is built at the College Campus. He stated the request would provide 80 drivers per year and it would be a request for a ten year period at a 5% interest rate for quarterly payments, however, it will probably be a shorter period of time than ten years. Following discussion Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments by the public or any additional comments or questions by the Council. There were none. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the \$235,000.00 Loan to Coosa Valley Technical College Foundation for a period not to exceed ten years, at 5% interest rate with quarterly payments. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Councilman Crowley stated the Loan Advisory Commission had also heard a courtesy review for a application for financing restaurant equipment, however, he stated the applicant had no financial information to provide and no other collateral other than the equipment to be purchased with the funds. He stated the application did not meet the programs loan criteria, therefore, it was not eligible for a full application to be filed.

6. Old Business:

- a. Administrator Harrison stated as a result of the E-SPLOST Referendum that was held county-wide on September 19, 2006 there was a total number of 1,576 registered voters that voted on that date. There were 1,363 "yes" ballots cast for 86.48% of the total voting. There were 213 "no" votes for 13.52% of the total voting. Administrator Harrison stated these final figures include the provisional ballots.

7. New Business:

- a. Mayor Palmer stated each member of the Council had been furnished a copy of a Pro Shop Operational Agreement between the City of Calhoun and Eric Stewart as the current Golf Pro for Fields Ferry Golf Course. He stated the agreement is patterned after the previous agreement with Robby Cole. It had been reviewed by the City Attorney and by the Golf Advisory Commission and had been recommended for approval by the Commission. He stated Eric Stewart had reviewed the agreement and did not have any problem with the proposed agreement. Following discussion Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the Pro Shop Operational Agreement and to authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City. 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 Palmer stated each member had received a copy of the Mac Tec proposed agreement for design guidelines for the Historical Preservation Commission for the City of Calhoun. Mayor Pro Tem Potts stated as the Historical Preservation Commission began its work, it was determined that they needed experts to assist them with the guidelines and criteria for the structures that would be located within the designated Historic Preservation area as well as any new construction. Mayor Palmer asked if there were any questions or comments by the Council. There were none. Mayor Pro Tem Potts made a motion to approve the Mac Tec Agreement for design guidelines for Historic Preservation for \$18,000.00 and to authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion was second by Councilman Hammond with Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Mayor Palmer stated the Taxi Bienvenido, Luis M. Santana had requested a new location in a commercial area located at 1108 S. Wall Street, Suite #3, Calhoun, GA. Following discussion Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the new location. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Crowley, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Hammond and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. Mayor Palmer asked the Director of Public Safety/Public Works, Eddie Peterson to review the request by Terry Nesbitt of the Emergency Management Homeland Security Group, regarding their request for the City to purchase a Mobile Detection System (MDS) at a cost of \$49,067.00. Peterson stated the Calhoun Fire Department had been working for several years with the Georgia National Guard Department of Defense and Civil Support Team. While they were not eligible to apply for the grant to fund the equipment, and since it had been specifically designated for City and County agencies, they are requesting the equipment be purchased by the City of Calhoun whom they have worked with and whom they recognized as being qualified. A grant will be provided within 90-120 days to reimburse the City for the cost of \$49,067.00. Following discussion Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the request. The motion was second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Hammond, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- e. Mayor Palmer stated the Calhoun Civil Air Patrol had filed a traditional parade request for Saturday, November 11, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. The parade would end at the BB&T City Park for ceremonies honoring Veterans Day. Harrison stated the parade request would be the sixth for the year and would be eligible for one of the

slots available through DOT. Mayor Palmer stated if the request was approved, it would be subject to DOT approval. Following discussion Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the request, subject to DOT approval, for November 11, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. on the traditional route. The motion was second by Councilman Crowley with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Crowley, Councilman Hammond and Mayor Pro Tem Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. Other Written Items not on the Agenda: None.
9. Work Reports:
 - a. Director of Utilities, Kelly Cornwell. None.
 - b. Director of Public Works/ Public Safety, Eddie Peterson. None.
10. Mayor Palmer inquired if there was a need to move to Executive Session. The response was negative.
11. Councilman Hammond made a motion to adjourn. The motion was second by Mayor Pro Tem Potts with Councilman Hammond, Mayor Pro Tem Potts, Councilman Denmon and Councilman Crowley voting affirmatively motion carried.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator