

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

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Ray M. Denmon, Councilman

**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 and welcomed everyone in attendance. Mayor Palmer 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 14, 2000 regular City Council meeting or the Executive Session minutes. There were none and they were approved as written.
4. Mayor's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Palmer stated the Main Street activity known as "A Celebration of the 50's" was held on August 18, 2000 and it was very successful. He stated the attendance was very large. There were fun activities for everyone. He commended everyone involved with the project.
 - b. Mayor Palmer stated the Unity Run, sponsored by United Way, was held on August 24, 2000, with over 1,100 participants.
 - c. Mayor Palmer reminded the council and public of one additional public hearing scheduled for the City School Board's *ad valorem* taxes for the year 2000. The hearing will be on September 11, 2000 at 6:00 P.M. at the Depot.
 - d. Mayor Palmer reminded the council of two hearings on alcohol license applications scheduled for September 25, 2000 at 7:00 P.M.
 - 1) Ray Locklear, manager for Jalapeno's Mexican Restaurant at 235 West Line Street, a new location for a beer and wine pouring license.
 - 2) James Steven Lingerfelt, Inc., Walter Fowler, Manager for liquor package license for an existing location on Highway 53 East.
 - e. Mayor Palmer reminded everyone of the zoning hearings scheduled for September 11, 2000 at 7:00 P.M.
 - 1) 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.

- 2) 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.
 - 3) 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.
 - 4) 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.
 - 5). 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.
 - 6) A request for a zoning change from A-1 to R-1 by Tecron for part of the Quail Run Subdivision.
 - 7) 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.
 - 8) A zoning change request from Industrial-G to C-2 zoning 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.
- f. Mayor Palmer stated Councilman Denmon was attending Reserves summer camp.
5. Public Hearings and Comments:
- a. Mayor Palmer opened a hearing on the CDBG grant application for Phase II of the Mill Village area for water, sewer and street infrastructure improvements. Mike Richards, an engineer with Consolidated Technologies, Inc. gave the pertinent information regarding the application. Mr. Richards stated the prime area of the grant would be replacement of sewer infrastructure up to the households, as well as water line replacements. Street improvements would be made with some drainage improvements. The application would complete the improvements in the Echota Mill Village. There would be no relocations necessary for the project. There were no questions from the general public regarding the proposal and the hearing was closed. Mayor Palmer stated the Council had approved the grant application being filed and authorized him to sign all necessary papers at the prior meeting.
 - b. Mayor Palmer announced the city had received notice from the Coosa Valley Tech Foundation that they wish to postpone the public hearing on their loan application until September 11, 2000.
 - c. Mayor Pro Tem Woods stated the Loan Advisory Commission had two members whose terms expired on June 30, 2000 and he recommended those terms be renewed for six year periods. The members were David Lance and Henry Holland. Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to reappoint both for 6 year terms to expire June 30, 2006. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelton, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Shelton and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
6. Old Business: **none.**
7. New Business:
- a. Mayor Palmer stated there were three traditional parade requests for the normal route presently on file with D.O.T. He stated those three applications were as follows:

- 1) Calhoun High School Homecoming Parade on October 13, 2000 at 3:30 P.M.;
- 2) Gordon County Fair Association on September 9, 2000 at 11:00 A.M.;
- 3) Christmas Parade on December 1, 2000 at 7:00 P.M.

He stated the requests could be approved or denied. However, any approval should be subject to D.O.T. approval. Following discussion, Councilwoman Potts made a motion to approve all three traditional parades, subject to D.O.T. approval, second by Councilman Shelton, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Pro Tem Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- b. A taxi license application of Gerardo Herrera Ayala of 180 Sonora Drive, Calhoun, Georgia, was given. Following discussion of the application, Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to approve the request, subject to proof of insurance as required by the code and also subject to a clear police report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelton, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Shelton and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Mayor Palmer stated Coosa Valley Tech had requested part of Harris-Beamer Road, from Beamer Road to Highway 53 Spur be closed on September 7, 2000 for the festivities to be held between 2:15 and 3:30 P.M., in which Coosa Valley Tech would be officially designated as Coosa Valley Technical College. Following discussion, Councilwoman Potts made a motion to approve the closing as requested, second by Councilman Shelton, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Pro Tem Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. Mayor Palmer reviewed the bids for the recreation funding for several projects, which need immediate attention, such as the roof for the facility, the repairs to the swimming pool during the off-season, repairs to the deck and also to the concession area. The bids were as follows:

Financial Institution	Amount	5 Year Rate	10 Year Rate
SunTrust Bank – (Corresponding for North Georgia National Bank	\$720,000.00	5.29%	5.32%
Wachovia Bank, NA	\$720,000.00	5.53%	5.83%
Regions Leasing	\$720,000.00	5.7534%	5.6934%
Calhoun First National Bank	\$720,000.00	5.84%	5.94%
AmSouth Leasing Corp.	\$720,000.00	6.23%	6.41%

Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to approve the low bid from Sun Trust as corresponding bank for North Georgia National Bank for a rate of 5.32% for a ten year period. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelton, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Shelton and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. Other written items not on the agenda:
 - a. Attorney Bailey reviewed a proposed intergovernmental agreement regarding water and sewer projects, as it relates to a proposed Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax referendum to be held in November. He reviewed the proposed agreement and asked the Council to consider approval and to authorize the Mayor to sign, provided Mayor Palmer or the attorney do not find any material changes to the document. The motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Woods to authorize

the approval and to authorize the Mayor to sign, provided he nor the city attorney determined any material changes in the document or any substitutions to the document. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Potts, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilwoman Potts and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- b. Assistant Director Peterson stated bids had been taken on the pedestrian trail project. Fourteen packets of information had been forwarded to prospective bidders. However, only two bids had been received. Those two bids were from Dalton Paving for a bid of \$538,425.00. The second was from Astra Group, Inc. for a bid of \$299,888.00. This company is out of Woodstock and has been in business for ten years. He had received a copy of their financial statement and it is currently being reviewed by the city accountant. The recommendation of Greg Sims would be to accept the low bid of \$299,888.00. Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to accept the low bid by Astra Group, Inc. of \$299,888.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelton, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Shelton and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

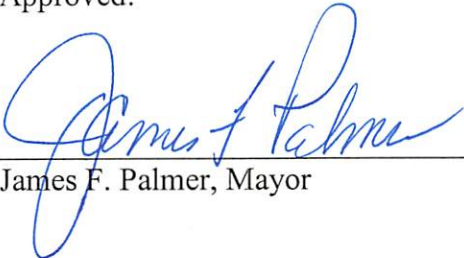
9. Work Reports:

- a. Director of Utilities and Public Works, Kelly Cornwell: **none.**
- b. Assistant Director Peterson stated that Fire Chief Lenny Nesbitt had assisted the City of Gainesville in an emergency for hazardous materials in a storm drain. Peterson commended Chief Nesbitt for his training, which allowed him to pass the training along to his men and also to be of benefit to the Northwest Georgia region.

10. Mayor Palmer stated there was no need to move to Executive Session.


11. Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilman Shelton, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Shelton and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator