

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING ST
AUGUST 24, 2015 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

**PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Al Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem
George Crowley, Councilman
David Hammond, Councilman
Matt Barton, Councilman**

ALSO: Eddie Peterson, City Administrator; Larry Vickery, Utilities General Manager; George Govignon, City Attorney; Paul Worley, City Clerk; Lenny Nesbit, Fire Chief; Garry Moss, Police Chief; Jeff Defoor, Director of Electric Utilities;

- 1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
A. Councilman Crowley gave the invocation.**
- 2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.**
- 3. Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the agenda and Councilman Crowley seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion approved.**
- 4. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2015 City Council Meeting. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.**
- 5. Mayor's Comments:**
 - A. Qualifying for the municipal general election will be held at City Hall located at 226 South Wall Street beginning at 8:30am on Monday, August 31, 2015 and ending at 4:30pm on Friday, September 4, 2015. The general election will be held on Tuesday November 3, 2015. The positions that are up for election are:
 - Mayor- James F. Palmer, incumbent-Qualifying Fee \$432.00
 - Calhoun City Council Post #1- George Crowley, incumbent-Qualifying Fee \$144.00
 - Calhoun City Council Post #2- Al Edwards, incumbent-Qualifying Fee \$144.00
 - Calhoun City School Board Post #4- Eddie Reeves, incumbent-Qualifying Fee \$1.00
 - Calhoun City School Board Post #5- Tony Swink, incumbent-Qualifying Fee \$1.00**
 - B. There will be a vote on the proposed 2015 property tax millage rates for the City of Calhoun and Calhoun City Schools at the next scheduled City Council meeting on September 14th. The City of Calhoun current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years will be advertised in the Calhoun Times on August 29, September 2, 5, 9, and 12. Mayor Palmer stated that there is no anticipated increases with the City's rate remaining at 1.98 and the City Schools remaining at 17.985.**

- C. Mayor Palmer read a Proclamation designating September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. After the reading Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the Proclamation. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. (Proclamation attached) Roberta Charbonneau with Family Connection of Gordon County was in attendance and thanked the Mayor and Council for passing the Proclamation. Mrs. Charbonneau discussed the seriousness of suicide and how it negatively impacts our communities. The fifth annual Chalk It Up event at BB&T Park will be held on Saturday September 19th from 9:00am to Noon. Also, there will be a Youth Mental Health First Aid and QPR: Question, Persuade, Refer training at the Calhoun Depot on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 15-16 from Noon-4:30pm and 8:00am-2:30pm. This training usually cost \$100, but the Gordon County Suicide Prevention Coalition has made 25 spots available free of charge. Please contact Mrs. Charbonneau at 706-602-5139 if you are interested.

6. Public Hearings and Comments:

- A. Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing for a beer, wine, liquor package request by Kalpesh Patel, DBA: Party Liquor at a location of 101 Williams Street. The listed manager will be Yogesh Patel.
- Mr. Peterson stated that all advertising requirements have been met.
 - Mayor Palmer asked for public comments.
 - Attorney John Robbins representing the applicant was in attendance and wanted to confirm that the license would be listed as Kalpesh Patel, single member of Jay Lalguru, LLC. It was stated that City staff would confirm that the applicant information was listed correctly before issuing the alcohol license.
 - Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the beer, wine, liquor package license request. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

7. Old Business:

- A. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a beer and wine package license request by Leslie Renfro, DBA: Circle K #2723519 at a location of 702 E. Highway 53. The listed manager is Leslie Renfro. The public hearing will be on September 14th.
- B. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a beer and wine package license request by Karen Aldridge, DBA: Circle K #2723518 at a location of 1310 Hwy 41 North. The listed manager is Karen Aldridge. The public hearing will be on September 14th.
- C. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of an annexation and zoning of C-2 for 0.8 acres at a location of parcel #GC51-111 on Kent Lane for Haley Stephens. The ZAB meeting will be on September 10th and the public hearing will be on September 14th.

- D. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a zoning change request of R-1 to C-2 for 1.72 acres at a location of parcel #C52-001 on Kent Lane for Haley Stephens. The ZAB meeting will be on September 10th and the public hearing will be on September 14th.

8. New Business:

- A. The Downtown Development Authority and the Main Street Program request permission to close Park Avenue from Harlan Street to Hicks Street and Court Street from Wall Street to King Street for Harvest Fest 2015. This is the typical festival area - closing times would be from 8 am until 6 pm, Saturday, October 24, 2015. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the road closure request. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

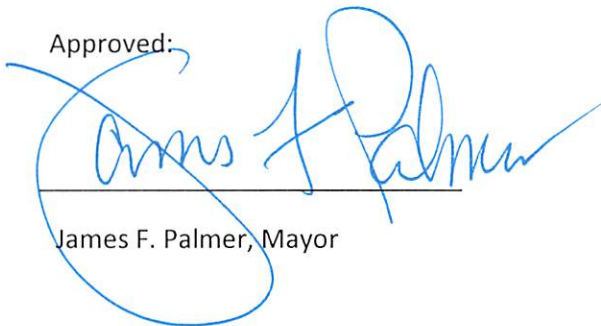
9. Other written items not on the agenda: None

10. Work Reports:

- A. Administrator Eddie Peterson
- B. General Manager Larry Vickery
- C. City Attorney George Govignon

- 11. Councilman Hammond made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barton with all voting aye, motion approved.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Paul Worley, City Clerk