

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING ST
SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

**PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Al Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem
George Crowley, Councilman
David Hammond, Councilman
Matt Barton, Councilman**

**ALSO: Eddie Peterson, City Administrator
Larry Vickery, Utilities General Manager
George Govignon, City Attorney
Jeff DeFoor, Director of Electric Utilities
Linda Brookshire, Human Resource Director
Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief
Garry Moss, Police Chief
Kim Townsend, Recreation Director**

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
 - A. Councilman Edwards gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the agenda, Councilman Barton seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion approved.
4. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2012 City Council Meeting. Councilman Hammond gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
5. **Mayor's Comments:**
 - A. Mayor Palmer recognized the Calhoun 7-8 Girls All-star team who won the GRPA Class B State Championship.
 - B. Mayor Palmer recognized members of Boy Scout Troop 39.
 - C. Lamar Norton, Executive Director of Georgia Municipal Association honored Representative John Meadows for his work in the Legislature and being a friend to Cities. Mayor Palmer stated Representative Meadows is not only a friend to Calhoun but to all Cities and Counties as well, that being a former Mayor he understands.
 - D. Mayor Palmer reminded the public of an annexation and zoning request of R-1B for 0.45 acres at a location of 123 Thomas Street for Patsy Hall. The ZAB will meet on October 4th and the Public Hearing will be on October 8th.

6. Council Comments:

A. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards gave the August reports as follows:

1) Police Department

- Made 598 cases with 11 DUI's
- Fines collected by Municipal Court - \$66,733.00
- Issued 598 warnings
- Investigated 47 highway accidents, 24 private property accidents
- Provided 70 escorts
- 1,490 incident reports
- Responded to 728 alarms
- Patrolled 47,191 miles
- Responded to 4,683 calls for service by E-911

2) Municipal Court and Probation

- Total Court cases- 511
- Court cases dropped- 85
- Number of Bond forfeitures- 304
- Number of Probation cases- 55
- Probation Payments- \$17,592.00
- Probation Revocations- 6
- Failure to appear- 74
- Prisoner transports- 31

3) Fire Department- Suppression

- Responded to 151 calls for service for the suppression division, 6 fire incidents for damages
- Responded to 97 medical service calls
- Responded to 8 hazardous conditions incidents
- Responded to 26 false alarms or false calls, 8 good intent, 0 severe weather & natural disaster
- Assisted with fire drills at: Gordon Central, Ashworth, Calhoun High, Calhoun Middle, Calhoun Primary, and Calhoun Elementary schools.

Training Division

- Department completed 649 man hours of training.
- 3 members participated in a rope class with members of the police department.
- Firefighters completed a National Fire Academy accredited class on incident command for structural collapse.
- Training division conducted night drills on water survival for all firefighters at the recreation pool.

4) Fire Inspection Department

- 135 total reported activities/inspections which included 22 annual inspections, 0 new business inspections, 29 requested inspections, 17 follow-up or re-inspections, 1 illegal burn citation, and 62 consultations

5) Downtown Development Authority and Main Street Program

- The DDA office continues to work with the streetscape project, which we anticipate will be completed this month. Also, we hope to have news of the results of LITHC application (housing tax credits) for the proposed Cherokee Mill Lofts project sometime during October.
- Harvest Fest, a downtown street festival, will be held Saturday, October, 27 from 10 am until 4 pm. All vendors are invited to participate by calling 706.602.5570 for more information. Some of the Harvest Fest activities will include live entertainment, costume contests, the John Anderson Service Company pie eating contests, Kids Zone at BB&T City Park by Rock Bridge Church, tractor rides provided by Gordon County Antique Tractor and Engine Club, pony rides and a petting zoo, arts, crafts and food vendors. Be sure to join the fun!
- As always, we would like to encourage everyone to visit the Harris Arts Center and the GEM Theatre for great fun and entertainment, and remember Downtown Calhoun when choosing a restaurant or shopping.

B. Councilman Barton gave the August reports as follows:

1) Street Department

- Completed 20 shop and 37 street department work orders.
- Placed 3 new street signs.
- Inspected and maintained approximately 98 miles of streets and storm drainage.
- Repaired utility cuts and several pot holes at various locations around town using 81 tons of asphalt.
- Poured a set of concrete steps at Chandler Cemetery for better access.

2) Cemetery Department

- Performed routine maintenance on Fain and Chandler Cemetery.
- Supervised the opening and closing of 4 grave sites.
- Sold 4 new grave spaces.
- Worked 4 grave sites.

3) Rabies Control

- Housed 18 dogs, and 9 cats
- Issued 1 warning
- Answered 56 customer calls

4) Parks Department

- The Parks Department grounds crew picked up litter, hauled garbage to the dump, books from the library and maintained records at records room.
- Mowed and weedeated approximately 19 miles of sidewalk, 29 islands, and 42 other designated places in the City.

- The building and maintenance crew performed routine maintenance on designed city buildings and all fountains.
- Repaired irrigation systems downtown.

5) Safety Committee

- Safety topic- Respiratory hazards
- Safety Inspection- Sewer plant
- Accidents: Vehicle Accident-0
- Workers Comp: 0

6) Recreation Department

- **NEW CONCESSION/BATHROOM FACILITY** – The new Concession/Bathroom Facility has been completed. The grand opening was today.
- **SWIM:** A total of 485 visits were made to the swimming pool during the month. The pool was closed for the season to general public on Sunday, August 26. Adult Swim was offered on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays during the month of August in the evenings.
- **FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION:** Registration for Football, Cheerleading, Soccer and Adult Softball concluded. Registration Numbers were:
Football – 348 participants – 5 – 12 year olds – Registration up by 89 participants
Cheerleading – 63 participants – 5 – 12 year olds – Registration up by 3 participants
Soccer – 276 participants – 5 – 12 year olds – Registration down by 21 participants
Adult Softball – 6 Coed Teams – Registration up by 1 team
Youth Football Opening day – Saturday, September 8
Youth Soccer Opening day – Saturday, September 15

The new bike/walking path is scheduled to be paved this week.

C. Councilman Crowley gave the August report as follows:

1) Water, Sewer, and Engineering

- The Brittany Drive Expansion Project- Construction of the filter structures is complete. Forming of the walls for the pipe gallery is underway.
- Maintenance crews are approximately 50% complete with the upgrades to the Coosawattee intake. The project consists of replacing check valves and switch gears for three of the four raw water pumps.

- Water system flushing program is in progress again. The largest portion of the system has been completed.
- Water and Sewer relocation for the Union Grove Interchange has begun and is approximately 50% complete.
- Harris Beamer Water Main – The design and permitting is complete and construction began in late August.

2) Water Treatment Plant Facility

- Pumped a total of 327,840,000 gallons of water for a daily average of 10,575,484 gallons.
- Brittany Drive Treatment Plant- 42.6%
- Rainfall- 3.98"

3) Waste Water Treatment Plant Facility

- Treated a daily average of 4.140 MGD, with an average BOD effluent of 6, average suspended effluent of 10, and an average COD of 55.

4) Water Distribution

- 6 Water connections, 45 water service leaks repaired, 30 water main leaks repaired, 800' of 2" pvc water line installed, 2 change out of meters, 71 utility locates called in for work orders, 360 utility locates responded to, and 151 misc. calls
- Began installing 2" pvc line along Thelma Drive and Quinton Drive to replace old 2" galv. line.
- Began installing 8" ductile iron pipe along Highway 156 to Harris Beamer Road.

5) Waste Water Collection

- 1,680' Sanitary Sewer Services TV inspected, 288 utility locates completed, 2 lift station repairs completed, 6,800' sanitary sewer lines cleaned, 78 manholes opened and inspected
- Began hot patching of road cuts around Calhoun High School and Elm Street.
- Installed 235' of 8" sewer main along N. Henderson Bend Road.
- Installed 55' of 8" sewer main along Woodland Drive for new connection.

6) Building Inspection Department

- Issued 32 permits for an estimated cost of \$411,943.00. This included 0 new residential, 3 residential remodeling, 4 commercial remodeling, 6 residential electrical, 2 commercial HVAC, 1 new industrial HVAC, 1 industrial electrical, and 2 sign permits

D. Councilman Hammond gave the August report as follows:

1) Electric Department

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Calhoun High School, Streetscape Phase # 3, Mohawk Rug and Textile Expansion
- Tree trimming has begun in Spring Valley subdivision and will continue through Maplewood over the next few weeks.

Work orders in process or completed

- Newly created- 79
- Completed and closed- 48
- Consisting of:
 - Street and security lighting-12
 - New business-8
 - Distribution Maintenance-6
 - After hours trouble and callouts-7
 - City electrical maintenance-9
 - Meter maintenance/replacement- 41
 - New customer meter sets- 8
 - Monthly total system locate tickets processed- 286

Electric System supplied – 42,730,046 kwh in August

2) Telecommunications Departments:

- Installed three new Internet connections and moved one point-to-point circuit.
- Met with vendor to start process for major billing software upgrade.
- Researching new servers to increase application reliability.
- Searching and testing new firewalls for city government.
- Opened 42 and closed 40 work orders.

3) Geographic Information Systems:

- Installed GIS software onto two new field devices. There are now 13 laptops and tablets running GIS in the field.
- Cleaned up electric connectivity data and provided training.
- Continue to assist the cemetery with web mapping and plot management.
- Updated changes between physical addressing and billing account information.
- Continue to assist Engineering with wastewater inflow/infiltration project, water valve identification tagging, and water hydrant and hydrant valve inventory.
- Updated City and GIS websites

4) Northwest Georgia Regional Commission is currently looking for a new executive director and a finance director.

- 5) **Airport** is currently doing environmental engineering studies concerning the new runway.

7. Public Hearings and Comments: None

8. Old Business:

- A. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a beer pouring license request by Estuardo Cabrera DBA: Los Panchos at a location of 235 West Line Street. The public hearing will be on September 24th.
- B. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a beer package license request by Anant Patel DBA: Dev Darshan, LLC (North Wall BP) at a location of 312 North Wall Street. The public hearing will be on September 24th.

9. New Business:

- A. Mayor Palmer conducted the first reading of a variance request by Haley Stephens at a location of parcel C65-026 on Red Bud Road. The ZAB will meet on November 8th and the public hearing will be on November 12th.
- B. Mayor Palmer conducted the first reading of an annexation and zoning request of R-1 for 2.672 acres by Rick Lumpkin at a location of 1023 Sugar Valley Road. The ZAB will meet on November 8th and the public hearing will be on November 12th.
- C. Councilman Crowley made a motion to adopt the Gordon County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. (copy attached)
- D. Mayor Palmer read a parade request on the traditional route for the Calhoun High School Homecoming Parade on October 19th at 2:00pm. Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Edwards with all voting aye, motion approved.

10. Other written items not on the agenda: None

11. Work Reports:

A. City Administrator Peterson

- None


B. General Manager Vickery

- None

- C. George Govignon, City Attorney, presented a resolution authorizing the intent to dispose of certain parcels of property located within the West Calhoun Urban Redevelopment Area in accordance with O.C.G.A. 36-61-10. Councilman Hammond made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. (resolution attached)
12. Councilman Hammond made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barton with all voting aye, motion approved.

Approved:

James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:

Paul Worley, City Clerk

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE INTENT TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN PARCELS
OF PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN
THE WEST CALHOUN URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AREA
IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.C.G.A. 36-61-10**

WHEREAS, the City of Calhoun prepared an Urban Redevelopment Plan for submission to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) as provided for in O.C.G.A. 36-61-1 et. seq. to rehabilitate, conserve, or redevelop a defined geographical area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calhoun adopted the West Calhoun Urban Redevelopment Plan by unanimous consent during the normal session of the Mayor and Council on February 23, 2009 as reflected in the minutes for said meeting; and

WHEREAS, through this redevelopment plan the City of Calhoun identified a defined geographic area in the City of Calhoun for inclusion in the Urban Redevelopment Area and a desire to work with public and private sector partners to ensure that the desired redevelopment is achieved; and

WHEREAS, by taking such action the City of Calhoun hereby identified the influences on the geographic areas designated and intent to work diligently to foster conditions conducive to redevelopment specifically within the West Calhoun urban Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption, the City has acquired two parcels of property in said area through the continuing redevelopment effort, to wit:

- (a) A lot of .24 acres located at 617 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Calhoun, Map & Parcel No. C11-062 being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed from SONIA CURTIS to the City, recorded in the Gordon County Deed Records in Deed book 1617, Page 470 as:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Calhoun and being located on the East side of McConnell Road, more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the East side of McConnell Road a distance of 172 feet North from the Northeast corner of the intersection of McConnell Road and Court Street as measured along the East side of McConnell Road; thence North 06 degrees 45 minutes East 50 feet; thence South 83 degrees 15 minutes East 75 feet; thence South 06 degrees 45 minutes West 50 feet; thence North 83 degrees 15 minutes West 75 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. There being a plat of the above described property prepared by Peter L. Bakkum, Surveyor, of date November 20, 1957, recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Gordon County, Georgia in Plat Book 2 Page 277, to which said plat and the record thereof reference is hereby made for a full and complete description of the lands herein conveyed.

Said lands are further identified as 116 McConnell Road, Calhoun, Georgia.

- (b) A lot of .09 acres located at 116 McConnell Road, Calhoun, Map & Parcel No. C11-040 being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed from TRACY KYLE UPSHAW to the City, recorded in the Gordon County Deed Records in Deed book 1609, Page 149 as:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 14th District and 3rd Section of Gordon County, Georgia, and being Lot No. 2 of Block "C" of the Harkins Addition to Calhoun, Georgia, as shown by a plat of said Harkins Addition, dated June, 1899, which said plat is recorded in Deed Book 0, Page 459, Deed Records of Gordon County, Georgia.

WHEREAS, the City seeks to exercise the power to dispose of said property by inviting proposals of a "like kind exchange" from private non-profit redevelopers or any persons interested in undertaking to redevelop or rehabilitate these two lots in accordance with the West Calhoun Urban Redevelopment Plan's Primary Land Use of single-family residential construction, by providing for desiring families with less economic means, but the ability to provide "sweat equity" through co-operation with a local non-profit organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA, that the above described parcels of real property belonging to the City shall be disposed of in accordance with the adopted urban redevelopment plan and the powers vested to the City by O.C.G.A. §36-61-10 for single-family residential construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City shall invite proposals as described above from private non-profit redevelopers or other persons interested in undertaking to redevelop or rehabilitate these described parcels of real property in the West Calhoun Redevelopment Area by publication of notice for same in the local legal organ, *The Calhoun Times*, for two consecutive weeks in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. §36-61-10(b)(1) .

SO RESOLVED this 10 day of September, 2012, in an open, regularly called meeting.

CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

BY: _____

James F. Palmer
JAMES F. PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

Eddie Peterson
EDDIE PETERSON,
ADMINISTRATOR