

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
MARCH 27, 2000 - 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor  
John D. Shelton, Jr., Councilman  
Ray M. Denmon, Councilman  
Lorene Potts, Councilwoman**

**ABSENT: Ronald H. Woods, Mayor Pro Tem**

**ALSO: William P. Bailey, City Attorney  
Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities and Public Works  
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.
  - a. Councilman Denmon gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Minutes of the March 13, 2000 regular City Council meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's Comments:
  - a. Mayor Palmer announced a public hearing will be scheduled for April 10, 2000 to consider the beer and wine pouring application for Cruiser's Restaurant at the former Best Western Motel on Highway 41 North.
  - b. Mayor Palmer reminded everyone of the DOT public hearing on the Highway 41 North improvements, to be held at the Depot on April 4, 2000 from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.
  - c. Mayor Palmer reminded the public of the importance of completing and returning their census forms. He stated that assistance was available at several location inside the City and County to assist with the completion of the forms. City Hall also has trained personnel to assist members of the public.
  - d. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council of the zoning hearings scheduled for April 10, 2000:
    - 1) A request for new zoning of R-2 and annexation of Alex Feagin, for approximately 2.5 acres off North Drive. The request is for construction of duplexes or townhouses.
    - 2) A zoning variance request of Gold's Gym, Pam Stephens, for a sign to be located off 610 Red Bud Road.
    - 3) A request for new zoning of R-1 and annexation by Charles and Martha Kessler, Jr. for 293 Shadowood Lane S.E.
    - 4) A request for new zoning of Industrial-G and annexation by Jack May and Melton May for approximately 10 acres off Highway 41 South.
  - e. Mayor Palmer stated it was his pleasure to announce that after four years of hard work and dedication to securing a contract with the Department of Transportation for an enhancement grant, which would allow the construction of pedestrian paths from the Depot to River Park, the contracts are in hand and available to be executed and forwarded in order that the project may now begin. Following discussion, Councilman Shelton made a motion to approve the contracts and to authorize the Mayor to sign, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Shelton, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
5. Public Hearings and Comments:
  - a. Mayor Palmer reopened the public hearing on the proposed railroad crossings and street closings at Jolley Road and Chandler Street. There were no new comments from the public. Mayor Palmer stated one of the adjoining property owners on Chandler Street had died and his relatives had only become aware of the option to close the road as late as Friday, March 24, 2000. Due to this late knowledge, it would be his recommendation to hold the matter over for a fourth reading and

final disposition on April 10, 2000. The Council concurred. Therefore, the hearing was held over for a fourth reading on April 10, 2000 at 7:00 P.M.

6. Old Business:

- a. A second reading was given of an amusement license request for Larry Manasreh for the Fina Grocery at 400 West Line Street. Following discussion, Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the application, second by Councilman Shelton, with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. A second reading was given of an amusement license request for Lori Knight and Becky Temple at 903 South Wall Street. Following discussion, Councilwoman Potts made a motion to approve, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Councilman Shelton stated as a member of the search committee for a new Police Chief to announce that they had reduced the number of candidates from the original number of 21 to 10, and at this time, the Committee is ready to announce the top three individuals who are being considered for the position. The candidates are, in alphabetical order: John Gaissert, Ferrell Goswick and Keith Sitton. Councilman Shelton stated that the information had been forwarded to the Mayor and Council and they will make a final decision and announcement on April 10, 2000.

7. New Business:

- a. A first reading was given of the Recreation Advisory Commission ordinance by Mayor Palmer. Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing on April 10, 2000 at 7:00 P.M., second by Councilwoman Potts, with Councilman Denmon, Councilwoman Potts and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. A first reading was given of a beer and wine pouring license request of Ouan Luong, doing business as China Panda Restaurant, to be located on Highway 53 East at the former site of the Golden Corral Restaurant. The earliest date for a public hearing would be May 8, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. Following discussion, Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing for May 8, 2000 at 7:00 P.M., second by Councilman Shelton, with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. Other written items not on the agenda: **none.**

9. Work Report of Director of Utilities and Public Works, Kelly Cornwell:

- a. Director Cornwell stated the relocation of the water line on Cash Road is 95% complete.
- b. Director Cornwell stated the City will have a report from the Corp of Engineers shortly regarding the City's proposal for a water line extension to the Corp of Engineers facility at Carter's Lake, with the estimated cost being \$600,000.00 for a 5.5 to 6 mile extension.
- c. Director Cornwell stated the relocation of approximately 1,000 feet of sewer main on Columbus had been completed. The line from Red Bud Road to the area of the force main on Columbus Drive was replaced due to problems in the immediate area.
- d. Director Cornwell stated the Echota Mill Village punch list is in process and should be completed this week, weather permitting.

10. Mayor Palmer stated it would be necessary to move to Executive Session to discuss real estate matters. Councilman Denmon made a motion to move to Executive Session, second by Councilman Shelton, with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

11. Councilman Denmon made a motion to return to General Session, second by Councilman Shelton, with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.


12. Councilman Denmon stated as a result of the Executive Session, he would make a motion to move forward with the purchase of the nine lots as discussed in Executive Session at

the estimated cost to be released at a later meeting when all lots had been procured. This item is to be added to the budget amendments for the current fiscal year and the finance officer is to be directed to issue checks as needed. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Potts, with Councilman Denmon, Councilwoman Potts and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

13. Councilman Shelton made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilman Denmon with Councilman Shelton, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:

Submitted:



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James F. Palmer, Mayor



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Cathy Harrison, City Administrator