

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
JANUARY 31, 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 January 10, 2000 regular City Council meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's Comments:
  - a. Mayor Palmer welcomed the Youth Leadership of the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce, which is composed of 30 junior and senior class students of three area high schools. He also introduced some of the youth leadership sponsors, Lenny Nesbitt, Chris Johnson, Dave Douglas, Larry Deaton, Beth Vaughn, Mike Garrigan and Larry Bailey. Mayor Palmer asked each of the students to rise, give their names and the school they attend. Following their introduction, Mayor Palmer again welcomed each one to the meeting.
  - b. Mayor Palmer commended the Electric, Water, Sewer and Street Departments for their excellent work during the bad weather over the prior weekend. He stated the Electric Department had worked on outages, with an average outage being ten hours. The Street Department hauled over 100 loads of brush from the ice storm and the water and sewer crews worked on a large water main break for over 24 hours on Highway 411 at Highway 53 East in Fairmount.
  - c. Mayor Palmer stated the City Council members and staff had attended the January 23 and 24, 2000 GMA Mayors' Day Meeting in Marietta. In addition to having an opportunity to speak with the local Representatives and Senators regarding legislative issues for the current year, the City of Calhoun was also recognized as one of ten "Cities of Excellence" in the State of Georgia, selected by the Georgia Municipal Association and Georgia Trend Magazine. Mayor Palmer displayed signs that had been presented to the City of Calhoun.
  - d. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and public of hearings scheduled for February 14, 2000 as follows:
    - 1) A new zoning of R-1 and annexation request by Mattie Evelyn Bohannon Walker for a house on approximately 1 acre at 260 Meadowbrook Road.
    - 2) A new zoning of R-1 and annexation request by Henry B. and Lisa L. Brzozoski for a house and lot at 216 Three Oaks Drive.
    - 3) A zoning variance request by Wilma Jean Erwin and John Wayne Hall for property at 200 Boling Industrial Way (Prestige Mills.) Two buildings will be added to the existing building. This will require three setback variances for construction: a 7.5 foot variance on the first building, and 7.5 foot and 22.5 foot variances on the second building, in the cul-de-sac area.
    - 4) Reopening of a request for zoning of C-2 and annexation of Hometowne Lodge, Inc. for approximately 4 acres off Golden Circle Drive.
5. Public Hearings and Comments: **none.**
6. Old Business:
  - a. A second reading of the amusement license requests of Martin Theater and North Georgia Amusements for the year 2000 was given. Following discussion,

Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the renewal of the licenses, second by Councilman Shelton, with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton, Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. New Business:

- a. Mayor Palmer asked Lenny Nesbitt and Tim Reeves to provide the Council with an update regarding the siren system bid results and recommendations of bids. Lenny Nesbitt stated the bid proposal had been forwarded to 8 vendors, with only two responding. However, one of the two failed to meet specifications. Lenny Nesbitt also reported he had investigated the price of batteries needed for the equipment and found they could be obtained at a much cheaper rate from a local vendor. He recommended the bid from McCord Communications be accepted as to Option 3, with the notation that the City would be able to purchase its own batteries. Nesbitt stated the grant requires that 75% of the cost be paid from the grant and 25% of the cost from local government funds. He stated the City would be acquiring half of the siren systems ordered. Therefore, our cost would be half of the 25%. Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to accept the bid of McCord Communications for Option 3, with the understanding that the City would furnish batteries for those sirens to be placed within the city limit area. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Potts, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Mayor Palmer stated that Torrington Industries had filed a request for filing an amended tax return, following an improper return that had been made by their bookkeeping department, which had not noted the equipment had been removed from the Calhoun plant site, prior to January 1, 1999. Mayor Palmer read portions of a report from the Tax Assessor's office and also stated the City of Calhoun had previously been notified of the company's intent to remove equipment and close the plant in Calhoun, Gordon County. Following discussion, Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the allowance of the corrected tax return and to authorize the improper amount to be removed from the 1999 Digest, as to assessed value and actual taxes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelton, with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton, Mayor Pro Tem Woods and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Kelly Cornwell discussed the proposed MEAG contracts, which would allow the City of Calhoun to purchase an additional capacity of approximately 5 megawatts from combustion turbines of the CT project. Cornwell reviewed the City's current load structure as indicated by a chart, the reasons why it would be necessary for the City of Calhoun to add load, at least in the year 2003-2004, and then to review again for not only peaking power, but also base load, at least two more times prior to the year 2009. He stated the contracts would allow the City to purchase a portion of the combustion turbine output and would allow the City to structure its debt for the purchase of these projects. Cornwell stated the proposed combustion turbines are the most environmentally friendly on the market at this time. Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the contract and authorizing the appropriate officials to sign the documents. Following discussion, the motion was seconded by Councilman Shelton, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Shelton, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. A first reading was given to a revolving loan request of \$45,000.00 for seven years for Rampy Cleaners. The request would include the retention of three jobs and the addition of two jobs. Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to set the public hearing for February 14, 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.

8. Other written items not on the agenda:


- a. Mayor Palmer stated the City of Calhoun had received a letter from the Industrial Development Authority regarding two of their members who were city appointments. One member's term had expired on April 27, 1999 and a second member's term would expire on March 20, 2000. Mayor Palmer stated the term of these appointees is for four years. Mayor Palmer stated that Mr. Silvers and Mr. Mathews had expressed a willingness to continue to serve on the Industrial

Development Authority Board. Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to recommend the reappointment of Jimmy Silvers for a four year term, beginning April 1999 until April 2003, and a four year term for Jimmy Mathews, commencing on March 20, 2000 and ending in March 2004. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- b. Mayor Palmer stated the Golf Advisory Commission has recommended that Councilwoman Potts be allowed to be the City's annual appointed representative to the Golf Advisory Commission and that Henry Holland be allowed to assume the unexpired term of Councilwoman Potts. Following discussion, Councilman Denmon made a motion to authorize Councilwoman Potts to be the City Council's annual appointment to the Golf Advisory Commission and to reappoint Henry Holland to serve the unexpired term of Councilwoman Potts, which would end on June 30, 2004 on the Golf Advisory Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelton, with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Pro Tem Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.
9. Director Cornwell stated the work crews had been removed from the Cash Road project temporarily and had been placed on the Bellwood Road project to relocate utilities for road work to begin on the Bellwood Road by Gordon County. Cornwell also expressed appreciation to the electric, street, water and sewer work crews who had worked so hard on the prior weekend during the ice storm in Calhoun, Gordon County.
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:



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James F. Palmer, Mayor



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Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

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CALHOUN, GEORGIA

RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, it is determined that the City has a need for additional capacity and energy for peaking, reserves, and possibly for future intermediate and base requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia ("the Authority") have determined that the foregoing needs can be served feasibly from combustion turbines, which have a capability to convert to combined cycle operation; and

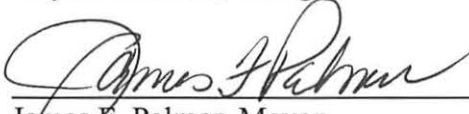
**WHEREAS**, the City and the Authority wish to enter into a Power Sales Contract in furtherance of the foregoing purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Combustion Turbine Power Sales Contract is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute and the Clerk is authorized to attest, seal, and deliver the Contract and to perform all acts necessary to its implementation and completion as the act of the City.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Administrator is authorized to provide such information to the Authority as may be required in connection with the Combustion Turbine Project, including but not limited to, the amount of Capital Contribution to be made by the City at the appropriate times, credit information and information related to the City's choices with respect to its Debt Related Costs when requested by the Authority.

**ADOPTED** this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2000.

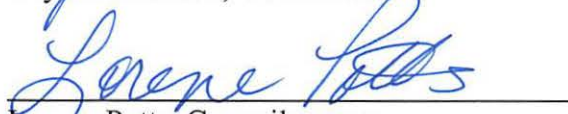
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Attest:

  
Cathy Harrison  
City Administrator/Clerk/Finance Officer