

CITY OF CALHOUN
Regular City Council Meeting
Depot Community Room
109 South King Street
March 26, 2018


EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Present: James F. Palmer, Mayor
George Crowley, Mayor Pro Tem
Ray Denmon, Councilman
Al Edwards, Councilman
Jackie Palazzolo, Councilwoman

Also: George Govignon, City Attorney
Eddie Peterson, City Administrator
Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator
Paul Worley, Assistant Administrator
Jerry Crawford, Water and Wastewater Director
Sharon Nelson, City Clerk

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- B. Councilman Edwards made a motion to move into executive session. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion was approved and Council entered executive session at 7:35 p.m.
- C. City Administrator Peterson gave Council members an update on recent interviews for the position of Police Chief. All applicants were discussed in detail and the recommendation of the interviewing committee was given to Council members for consideration. Appointment of the new Police Chief is scheduled for the April 9, 2018, meeting of the City Council.
- D. Discussions were held on a possible land acquisition from the Industrial Development Authority in order to allow for sewer enhancement and expansion for later development. The acquisition would also allow for connectivity that would provide for future annexation possibilities within the City.
- E. There being no other discussion, and on motion duly made by Mayor Pro Tem Crowley and seconded by Councilman Denmon, the executive session was adjourned and Council members returned to general session at 8:45 p.m.

Approved:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:


Sharon Nelson, City Clerk

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF GORDON
CITY OF CALHOUN

CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT

James F. Palmer, Chair of the City of Calhoun, City Council Meeting, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

1.

The City Council of Calhoun, Georgia, met in a duly advertised meeting on, March 26, 2018.

2.

During such meeting, the council voted to go into executive session.

3.

The executive session was called to order at 7:35 a.m./p.m.

4.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

Consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1)

Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2) and (*insert the citation to the legal authority making the tax matter confidential*) _____

Discussion or voting on

Authorizing a settlement as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(A)

Authorizing negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(B)

Authorizing an appraisal as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(C)

Entering a contract for the purchase, disposal of, or lease of property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(D)

Entering into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(E)

Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a city officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)

____ Interviewing candidates for executive positions as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)

____ Other (describe the exemption to the open meetings law): _____
_____ as provided in (insert the citation to the legal authority exempting the topic): _____

5.

____ During the course of the closed session devoted to exempt topics, an incidental remark regarding a non-exempt topic or an attempt to discuss a non-exempt topic was made.

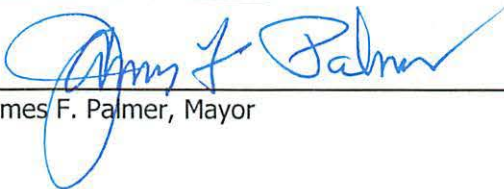
____ The attempt was immediately ruled out of order and attempts to discuss the same ceased immediately.

____ The attempt was immediately ruled out of order. However, the comments did not cease, so the closed/executive session was immediately adjourned without discussion or action being taken regarding any non- exempt topic.

6.

Minutes were taken of this meeting in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e)(2)(C) and will be filed and held for inspection by an appropriate court only.

This 20th day of March, 2018.



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of
March, 2018.



Notary Public

My commission expires:

2/18/2022





**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 26, 2018- 7:00 PM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

MINUTES

PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
George R. Crowley, Mayor Pro Tem
Ray Mitchell Denmon, Councilman
Al Edwards, Councilman
Jackie Palazzolo, Councilwoman

ALSO: Eddie Peterson, City Administrator; Paul Worley, Assistant City Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Jeff Defoor, Director of Electric Utilities; Garry Moss, Police Chief; Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief; Jerry Crawford, Director of Water & Wastewater, Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator; Don Colburn, Special Operations; and Larry Gilbert, Patrol Division.

Calhoun Recycling Coalition Speakers: Jane Weldon, 511 College Street, Calhoun, GA; Rochelle Routman, Sustainability Officer, Halstead International Flooring, 104 Thomas Street, Calhoun, GA; Beth Vaughn, 104 East 49th Drive, Calhoun, GA; and Eric Arnold, Foam Products, 350 Beamer Road, Calhoun, GA.

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**

Welcome

Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Invocation

Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave the invocation.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

3. **Amendment or Approval of Proposed Agenda**

Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the March 26, 2018 agenda as presented. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of March 12, 2018. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

- A. Mayor Palmer announced that Calhoun City offices would close Friday, March 30th in observance of Good Friday.
- B. Mayor Palmer presented Debbie Vance, Gordon County E9-1-1 Director, with a proclamation observing National Telecommunicator's Week as the week of April 8-14, 2018. He urged all citizens to join in honoring the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.
- C. Members of the Calhoun Recycling Coalition addressed Council members regarding the recent changes at the recycling center. Those speaking also expressed their desire to see the return of the recent pilot curbside recycling program, extending it to all City residents. Mayor Palmer thanked members of the Coalition for expressing their desires, noting that the City is currently in the budget process and budget time is the opportune time to discuss recycling. He invited those interested to meet with him at their convenience in order to share the facts pertaining to Calhoun's recycling program.

6. **Council Comments**

None

7. **Public Hearing and Comments**

Announce at this time, public hearings will be held. The public will have the opportunity to make pro and con comments with a ten-minute maximum time limit for each side of the matter, with each person speaking having filed a financial disclosure statement five days prior to the hearing if required, with each person giving their name and address. An inquiry should be made to determine if any elected official has filed a disclosure statement regarding ownership or special interest in any of the agenda items. Zoning Land Use Maps on display in Council Chambers for Zoning Advisory Board and Council hearings.

- A. Public hearing of a beer and wine package license for Ashik 20, Inc. DBA: Rainbow #2, at a location of 637 Oothcalooga Street, Suite A. The owner, Krupal Patel is the proposed store manager.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Peterson stated that all legal requirements and notices had been met.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for public comments. There was none.
- Mayor Palmer closed public hearing and called for a motion concerning the alcohol license request.
- Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the beer and wine package license. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

8. **Old Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an ordinance to amend Appendix A – Zoning to add Article X-B – Small Wireless Facilities, "Small Cell" Structures or

Equipment, and Distributed Antenna Systems for Extension of Mobile Communication and Data Service. The public hearing will be held on April 9th.

- B. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an ordinance to amend certain sections of Part II, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2: Administration, Article IV – Departments. The public hearing will be held on April 9th.

9. **New Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer presented a resolution to apply for recertification to remain a Certified City of Ethics. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- B. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of an ordinance to amend Part II, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46: Environment, to add Article VI – Post-Development Stormwater management for New Development and Redevelopment. The ordinance is eligible for public hearing on April 23, 2018.
- C. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of an ordinance to amend Part II, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46: Environment, to add Article VII – Stream Buffer Protection. The ordinance is eligible for public hearing on April 23, 2018.
- D. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of an ordinance to amend Part II, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46: Environment, to add Article VIII – Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection. The ordinance is eligible for public hearing on April 23, 2018.

10. **Other Written Items Not on the Agenda**

None

11. **Cash Reports**

- A. Eddie Peterson, City Administrator gave the General Government Cash Report noting that the general government operating account ended the month of February with a balance of \$3.1 million; last year's balance was \$2.9 million; and \$1.9 million in 2016. He noted that the Revolving Loan Fund was in good shape at \$260 thousand, compared to \$960 thousand in 2016. The 2006 SPLOST has a remaining balance of \$100 thousand and reserves are at \$3 million, the amount needed to cover three months operating expenses for the City. He also noted that the reserve account is now earning interest. The City remains in a good financial position.
- B. Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator stated that the Utilities Operating Account had a total operating balance of \$5,959,482.40; total savings and reserves were \$14,182,355.63; and total Utilities investments were \$18,140,927.55. He stated that funds are near three-month reserve levels.
- C. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the General Government and Utilities Cash reports for the month ended February 28, 2018. Councilman Edwards gave second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

12. **Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed**

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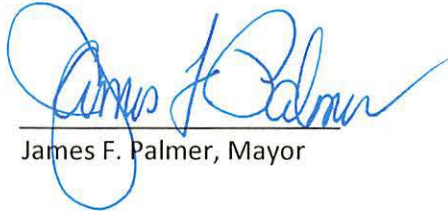
13. **Motion to return to General Session**

A. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to return to general session. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion was approved and Council members returned to general session at 8:45 p.m.

14. **Motion to Adjourn**

A. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

Approved:

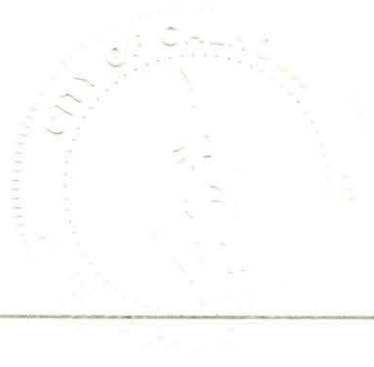


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Sharon Nelson, City Clerk



CITY OF CALHOUN
CALHOUN, GEORGIA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Georgia Municipal Association has established a Certified City of Ethics program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calhoun wishes to be recertified as a Certified City of Ethics under the GMA program; and

WHEREAS, part of the recertification process requires the Mayor and Council to subscribe to the ethics principles approved by the GMA Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia that as a group and as individuals, the governing authority subscribes to the following ethics principles, as defined in GMA's "Model Code of Ethics for Georgia City Officials," dated September 1999, and pledges to conduct its affairs accordingly:

- Serve Others, Not Ourselves;
- Use Resources With Efficiency And Economy;
- Treat All People Fairly;
- Use The Power Of Our Position For The Well Being Of Our Constituents;
- Create An Environment Of Honesty, Openness And Integrity.

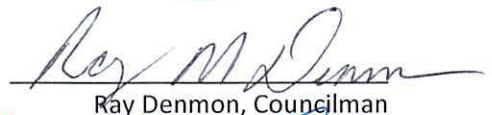
Adopted this the 26th day of March, 2018.

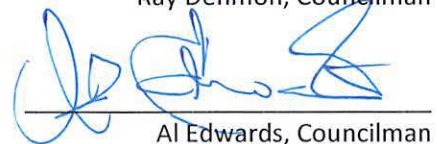
City of Calhoun, Georgia

By:


James F. Palmer, Mayor


George Crowley, Mayor Pro Tem


Ray Denmon, Councilman


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Jackie Palazzolo, Councilman

Attest:


Sharon Nelson, City Clerk