

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
FEBRUARY 28, 2000 - 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

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

**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 and gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Minutes of the February 14, 2000 regular City Council meeting were approved following an amendment to (Agenda Item 6), (Section a), (Hearing Number 4), (Entry f) as follows:
  - f) Councilwoman Potts stated that based upon the information provided, and based upon all factors considered, it would be her recommendation that the request be denied. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Woods, with Councilwoman Potts, Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively and Councilman Denmon voting to approve the request, motion carried.


Following this change, the minutes were approved.

4. Mayor's Comments:
  - a. Mayor Palmer expressed the sympathy of the Council and himself to Mayor Pro Tem Woods and his family on the loss of his father, Mr. Jake Woods. Mayor Palmer stated Mr. Jake Woods had served 39 years in municipal government, of which 24 of those were as Mayor of Trion. He was also listed in the GMA Hall of Fame.
  - b. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and public of the hearing scheduled for March 13, 2000 on the zoning variance request of William and Diane Twilley to allow a mobile unit to be placed on Lot 385 at 109 Adair Street.
  - c. Mayor Palmer congratulated Councilwoman Potts on completion of the State mandated public officials' training for newly elected officials.
  - d. Mayor Palmer stated the Downtown Development Authority had recommended a replacement for Mr. Jon Erwin, deceased. The person recommended is Eddie Bass. Following discussion, Councilwoman Potts made a motion to approve the request to appoint Mr. Eddie Bass to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Jon Erwin. 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.
5. Public Hearings and Comments: **none.**
6. Old Business: **none.**
7. New Business:
  - a. A first reading was given of a beer and wine pouring license request by Stephanie Daniel, doing business as Cruiser's Restaurant for a new location at 2261-A North 41 Highway, in the immediate front area of the Knights Inn, formerly known as Best Western Motel. Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing, according to the ordinance, would be April 10, 2000. Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to set the public hearing for April 10, 2000 at 7:00 P.M., second by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods,

- Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Mayor Palmer read a request from Brent Parker for a traditional parade, known as the Easter Parade, on April 21, 2000, from 10:00 A.M. until 10:45 A.M. on the traditional parade route. Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to approve the request, subject to DOT approval, second by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
  - c. Mayor Palmer reviewed the budget calendar for the fiscal year of July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001. Mayor Palmer reviewed the specific dates for public hearings and for work sessions to be held, in order to prepare the budget and have it ready for adoption prior to the end of the fiscal year.
  - d. Mayor Palmer stated it was his understanding the Golf Advisory Commission had made a recommendation regarding a pavilion at the golf course. Councilwoman Potts stated the Golf Advisory Commission had recommended the construction of the pavilion in the immediate area of the pro shop where there is presently a patio. The pavilion would be approximately 40 by 50 feet, with the construction to cost \$25,000.00 or less for materials and the work to be provided by city personnel. Councilwoman Potts stated the funds were to be used temporarily from the Golf Cash Flow Fund and to be replaced with proceeds from three tournaments lined up for May and June. Following discussion, Councilwoman Potts made a motion to approve the recommendation as requested by the Golf Advisory Commission, second by Mayor Pro Tem Woods, with Councilwoman Potts, Mayor Pro Tem Woods Councilman Shelton and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
8. Other written items not on the agenda:
- a. Mayor Palmer read a resolution in which the Street Department Director had made a recommendation to close the railroad grade crossings at Chandler Street and Jolly Road, to promote public safety in the City of Calhoun. Mayor Palmer read the resolution regarding those findings and recommendations, with the understanding that the railroad grade crossings at those two locations be closed permanently and the City take reasonable steps to accommodate the needs of the property owners who reside on either street. Mayor Palmer asked for a motion to set a public hearing on the request. Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to set the public hearing on March 13, 2000 at 7:00 P.M., second by Councilman Shelton, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Shelton, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
9. Work Report of Director of Utilities and Public Works, Kelly Cornwell:
- a. Director Cornwell stated he had distributed a detailed list of projects that are currently under way by the utilities division. As a highlight, he stated the Belwood water line relocation is 99% complete, the Cash Road relocation is 80% complete. He stated, at the present time, they have 14 water projects under way and 11 sewer projects. The Electric Department is beginning progress on 22 electrical projects. He stated the natural gas generator continues to be under warranty work, with that work being on schedule.
  - b. He also stated he had received some pricing confirming the estimates for the construction of the pavilion at the golf course.
10. Mayor Palmer asked if it was necessary to move to Executive Session. The response was negative.
11. 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