



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 25, 2022- 7:00 PM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

MINUTES

PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Al Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem
Ray Mitchell Denmon, Councilmember
Ed Moyer, Councilmember

ALSO: Paul Worley, City Administrator; Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator; Kyle Ellis, Assistant Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief; and Tony Pyle, Police Chief; Suzanne Roberts, DDA Director.

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**
Welcome
Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
Invocation
Utilities Administrator Vickery 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**
Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the July 11, 2022 agenda as presented.
Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**
Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of July 11, 2022. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
5. **Mayor's Comments**
None

6. Public Hearing and Comments:

Mayor Palmer announced that public hearings would 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. Ordinance – Personal Transportation Vehicles (Golf Carts)

Public hearing of an ordinance to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Calhoun by regulating the operation of personal transportation vehicles or PTV, more commonly known as “golf carts,” by restricting their use to certain low volume, low speed residential municipal streets, who may legally operate these vehicles, and the issuance of operational permits for such use.

- Mayor Palmer opened public hearing.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments.
- There being none, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion pertaining to the ordinance change.
- Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the ordinance change. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

7. Old Business:

A. Tabled Annexation Request – Brannon Fain – Parcel 058B-086A

Tabled annexation and zoning request from County to R-2 for 6.27 acres, at a location of Morrow Road (058B-086A), by Brannon Fain. The public hearing was held on July 11th. Mayor Palmer stated that applicant had requested to leave the item tabled until the August 8th meeting of the City Council.

B. Withdrawn Variance Request – Brannon Fain – Parcel 058B-086A

WITHDRAWN: Tabled variance request to reduce the R-2 zoning buffer from 50 feet between R-1 and R-2 to 40 feet encroachment, for 6.27 acres, at a location of Morrow Road (058B-086A), by Brannon Fain. The public hearing was held on July 11th.

C. Annexation Request – Global Design Logistics, LLC – Parcel 057B-092

Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an annexation and zoning request from County Agricultural to C-2, for 5.13 acres located on Outlet Center Drive (057B-092), by Global Design Logistics, LLC. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held on August 4th and the Public Hearing on August 8th.

D. **Zoning Request – Stanley Simpson – Parcel C33B- 018**

Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a zoning change request from C-2 to R-2 for 1.72 acres located on Harris Beamer Road (C33B-018), by Stanley Simpson. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held on August 4th and the Public Hearing on August 8th.

8. **New Business:**

A. **Parade Request – Northwest Georgia Regional Fair**

Mayor Palmer read a parade request on the traditional route by Bud Owens for the Annual Northwest Georgia Regional Fair Parade on September 10th at 11:00 a.m. Recommended for approval by the Downtown Development Authority at their July 18th meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the parade request subject to GDOT approval. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

B. **Parade Request – Annual Christmas Parade**

Mayor Palmer read a parade request on the traditional route by Bud Owens for the Annual Christmas Parade on December 8, at 7:00 p.m. Recommended for approval by the Downtown Development Authority at their July 18th meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the parade request, subject to GDOT approval. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

C. **Parade Request – Calhoun High School Homecoming**

Mayor Palmer read a parade request on the traditional route by Calhoun High School for the CHS Homecoming Parade on Thursday September 8th @ 6:00 pm, with a rain date of Friday, September 9th at 3:30 p.m. Recommended for approval by the Downtown Development Authority at their July 18th meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the request, subject to GDOT approval. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

D. **Revolving Loan – Doro’s Italian Restaurant – Location Change**

Mayor Palmer gave the floor to City Administrator Worley for a Revolving Loan Advisory Committee report concerning a loan application by Miguel Villegas, DBA Doro’s Italian Restaurant, at a new location of 114 Court Street. City Administrator stated that this was a follow-up approval for Doro’s Italian Restaurant, originally approved on March 28, 2022. Mr. Worley stated that the new information had been sent to the Revolving Loan Advisory Committee and they were all in support of the change in location. Councilmember Moyer made a motion to approve the new location. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

E. **Purchase Request – Calhoun Police Department**

Mayor Palmer read a request from the Calhoun Police Department to use State Forfeiture funds of approximately \$2,400 to paint, stripe and equip a 2015 Ford Taurus Interceptor in its possession, to be used as a patrol car. Vin# 1FAHP2MK6FG129078. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

9. **Other written items not on the agenda:**

10. **Work Reports**

Recreation Department – United States Tennis Association Grant

- A. City Administrator Worley congratulated Kim Townsend and the Recreation Department for their work in applying for and receiving a grant from the United States Tennis Association. The monies are a 50/50 match of \$34,000 which will be used for LED lighting upgrades to the tennis courts.

June General Cash Report and Hotel Motel Tax Report

Mr. Worley gave the June general cash reports stating that the general fund total operating revenues for the month were \$5,642,035. The 2018 SPLOST committed revenues continue to decline as the new Police Station construction continues with a balance of \$1,786,443. He also noted that monies are available for loan in the Revolving Loan Fund, which ended the month with a \$565,604 balance. The Hotel Motel taxes received for April were \$102,484 which was up from 2021 April collections of \$91,000. This was a 12 percent increase compared to last year. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards made a motion to approve the report as presented. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

B. **June Utilities Cash Report**

Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator gave the Utilities cash report for June stating that total operating revenues were \$3,839,802 and total savings and reserves were \$6,997,859. Councilmember Moyer made a motion to approve the report as presented. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye.

MEAG Power Tender Option Decision

Mr. Vickery presented council members with a MEAG Power tender option decision pertaining to the Vogtle Units 3 and 4 Project and asked that they do not exercise the tender options presented. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards stated that based upon the information provided by the MEAG Power staff concerning the tender option decision pertaining to the Vogtle Units 3 and 4 Project, and after consultation with our internal staff concerning the potential benefits and costs associated with the tender option, he would make a motion that the City of Calhoun does not support exercising the tender option by SPV M, does not support exercising the tender option by SPV J, and does not support exercising the tender option by SPV P. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

- C. George Govignon, City Attorney

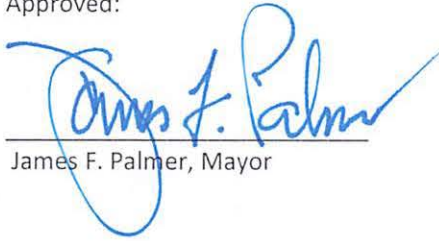
11. **Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed**

12. **Motion to return to General Session**

13. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Denmon made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Sharon Nelson, City Clerk



