

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
SEPTEMBER 11, 2000 - 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

**PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Ronald H. Woods, Mayor Pro Tem
John D. Shelton, Jr., Senior Councilman
Ray M. Denmon, Councilman
Lorene Potts, Councilwoman**

**ALSO: William P. Bailey, City Attorney
Eddie Peterson, Assistant Director of Utilities and Public Works
Cathy Harrison, City Administrator**

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone in attendance and gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any amendments to the minutes of the August 28, 2000 regular City Council meeting. There were none and the minutes were approved as written.
4. Mayor's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Palmer expressed sympathy to the family of Atkins Henderson on behalf of the Council and Employees. He stated Mr. Henderson had been a lifelong member of the community, providing community service for a number of years. He stated Mr. Henderson will be missed.
 - b. Mayor Palmer congratulated the Coosa Valley Technical College on its recent name change and on the services it renders to the community.
 - c. Mayor Palmer announced the following two public hearings scheduled for September 25, 2000 at 7:00 P.M:
 - 1) A beer and wine pouring license request by Danny Ray Locklar, Manager, for Jalapeno's Mexican Restaurant at 235 West Line Street, a new location.
 - 2) A wine and liquor package license request for a new owner of an existing location, James Steven Lingerfelt, Inc., d/b/a ABC Liquor, at 769 Highway 53 East, Walter D. Fowler, Manager.
 - d. Mayor Palmer issued the following statement:

"At the last Council meeting, we approved a resolution concerning a possible SPLOST referendum. This was done after meeting with two members of the County Commission earlier that day, and with the knowledge that this resolution had to be passed at that time for it to be considered as a part of the resolution the

Commissioners were considering at their next meeting. I realize this is a county tax and the monies generated are used at their discretion for specific projects outlined in the referendum. Just as road and recreational needs vary in different areas of the county, so do the needs of the municipalities. I believe our needs would be for water and sewer infrastructure, with the county and the community benefiting, such as with an increased water supply. I would like to see a referendum that we can support that would allow the municipalities to participate with their own projects, according to needs and percentages that have already been negotiated between the cities and the commissioners, according to the current LOST guidelines.”

5. Council Comments:

a. Mayor Pro Tem Woods stated:

- 1) The electric department sold 31,650,707 kWh of electricity in August to a customer base of 4,120. They provided 52 inspections, issued 20 permits and set 36 meters. The electric department’s construction projects for Deerfield Subdivision, Executive Park Drive, Summerfield Lighting and the driving range on Curtis Parkway are complete or almost complete. Remaining transformer and service installations will be accomplished as needed. New projects for Heritage Hills Condominiums, Quail Run Subdivision, Greenbrier Apartments, Eastgate Apartments, Forest Avenue Apartments and several new commercial projects, such as the Stepp Project on Curtis Parkway, are in various stages of engineering, design and construction. The Kerry Ingredients project is in engineering and design, with service planned for October completion. Multiple new services have been completed or are in progress, such as Spring Valley, Maplewood and street lighting for these projects. The traffic signal work for two signals along Dews Pond are nearly complete, with only minor shoulder work remaining to be finished by the city and county.
- 2) City Telecommunications Calnet crews continue city computer interface projects including hardware and software installations, as well as deploying new Internet service. The downtown area is in the process of cabling for this new high speed Internet service, with Starr-Mathews Agency targeted as the first customer. Additionally, the Chamber of Commerce will have an operating work station utilizing the Calnet high speed net for public review and tests. The computer for this installation should be on site within the next two weeks. The telecommunications crews have connected the city’s Mitel internal to the DS-3 long distance service and should see savings as a result. Earlier marketing efforts are resulting in a great deal of interest in both the Internet and long distance service. The Calnet and electric department staff are participating in the Chamber of Commerce’s recently formed technology committee, which should prove to be a resource for new and existing industry and business.
- 3) The turbine continues to perform well through this year’s peak season, with 100% availability. The city has commercially operated with market conditions, which have not reflected demand-pricing extremes. The Eastern Seaboard and Northeastern U. S. have not had the high temperatures and the market-based revenues should reflect the changes in

weather for these areas. The city will continue to monitor and operate to optimize the generator's benefit.

- 4) The contractor for the city is currently continuing tree clearing work, which began on August 14, 2000. The crews are performing clearing in Devonwood Subdivision and locations around the hospital area. The community is asked to cooperate, since tree clearing is a necessary part of a reliable electric system. This work minimizes storm and animal damage and outage time can be drastically reduced as a result of tree clearing.
- b. Councilman Shelton stated:
- 1) The Police Department made 776 cases in August, with anticipated fines of \$153,109.50. They issued 470 warnings, 26 DUI's and collected \$103,830.00 from prior fines. There were 95 accidents investigated, 46 escorts provided and 106 burglar alarms responded to.
 - 2) The Fire Department responded to 68 calls during the month of August, with fire damages estimated at \$41,000.00. They responded to 32 accidents with 27 injuries, which were included in the 68 total calls. They responded to 17 false alarms. The firefighters participated in fire drills and training during the month of August.
 - 3) Councilman Shelton stated Jim Layton, Executive Director for the Coosa Valley RDC, has had a serious operation in the last few days and is now at home and resting well.
- c. Councilman Denmon stated:
- 1) The water treatment plant pumped a total of 399,693,000 gallons of raw water for an average of 12.893 MGD. Well #3 pumped a total of 42,911,000 gallons of raw water for a daily average of 1.79 million gallons.
 - 2) The waste treatment plant treated a daily average of 8.414 million gallons with the average BOD effluent of 12, the average suspended solids of 23 and the average COD effluent of 120.
 - 3) The water and sewer construction department made 42 water taps in the month of August and 7 sewer taps. They ran water and sewer lines to the new portable trailers at Eastside School, continued work on the Carters Lake water line project, repaired 39 water leaks and installed 34 new meters.
- d. Councilwoman Potts stated:
- 1) The Street Department ran the brush truck and street sweeper routes during the month of August. They bush hogged right-of-way, hauled 79 loads of stone, put up signs and completed 41 shop work orders. They completed the LARP paving list. Streets paved included Camelot Circle, Carters Street, Dan Cherry Drive, Elm Street, Roberts Street and Woodridge Drive. They worked in Spring Valley Subdivision, digging out bad spots in streets, patching, getting ready for the paving crew to pave. They dug out and based additions to the Eastside School parking lot that will allow up to 50 additional parking spaces. They cut and hauled off a dead tree on Devonwood Drive, cut and hauled off several dead cedar trees at Chandler Cemetery, put up banners, placed cones and barricades needed for the 50's party at the Depot sponsored by Main

Street. They put the new red lights in operation on Curtis Parkway at Dews Pond Road.

- 2) The sanitation department ran commercial trash routes and serviced and maintained their vehicles. They gained one 6-yard dumpster account.
- 3) The Parks Department cut grass, trimmed, raked and picked up trash at all city department yards, right-of-ways and water tank sites throughout the county. They built new offices at City Hall and at the Annex.
- 4) The Cemetery Department marked and supervised the opening and closing of 10 gravesites. They provided routine maintenance at Fain and Chandler Cemeteries and had a total of 8 gravesite sales.
- 5) The Safety Committee inspected the recreation departments during the month of August. There was one workers' comp accident and three vehicle accidents during the month. New members of the safety committee were appointed and attended their first meeting in August. MEAG conducted DOT flagging school for 52 city employees.
- 6) The animal control department housed 32 dogs and 15 cats during the month. They issued 1 first warning and 2 second warnings for a leash law violations. They responded to 62 customer inquiries and disposed of 2 deer, 4 opossums, 5 raccoons, 2 snakes, 4 rabbits and 1 groundhog.

6. Public Hearings and Comments:

- a. Mayor Palmer stated at this time, public hearings on zoning matters would be held. 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. Each person speaking would be required to have filed a Financial Disclosure Statement five days prior to the hearing, and each person would be required to give their name and address before speaking. An inquiry was made to determine if any of the elected officials needed to file a disclosure statement regarding ownership or special interest in any of the agenda items. Mayor Pro Tem Woods stated he wished to acknowledge that he was filing a disclosure statement in reference to item number 6, a zoning change request by Techron, Inc.

- 1) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a zoning request by the Calhoun Church of Christ for a 10-foot setback variance for an on-premise sign at 1001 South Wall Street.
 - a) A public hearing was opened.
 - b) Harrison reported that notices had been sent to adjoining property owners, signs had been placed on the property and notices had been published in the local legal organ.
 - c) Councilwoman Potts stated the Zoning Advisory Board had heard the matter on September 7 at 4:30 P.M. Following a review of the Zoning Review Committee's report, it was the findings of the Zoning Advisory Board to recommend approval.
 - d) Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments by the applicant. There were none. He inquired if there were any other comments. There were none.
 - e) The public hearing was closed.
 - f) Councilwoman Potts made a motion to waive the third and fourth readings and to approve the setback variance request up to 10 feet. The

motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Woods, with Councilwoman Potts, Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- 2) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading to a request for new zoning of R-1 and annexation by Russ and Lisa Edwards for a house and lot at 413 East Belmont Drive.
 - a) A public hearing was opened.
 - b) Harrison reported that notices had been sent to adjoining property owners, signs had been placed on the property and notices had been published in the local legal organ.
 - c) Councilwoman Potts stated this matter was also heard on September 7 by the Zoning Advisory Board. Following a review of the report of the Zoning Review Committee, it was the consensus of the Zoning Advisory Board that the request should be approved for R-1 zoning and annexation, since it meets the requirements and is in an area that is currently zoned R-1.
 - d) There were no comments and the hearing was closed.
 - e) Councilwoman Potts made a motion to waive the third and fourth readings and to approve zoning of R-1 and annexation of the property, second by Councilman Shelton, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Shelton, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- 3) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading to a request for new zoning of C-2 and annexation by James Hopper for property at 355 Richardson Road. The request also includes a request for a zoning variance.
 - a) A public hearing was opened.
 - b) Harrison reported that notices had been sent to adjoining property owners, signs had been placed on the property and notices had been published in the local legal organ.
 - c) Councilwoman Potts reported the Zoning Advisory Board heard this matter on September 7. Following a review of the report from the Zoning Review Committee, it was the consensus of the Zoning Advisory Board that the request for C-2 zoning was compatible with zoning in the immediate area. It was discovered that no variance would be needed. The property would be used for the development of an insurance office. They recommended to the Mayor and Council that the request be approved.
 - d) Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments by the applicant.
 - e) Attorney Terry Brumalow, representing Mr. Hopper, stated the request was made by Mr. Hopper in order for him to sell his property to an insurance company for improvements on the property. He stated the insurance company's construction company had met with city department heads and understood the requirements for development.
 - f) Mayor Palmer inquired if there were other comments. There were none and the public hearing was closed.

- g) Councilwoman Potts made a motion to waive the third and fourth readings and to approve zoning of C-2 and annexation for the James Hopper property at 355 Richardson Road, second by Mayor Pro Tem Woods, with Councilwoman Potts, Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- 4) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a request for a zoning variance by Jewel Silvers for 123 Adair Street to allow a burned mobile home to be replaced on the property.
- a) A public hearing was opened.
 - b) Harrison reported that notices had been sent to adjoining property owners, signs had been placed on the property and notices had been published in the local legal organ.
 - c) Councilwoman Potts stated the Zoning Advisory Board heard this item on September 7. She stated the Zoning Advisory Board had reviewed the report of the Zoning Review Committee. The Zoning Advisory Board heard statements on behalf of the applicant. A petition signed by several residents of the area asking that the request be approved had been presented. It was the recommendation of the Zoning Advisory Board that based upon the hardship request of Mrs. Jewel Silvers, a 73 year old lady who had lived in the area for over 25 years should be allowed to bring in a used mobile home, which must meet all city codes, as long as she understands that should the mobile home cease to be her primary residence, it would be required to be removed from the property, since it is non-conforming.
 - d) Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments. Mrs. Silvers' son stated his mother had lived there and raised her family in the area and was most interested in continuing to live in that area. He urged the council to approve her request to relocate her mobile home on the site.
 - e) Attorney Bailey recommended that if the Council approves the relocation of a mobile unit, that an affidavit be signed by Mrs. Silvers acknowledging that she understands that if the site ceases to be her primary residence, she would be required to remove the mobile unit at her expense.
 - f) There were no other comments and the hearing was closed.
 - g) Councilwoman Potts made a motion to waive the third and fourth readings and to approve the variance to allow a mobile unit to be brought back on site at 123 Adair Street, replacing a burned mobile home, provided Ms. Silvers signs a document indicating she understands when the mobile unit ceases to be her primary residence, the unit will be removed from the property at her expense, and further stating that any replacement mobile home must meet all city codes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Pro Tem Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- 5) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a request for new zoning of C-2 and annexation by Haley Stephens for approximately 7 acres off Curtis Parkway to be used as a driving range.
 - a) A public hearing was opened.
 - b) Harrison reported that notices had been sent to adjoining property owners, signs had been placed on the property and notices had been published in the local legal organ.
 - c) Councilwoman Potts stated the Zoning Advisory Board had heard this matter on September 7. Following a report by the Zoning Review Committee, it was the understanding that the drive leading into the property would be a private drive. The use of the property is proposed as a driving range. Based on the fact that the outbuildings needed for the operation would need to be rebuilt according to city code, it was the consensus of the Zoning Advisory Board that a recommendation be made to approve the request.
 - d) Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Stephens stated he was filing the application on behalf of he and his sisters. It was the intent of Mr. Jack McEntyre and himself for the property to be used for a driving range.
 - e) There were no other comments and the hearing was closed.
 - f) Councilwoman Potts made a motion to waive the third and fourth readings and to approve the request for C-2 zoning and annexation, with the stipulation the property is to be used as a driving range. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Pro Tem Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- 6) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a request for a zoning change from A-1 to R-1 by Tecron for part of the Quail Run Subdivision, approximately 2 acres.
 - a) A public hearing was opened.
 - b) Harrison reported that notices had been sent to adjoining property owners, signs had been placed on the property and notices had been published in the local legal organ.
 - c) Councilwoman Potts stated this item was heard by the Zoning Advisory Board on September 7. They reviewed the report of the Zoning Review Committee, which indicated the approximately 2 acres would be required to meet all building and storm water codes that were being required for the remainder of the Quail Run Subdivision. She stated that based upon these findings, it was the recommendation of the Zoning Advisory Board to recommend a zoning change from A-1 to R-1.
 - d) There were no other comments and the hearing was closed.
 - e) Councilwoman Potts made a motion to waive the third and fourth readings and to approve the zoning change from A-1 to R-1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelton, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Denmon voting

affirmatively, and Mayor Pro Tem Woods abstaining, motion carried.

- 7) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading to a request for a zoning variance by Jim Tibbs for reduced setback from 20 feet to 12 feet at the northwest corner of the lot for a proposed building addition to Georgia Flooring at 150 Gee Road.
 - a) A public hearing was opened.
 - b) Harrison reported that notices had been sent to adjoining property owners, signs had been placed on the property and notices had been published in the local legal organ.
 - c) Councilwoman Potts stated the Zoning Advisory Board had also heard this item on September 7. Following a review of the comments of the Zoning Review Committee, and with the understanding that the proposed building addition will meet all city codes currently in force, it was the recommendation of the Zoning Advisory Board that the request met the majority of the considerations for granting a variance and the request should be approved.
 - d) Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments. There were none and the public hearing was closed.
 - e) Councilwoman Potts made a motion to waive the third and fourth readings and to approve the variance request from 20 feet to 12 feet. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Woods, with Councilwoman Potts, Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- 8) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a zoning change request by Hoyt Whittenburg as agent for H. F. Barnette, guardian for Shirley Roach, for approximately 2.10 acres adjoining 235 West Line Street, a corner lot.
 - a) A public hearing was opened.
 - b) Harrison reported that notices had been sent to adjoining property owners, signs had been placed on the property and notices had been published in the local legal organ.
 - c) Councilwoman Potts stated this item had also been heard by the Zoning Advisory Board on September 7. Following a review of the Zoning Review Committee findings, it was the recommendation of the Zoning Advisory Board that the zoning of C-2 as requested would be more appropriate for the area than Industrial-G. Therefore, it was their recommendation to grant the zoning change.
 - d) There were no other comments and the hearing was closed.
 - e) Councilwoman Potts made a motion to waive the third and fourth readings and to approve the zoning change as requested, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Pro Tem Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.

b. Other hearings:

- 1) A public hearing was opened on the revolving loan application of the Coosa Valley Technical College Foundation for up to \$102,000.00 for the purchase of additional property from the Industrial Development Authority adjoining the current Calhoun-Gordon County campus. The loan request is for 10 years at a rate of 5% interest, with the first year's payments to include interest only.
 - a) Mayor Pro Tem Woods stated the Loan Advisory Commission had met on this matter on August 25, 2000. At that time, the request was for \$75,000.00. It was the consensus of the majority of the members attending the meeting to recommend approval of the request. He stated the school had later requested the application be increased up to as much as \$102,000.00 since they were continuing in property negotiations with the Industrial Development Authority. He stated based upon these additional funds, a telephone poll had been conducted of a majority of the Loan Advisory Commission members and it was their recommendation that the amount be increased to \$102,000.00, with the other conditions to remain the same.
 - b) There were no other comments and the hearing was closed. Mayor Palmer recognized Sanford Chandler, Vice President of Coosa Valley Technical College, Calhoun-Gordon County Campus and encouraged the school to continue its negotiations for the property. He stated it would be needed for future additions.
 - c) Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to approve the Revolving Loan Fund application of Coosa Valley Technical College Foundation for up to \$102,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelton, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Shelton, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

7. Old Business:

- a. Mayor Palmer reviewed the proposed tax millage, based upon the budgeted amounts for the city and for the city school system for the current fiscal year. He stated that based upon the current tax digest, the City of Calhoun would be able to roll back its millage from 1.95 mills to 1.70 mills. The school had requested a millage increase from 13.05 mills from the prior year to 13.55 mills for the current year. He stated the net effect would be an increase in city millage to 15.25 mills. This would be a net increase of 0.25 mills from the previous year. This would include both city M&O tax and city school M&O tax. He stated that with the adoption of the tax millage for the year 2000, the city budgets for both the city school system and the city could be finalized. He asked the Council to consider a motion to this effect. Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to set the net tax millage for the year 2000 at 15.25 mills, with the setting of the tax levy to finalize the budgets for both the city school system and the City of Calhoun. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Potts, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. New Business:
- a. Mayor Palmer read a request by Richard Pack, Pastor of the Freedom House of Worship, in which they desired to lease a lot owned by the city on Crest Drive, to be used as parking by their church. The lot is a prior donation from Doctor Lang to the city in the early 1970's. The lot is not used and is maintained by the city. Mayor Palmer stated it would be his recommendation that a lease be drawn that would require liability insurance coverage from the church and would require the church to maintain the lot, as payment of the lease. Following review, Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to approve the recommendation as requested by Mayor Palmer, second by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - b. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a request by the VFW for a Class F liquor pouring license for the club at 406 West Line Street. They currently have a beer pouring and beer package license. Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be October 23, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. Following review, Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time, second by Councilman Shelton, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Shelton, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - c. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of the city's reimbursement policy amendment to authorize reimbursements to be made based on published IRS *per diem* rates. The amendment would allow automatic changes in the policy based upon changes in the IRS policy. A second reading can be held on the policy on September 25, 2000 at 7:00 P.M.
 - d. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a request for zoning of C-2 and annexation by Ronald & Landa Culberson for approximately 0.7 acres at 1318 U. S. Highway 41 South. He stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be October 9, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to set the public hearing at that date and time, second by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - e. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a request for R-2 zoning and annexation by Jack Knight for approximately 22 acres at 146 and 266 Henderson bend Road N.W. He stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be October 9, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time, second by Councilman Shelton, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Shelton, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - f. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a request for zoning of A-1 and annexation by James F. and Faye T. Jones of approximately 16 acres at 2229 Red Bud Road. He stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be October 9, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. Councilwoman Potts made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Pro Tem Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.
9. Other written items not on the agenda: **none.**

10. Work report of Director or Assistant Director of Utilities and Public Works: **none.**
11. Mayor Palmer stated it was not necessary for the Council to move to executive session.
12. Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilman Shelton with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Shelton, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:

Submitted:



James F. Palmer, Mayor



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

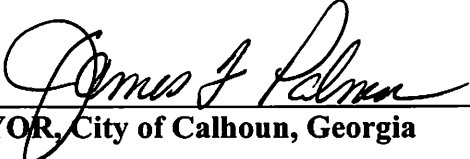
Zoning Application No: **161**

A public hearing was conducted pursuant to Section 14-2-3 of The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Calhoun, Georgia ("the ordinance") before the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia on the 11th day of September 2000 to a request for zoning change request by Hoyt Whittenburg as agent for H. F. Barnette, guardian for Shirley Roach, for approximately 2.10 acres adjoining 235 West Line Street, a corner lot. ("The Application")

During the public hearing, the Application was discussed in an open meeting and the following findings were made:

1. The public notice of the hearing was published in the Calhoun Times as required under § 14.2.2 of the Ordinance.
2. All required signs giving notice of the public hearing were placed upon the property as required under § 14.2.2 of the Ordinance.
3. All presently adjoining landowners received notice of the public hearing and a copy of the Application as required pursuant to § 14.4 of the ordinance.
4. All disclosures of any conflict of interest required by Title 36, Chapter 67A of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated have been reported.
5. **The findings of the Zoning Review Committee and the Zoning Advisory Board are hereby made a part of this record.** The findings and recommendations of the Zoning Advisory Board were reviewed and accepted as the findings of the Mayor and Council as follows: **Based upon the information provided, the board recommended approval of a zoning change from Industrial-G to C-2 zoning.**
6. List any additional findings, if necessary, to support additional conditions: **none.**
7. Review of the Standards set out in § 14.5 of the Ordinance: **Substantial compliance with standards.**
8. Based upon the foregoing findings, the Application is:
 - (a) Approved X
 - (b) Denied
 - (c) Approved with express Condition

Number Voting: 4
In Favor: 4
Opposed: 0


MAYOR, City of Calhoun, Georgia

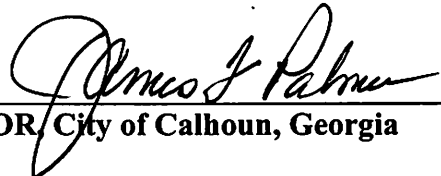
Zoning Application No: **160**

A public hearing was conducted pursuant to Section 14-2-3 of The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Calhoun, Georgia ("the ordinance") before the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia on the 11th day of September 2000 to a request for a zoning variance by Jim Tibbs for reduced setback from 20 feet to 12 feet at the northwest corner of the lot for a proposed building addition at Georgia Flooring at 150 Gee Road. ("The Application")

During the public hearing, the Application was discussed in an open meeting and the following findings were made:

1. The public notice of the hearing was published in the Calhoun Times as required under § 14.2.2 of the Ordinance.
2. All required signs giving notice of the public hearing were placed upon the property as required under § 14.2.2 of the Ordinance.
3. All presently adjoining landowners received notice of the public hearing and a copy of the Application as required pursuant to § 14.4 of the ordinance.
4. All disclosures of any conflict of interest required by Title 36, Chapter 67A of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated have been reported.
5. **The findings of the Zoning Review Committee and the Zoning Advisory Board are hereby made a part of this record.** The findings and recommendations of the Zoning Advisory Board were reviewed and accepted as the findings of the Mayor and Council as follows: **Based upon the information provided, the board recommended approval a zoning variance of 8 feet.**
6. List any additional findings, if necessary, to support additional conditions: **none.**
7. Review of the Standards set out in § 14.5 of the Ordinance: **Substantial compliance with standards.**
8. Based upon the foregoing findings, the Application is:
 - (a) Approved X
 - (b) Denied _____
 - (c) Approved with express Condition _____

Number Voting: 4
In Favor: 4
Opposed: 0



MAYOR, City of Calhoun, Georgia

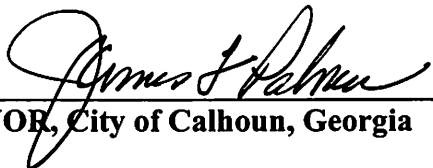
Zoning Application No: **159**

A public hearing was conducted pursuant to Section 14-2-3 of The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Calhoun, Georgia ("the ordinance") before the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia on the 11th day of September 2000 to a request for a zoning change from A-1 to R-1 by Tecron for part of the Quail Run Subdivision. ("The Application")

During the public hearing, the Application was discussed in an open meeting and the following findings were made:

1. The public notice of the hearing was published in the Calhoun Times as required under § 14.2.2 of the Ordinance.
2. All required signs giving notice of the public hearing were placed upon the property as required under § 14.2.2 of the Ordinance.
3. All presently adjoining landowners received notice of the public hearing and a copy of the Application as required pursuant to § 14.4 of the ordinance.
4. All disclosures of any conflict of interest required by Title 36, Chapter 67A of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated have been reported.
5. **The findings of the Zoning Review Committee and the Zoning Advisory Board are hereby made a part of this record.** The findings and recommendations of the Zoning Advisory Board were reviewed and accepted as the findings of the Mayor and Council as follows: **Based upon the information provided, the board recommended approval of a zoning change from A-1 to R-1 zoning.**
6. List any additional findings, if necessary, to support additional conditions: **none.**
7. Review of the Standards set out in § 14.5 of the Ordinance: **Substantial compliance with standards.**
8. Based upon the foregoing findings, the Application is:
 - (a) Approved X
 - (b) Denied
 - (c) Approved with express Condition

Number Voting: 4
In Favor: 4
Opposed: 0


MAYOR, City of Calhoun, Georgia

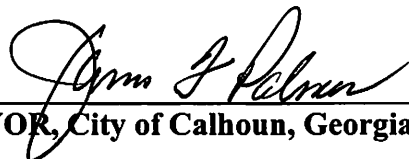
Zoning Application No: **158**

A public hearing was conducted pursuant to Section 14-2-3 of The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Calhoun, Georgia ("the ordinance") before the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia on the 11th day of September 2000 to a request for new zoning of C-2 and annexation by Haley Stephens for approximately 7 acres off Curtis Parkway to be used as a driving range. ("The Application")

During the public hearing, the Application was discussed in an open meeting and the following findings were made:

1. The public notice of the hearing was published in the Calhoun Times as required under § 14.2.2 of the Ordinance.
2. All required signs giving notice of the public hearing were placed upon the property as required under § 14.2.2 of the Ordinance.
3. All presently adjoining landowners received notice of the public hearing and a copy of the Application as required pursuant to § 14.4 of the ordinance.
4. All disclosures of any conflict of interest required by Title 36, Chapter 67A of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated have been reported.
5. **The findings of the Zoning Review Committee and the Zoning Advisory Board are hereby made a part of this record.** The findings and recommendations of the Zoning Advisory Board were reviewed and accepted as the findings of the Mayor and Council as follows: **Based upon the information provided, the board recommended approval of C-2 zoning and annexation, for use as a driving range.**
6. List any additional findings, if necessary, to support additional conditions: **none.**
7. Review of the Standards set out in § 14.5 of the Ordinance: **Substantial compliance with seven standards.**
8. Based upon the foregoing findings, the Application is:
 - (a) Approved X
 - (b) Denied _____
 - (c) Approved with express Condition _____

Number Voting: 4
In Favor: 4
Opposed: 0



MAYOR, City of Calhoun, Georgia

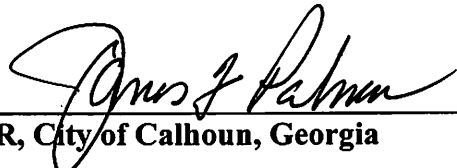
Zoning Application No: **157**

A public hearing was conducted pursuant to Section 14-2-3 of The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Calhoun, Georgia ("the ordinance") before the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia on the 11th day of September 2000 to a request for a zoning variance by Jewel Silvers for 123 Adair Street to allow a burned mobile home to be replaced on the property. ("The Application")

During the public hearing, the Application was discussed in an open meeting and the following findings were made:

1. The public notice of the hearing was published in the Calhoun Times as required under § 14.2.2 of the Ordinance.
2. All required signs giving notice of the public hearing were placed upon the property as required under § 14.2.2 of the Ordinance.
3. All presently adjoining landowners received notice of the public hearing and a copy of the Application as required pursuant to § 14.4 of the ordinance.
4. All disclosures of any conflict of interest required by Title 36, Chapter 67A of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated have been reported.
5. **The findings of the Zoning Review Committee and the Zoning Advisory Board are hereby made a part of this record.** The findings and recommendations of the Zoning Advisory Board were reviewed and accepted as the findings of the Mayor and Council as follows: **Based upon the information provided, the board recommended approval of the zoning variance with the following stipulations:**
 - a. The unit would be required to meet all city codes; and
 - b. The mobile unit would be allowed on the property only as long as it is occupied by Ms. Silvers as her primary residence.
6. List any additional findings, if necessary, to support additional conditions: **none.**
7. Review of the Standards set out in § 14.5 of the Ordinance: **Substantial compliance with standards.**
8. Based upon the foregoing findings, the Application is:
 - (a) Approved X
 - (b) Denied
 - (c) Approved with express Condition

Number Voting: 4
In Favor: 4
Opposed: 0


MAYOR, City of Calhoun, Georgia

Zoning Application No: **156**

A public hearing was conducted pursuant to Section 14-2-3 of The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Calhoun, Georgia ("the ordinance") before the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia on the 11th day of September 2000 to a request for new zoning of C-2 and annexation by James Hopper for property at 355 Richardson Road. The request also includes a request for a zoning variance. ("The Application")

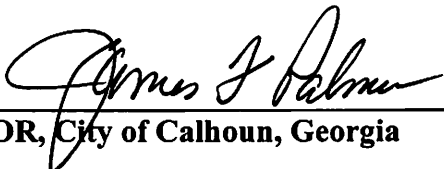
During the public hearing, the Application was discussed in an open meeting and the following findings were made:

1. The public notice of the hearing was published in the Calhoun Times as required under § 14.2.2 of the Ordinance.
2. All required signs giving notice of the public hearing were placed upon the property as required under § 14.2.2 of the Ordinance.
3. All presently adjoining landowners received notice of the public hearing and a copy of the Application as required pursuant to § 14.4 of the ordinance.
4. All disclosures of any conflict of interest required by Title 36, Chapter 67A of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated have been reported.

The findings of the Zoning Review Committee and the Zoning Advisory Board are hereby made a part of this record. The findings and recommendations of the Zoning Advisory Board were reviewed and accepted as the findings of the Mayor and Council as follows: **Based upon the information provided, the board recommended approval of C-2 zoning and annexation. No variance is needed.**

5. List any additional findings, if necessary, to support additional conditions: **none.**
6. Review of the Standards set out in § 14.5 of the Ordinance: **Substantial compliance with seven standards.**
7. Based upon the foregoing findings, the Application is:
 - (a) Approved X
 - (b) Denied
 - (c) Approved with express Condition

Number Voting: 4
In Favor: 4
Opposed: 0



MAYOR, City of Calhoun, Georgia

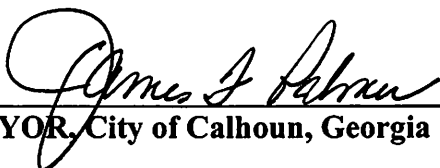
Zoning Application No: **155**

A public hearing was conducted pursuant to Section 14-2-3 of The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Calhoun, Georgia ("the ordinance") before the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia on the 11th day of September 2000 to a request for new zoning of R-1 and annexation by Russ and Lisa Edwards for a house and lot at 413 East Belmont Drive. ("The Application")

During the public hearing, the Application was discussed in an open meeting and the following findings were made:

1. The public notice of the hearing was published in the Calhoun Times as required under § 14.2.2 of the Ordinance.
2. All required signs giving notice of the public hearing were placed upon the property as required under § 14.2.2 of the Ordinance.
3. All presently adjoining landowners received notice of the public hearing and a copy of the Application as required pursuant to § 14.4 of the ordinance.
4. All disclosures of any conflict of interest required by Title 36, Chapter 67A of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated have been reported.
5. **The findings of the Zoning Review Committee and the Zoning Advisory Board are hereby made a part of this record.** The findings and recommendations of the Zoning Advisory Board were reviewed and accepted as the findings of the Mayor and Council as follows: **Based upon the information provided, the board recommended approval of R-1 zoning and annexation.**
6. List any additional findings, if necessary, to support additional conditions: **none.**
7. Review of the Standards set out in § 14.5 of the Ordinance: **Substantial compliance with seven standards.**
8. Based upon the foregoing findings, the Application is:
 - (a) Approved X
 - (b) Denied
 - (c) Approved with express Condition

Number Voting: 4
In Favor: 4
Opposed: 0


MAYOR, City of Calhoun, Georgia

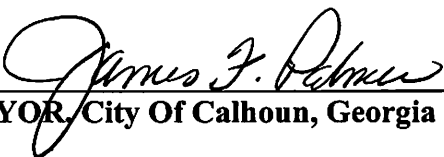
Zoning Application No: **154**

A public hearing was conducted pursuant to Section 14-2-3 of The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Calhoun, Georgia ("the ordinance") before the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia on the 11th day of September 2000 to a request by the Calhoun Church of Christ for a 10-foot setback variance for an on-premise sign at 1001 South Wall Street. ("The Application")

During the public hearing, the Application was discussed in an open meeting and the following findings were made:

1. The public notice of the hearing was published in the Calhoun Times as required under § 14.2.2 of the Ordinance.
2. All required signs giving notice of the public hearing were placed upon the property as required under § 14.2.2 of the Ordinance.
3. All presently adjoining landowners received notice of the public hearing and a copy of the Application as required pursuant to § 14.4 of the ordinance.
4. All disclosures of any conflict of interest required by Title 36, Chapter 67A of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated have been reported.
5. **The findings of the Zoning Review Committee and the Zoning Advisory Board are hereby made a part of this record.** The findings and recommendations of the Zoning Advisory Board were reviewed and accepted as the findings of the Mayor and Council as follows: **Based upon the information provided, the board recommended approval of a 10-foot zoning variance.**
6. List any additional findings, if necessary, to support additional conditions: **none.**
7. Review of the Standards set out in § 14.5 of the Ordinance: **Substantial compliance with standards.**
8. Based upon the foregoing findings, the Application is:
 - (a) Approved X
 - (b) Denied
 - (c) Approved with express Condition

Number Voting: 4
In Favor: 4
Opposed: 0


MAYOR, City Of Calhoun, Georgia

**CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA
CITY SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING ON AD VALOREM TAX INCREASE
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
SEPTEMBER 11, 2000 – 6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

PRESENT: **George Crowley, Chairman**
 Becky Mathews
 Amy Atkinson
 Judy Wilson
 Al Edwards

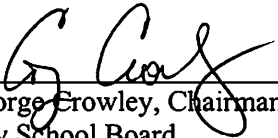
ALSO PRESENT: **Larry Harmon, City School Superintendent**
 Judy Neal, Assistant City School Superintendent
 Donald Hood, City School Finance Officer
 Sanford Chandler, Vice President of Coosa Valley Technical College
 Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

1. Chairman George Crowley called the public hearing to order. Mr. Crowley reviewed the accomplishments of the city school system and reviewed the Iowa Test Scores. He reviewed the rankings for debate and scholastic ranking for students in the Calhoun system. He explained the city school system has one of two baccalaureate programs in the Northwest Georgia area. He also reviewed the taxable digest for the city school system and he reviewed the rate of millage, compared to other systems in the immediate area. Mr. Crowley reviewed the cost per pupil in the Calhoun system against the amount allowable by the state, compared to other systems in the immediate area. Mr. Crowley reviewed the reasons for a tax increase for the year 2000-2001. He stated it had been necessary to add additional classrooms, teachers, desks and books for approximately 20 classrooms, which impacted the budget dramatically. He stated the tax digest had increased over the last year, making the proposed increase in millage for the school system to be .50 mills. The city was able to decrease their millage by .25 mills, so the net result would be an additional .25 mill increase for overall city taxes. The proposed millage would increase from 15 mills to 15.25 for both the City of Calhoun M&O tax and the city school M&O tax. He inquired if there were any questions regarding any of the city operations and any of the proposals that have resulted in an increase in city taxes.

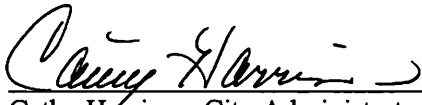
2. There were no questions and the public hearing was closed at approximately 6:15 P.M.

Approved:

Submitted:



George Crowley, Chairman
City School Board



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Bert Lance has been a resident of Calhoun, Georgia since 1942; and

WHEREAS, Bert Lance graduated from Calhoun High School in 1948 and attended the University of Georgia for the next four years; and

WHEREAS, Bert Lance began working at the Calhoun First National Bank in 1952 as a teller and was elected president in 1963, at the age of 32, and Chairman of the Board in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Bert Lance was selected by the Georgia State Highway Board to be the Director of the State Highway Department in December 1970; and

WHEREAS, Bert Lance was able to reduce the 8500 employee level as employees retired, without rehires in many cases, and was very instrumental in improving the method of awarding contracts and in improving customer relations with the public; and

WHEREAS, Bert Lance was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to be the Director of the Office of Management and Budget in January 1977; and

WHEREAS, Bert Lance has continued to be active following his years of service at the local, state and federal level by serving as a commentator for WXIA, Channel 11, by writing a book called "The Truth of the Matter" in 1992; serving as the founding chairman and member of the Board of Governors of the Atlanta Community Service awards; Trustee of Reinhardt College and the Georgia Foundation of Independent Colleges; a member of the Advisory Council of Georgia State University; and a member of the Committee of 100 at Emory University; and

WHEREAS, Bert Lance and his wife, LaBelle David Lance, have four sons: Tram, David, Stuart and Beverly Lance, who were born in Calhoun and educated at Calhoun High School before beginning their professional careers; and

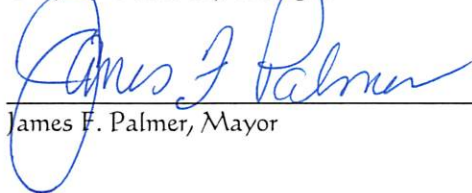
WHEREAS, Bert Lance and his family have been very active members of the First United Methodist Church of Calhoun and of the Methodist Convocation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun designate September 15, 2000 as "Bert Lance Day" in the City of Calhoun, Georgia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun hereby commend Bert Lance for his lifetime of professional and public service and for being a caring and contributing citizen.

ADOPTED this the 11th day of September 2000.

City of Calhoun, Georgia



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Attest:



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

**CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA
CITY SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING ON *AD VALOREM* TAX INCREASE
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
AUGUST 28, 2000 – 6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

PRESENT: **George Crowley, Chairman**
 Amy Atkinson
 Judy Wilson

ALSO PRESENT: **Larry Harmon, City School Superintendent**
 Donald Hood, City School Finance Officer
 James F. Palmer, Mayor
 Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

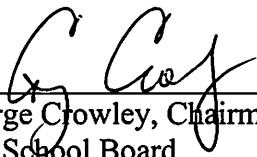
1. Chairman George Crowley welcomed everyone in attendance to the hearing. He stated the individual from the public who was attending the meeting, Mr. Russell Pass, had reviewed the presentation during the morning. Therefore, he would forego the slide presentations and would move into a question and answer period in order that Mr. Pass' time might be used more effectively.

2. Mr. Pass expressed concern about traffic in a three block area regarding the elementary, middle and high schools. Mr. Crowley stated he had met with the Police Chief and had reviewed the area. However, the block is completely surrounded by two lane roads and there is a tremendous amount of traffic, including student traffic, in the area, which makes an extreme amount of congestion. He stated approximately 75% of the 2,500 student population is within the elementary, middle and high school area. There was discussion regarding the pickup process at the elementary school and this was viewed as something that might be reviewed for possible improvement. Mr. Pass also stated he felt very strongly about tuition and he would like for the board to know he felt that before the local taxpayers should be asked to pay additional tax money, the board should consider tuition as a source of additional revenue. He stated there is tuition currently being charged by the Dalton and Cartersville schools and he would encourage the board to consider. Mr. Pass also had questions regarding "Read-a-thon." He stated he felt the school system should make assignments for required reading as opposed to holding read-a-thons. He also had questions about the need for fundraisers. He stated it was very disheartening for school to be in session only one week before the children bring home the fundraisers and then some of those fundraisers contain items to which the children are allergic.

3. Following review of these questions, there were no other comments. Chairman Crowley announced that the third public hearing on the matter would be on September 11, 2000 at 6:00 P.M. at the Depot. The hearing was closed at approximately 6:30 P.M.

Approved:

Submitted:



George Crowley, Chairman
City School Board



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA
CITY SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING ON *AD VALOREM* TAX INCREASE
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
AUGUST 28, 2000 – 10:00 A.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: **George Crowley, Chairman**
 Becky Mathews
 Amy Atkinson
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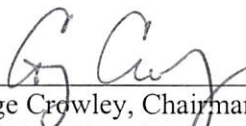
ALSO PRESENT: **Larry Harmon, City School Superintendent**
 Judy Neal, Assistant City School Superintendent
 Donald Hood, City School Finance Officer
 James F. Palmer, Mayor
 Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

1. Chairman George Crowley welcomed everyone to the hearing and proceeded with an overview that reviewed the quality of education at the Calhoun City Schools. He reviewed the Iowa Test scores of basic skills. He reviewed the rankings of the schools in terms of athletics and debate. He also stated the school system has one of two baccalaureate programs in Northwest Georgia. He then reviewed the additional funds needed to carry out the full implementation of the Governor's recommendation for class sizes. He reviewed the number of additional teachers and classrooms that were needed. He stated based upon these needs, it was necessary for the funding at the local level to be increased. He stated the proposal is to increase the local share to \$6,185,722.00, which is up from the prior year's local share. He stated based upon these needs and the proposed digest, the current proposed millage for the schools would be 13.55, up from 13.05 mills the prior year. However, the City of Calhoun's total millage would be decreased from 1.95 to 1.70, which would make the overall increase for a city citizen 0.25 mills. He stated this was due to the tremendous growth in the digest. He stated in terms of how it would affect a local household, a house valued at \$100,000.00 and assessed at \$40,000.00 would have total taxes of \$610.00, as opposed to \$600.00 from the prior year. This would be if there were no increase in the assessed valued of the property from the prior year.

2. There was one individual in attendance, Mr. Russell Pass, who asked the Board of Education questions regarding its policy for tuition. Mr. Crowley stated at this time, the City School Board does not charge tuition for out-of-system students. He stated it had been reviewed as late as January of this year. However, the small amount that would be contributed to the budget would require additional personnel for the handling and collection of the tuition and should these students, who are excellent students, be lost, it would reduce some of the courses that are currently available due to the level of students at the high school.

3. There were no additional questions and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 A.M.

Approved:



George Crowley, Chairman
City School Board

Submitted:



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator