



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 19, 2025 – 7:00 PM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

MINUTES

PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Ed Moyer, Mayor Pro Tem
Ray Mitchell Denmon, Councilmember
Jacqueline Palazzolo, Councilmember
Al Edwards, Councilmember

ALSO: Paul Worley, City Administrator; Kyle Ellis, Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Tony Pyle, Police Chief.

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**
Welcome
Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
Invocation
Mayor Palmer gave the invocation.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. **Amendment or Approval of Proposed Agenda**
Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the May 19, 2025 agenda as presented.
Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**
Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of May 12, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
5. **Mayor's Comments**
 - A. Mayor Palmer announced that Calhoun city offices will be closed on May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.

- B. Mayor Palmer announced that the second public hearing of the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 Annual Operating Budget and Capital Plan will be held on June 9th, at 7:00 p.m. A copy of the proposed budget can be viewed by the public at www.cityofcalhoun-ga.com

6. **Zoning Hearings and Comments**

Announce at this time, public hearings will be held. The public will have the opportunity to make pro and con comments with a ten-minute maximum time limit for each side of the matter, with each person speaking having filed a financial disclosure statement five days prior to the hearing if required, with each person giving their name and address. An inquiry should be made to determine if any elected official has filed a disclosure statement regarding ownership or special interest in any of the agenda items. Zoning Land Use Maps on display in Council Chambers for Zoning Advisory Board and Council hearings.

A. Public hearing of the updated 2025 City of Calhoun Zoning Map.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments.
- There being none, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning Zoning Map.
- Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the zoning map as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

7. **Other Public Hearings**

8. **Old Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a zoning change request from R-1 to R-2 for 2.907 acres located on Chandler Street, being Parcel C23-032, by Ellen Hunter. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held on June 5th and the public hearing on June 9th.
- B. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an annexation and zoning request from County agricultural to A-1 for 11.06 acres, at a location of 710 Henderson Bend Road (042-036), by Jaime Reyes. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held on June 5th and the public hearing on June 9th.
- C. Mayor Palmer stated that this item has been withdrawn by the applicant.
Second reading of a variance request for allowance to build a four unit apartment complex on a Lot of Record in R-2 zoning, per Section 7.5.2 of the zoning ordinance, for 0.23 acres at a location of 118 Telfair Street, being Parcel C41-178, by Brian Young.

9. **New Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer read a manager change at a location of 910 South Wall Street, by Walgreens. The prior store manager was Robert Smith and the proposed new store manager is Lacey Southern. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the manager change. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- B. Mayor Palmer gave the floor to City Administrator Worley for submission of third quarter financial statements. City Administrator Worley gave a review of third quarter financials for the nine months ending March 31, 2025 stating he was very pleased with the city's financial position, with all departments managing their budget well (copy attached). Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- C. Mayor Palmer stated that a motion was needed to move the first meeting in July from July 14th to July 7th to allow Mayor and Council to attend the annual MEAG meeting. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to move the meeting to July 7th. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- D. Mayor Palmer read a Special Event Permit and road closure request from the Downtown Development Authority to expand the annual Farmers Market, including the partial closure of Piedmont Street (adjacent to the city park) to provide designated handicap parking and the closure of the short section of Trammel Street (between Piedmont and Wall Streets) to improve pedestrian safety. These closures would take place every Tuesday and Saturday from June 3 through September 12, during market hours of 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the special event permit and road closure request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

10. **Other written items not on the agenda**

11. **Work Reports**

- A. City Administrator Worley made a recommendation to appoint Kelly Fuquea to the Zoning Advisory Board for a three year term ending May 31, 2028. This appointment will replace Monica Pierson, whose term will expire on May 31, 2025. Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the appointment. Councilmember Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

City Administrator Worley gave a review of April 2025 general cash and hotel motel reports. (copy attached) Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

- B. Utilities Administrator Ellis gave a review of the April 2025 utilities cash report. (copy attached) Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the report as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

C. City Attorney Govignon had nothing to report.

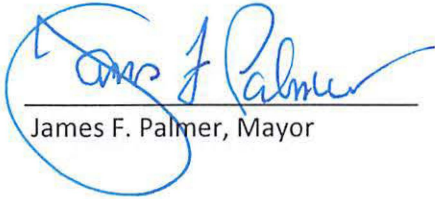
12. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

13. Motion to return to General Session

14. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Approved:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:


Sharon Nelson, City Clerk

