

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DECEMBER 18, 2000 - 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

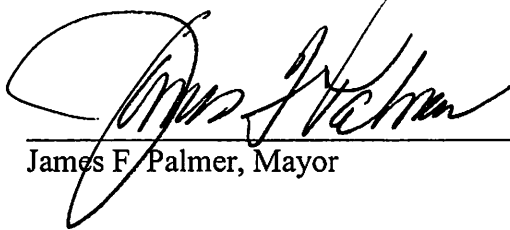
**ALSO: William P. Bailey, City Attorney
Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities and Public Works
Eddie Peterson, Assistant Director of Utilities and Public Works
Cathy Harrison, City Administrator**

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 December 11, 2000 regular City Council meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Palmer stated the City of Calhoun had a large share of the total gifts that were collected from the Northwest Georgia area for patients at the Northwest Regional Hospital. Mayor Palmer stated he appreciated the response from many citizens and from organizations who helped provide gifts from our community. He stated this was an excellent way to observe the Christmas season.
 - b. Mayor Palmer commended all the local emergency management personnel, hazardous spill officers, law enforcement and fire personnel from Gordon County, Calhoun and the State Patrol, as well as special Haz-Mat officers who responded from Murray County. He also commended the street department personnel who assisted with traffic in the Calhoun area. This was in relation to the hazardous spill on December 15, 2000 on I-75.
 - c. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council of the zoning hearing scheduled for January 8, 2001 at 7:00 P.M.
 - 1) A zoning change request by B&B, Inc. for acreage on Peters Street from R-1 to R-2 for all the lots with the exception of lots 1 and 23, which would remain at R-1 zoning with a variance. Duplexes would be placed on the other lots. However, the lots would have a minimum size of 110,000 square feet. He stated B&B proposes to donate the back portion of the property to the City of Calhoun for a sewer easement and green space.
5. Public Hearings and Comments:

- a. Mayor Palmer opened a public hearing on the proposed street ordinance amendments. These were reviewed by Eddie Peterson. There were no comments from the general public and the hearing was closed. Councilman Denmon stated since this was the fourth reading of the proposed amendments he would make a motion to adopt as proposed, second by Councilman Shelton, with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton, Councilwoman Potts and Mayor Pro Tem Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.
6. Old Business:
- a. A second reading was given of the late-late alcohol license request for renewal for 2001 by James Steven Lingerfelt, Inc., d/b/a ABC Liquor on Highway 53 East, David Fowler Manager. Mayor Palmer stated the request could be approved or denied. Following discussion, Councilwoman Potts made a motion to renew the license for 2001, second by Councilman Shelton, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Shelton, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - b. Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of the late-late taxi license renewal request for 2001 for Ofelio L. Lara. Following discussion, Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the request provided the drivers are approved and evidence of insurance is provided, second by Councilwoman Potts, with Councilman Denmon, Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Pro Tem Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - c. Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a new taxi license request for Rayo Taxi by Maria Covarrobias. Mayor Palmer stated that should the license be approved, it should be subject to all drivers being approved and registered with the police department and evidence of insurance for each vehicle must be provided. Following discussion, Councilwoman Potts made a motion to approve the request subject to those items listed by Mayor Palmer, second by Councilman Shelton, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Shelton, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.
7. New Business:
- a. Mayor Palmer read a request of Georgia Development II, Inc. in which they propose to dedicate Twin Oaks Drive as a city street. In the absence of Kevin McEntire, Assistant Director of Utilities and Public Works Eddie Peterson stated Mr. McEntire had reported to him that the street had been inspected by him since the start of the project and at the present time, it had been re-inspected. There is a broken curb in one area and a broken catch basin, both of which must be repaired. However, subject to those repairs, it appears to be in line and ready for approval. Attorney Bailey stated the title opinion and deed for the property had been submitted by the developer. Following discussion, Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve and accept the street as a city street, subject to those repairs being made in the immediate future. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelton, with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton, Councilwoman Potts and Mayor Pro Tem Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.
8. Other written items not on the agenda: **none.**
9. Work Reports: **none.**


10. Mayor Palmer inquired if there was a need to move to Executive Session. There was none.
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:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator