

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING ST
MAY 19, 2014 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; Paul Worley, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney;
Jerry Crawford, Water and Sewer Director; Jeff Defoor, Director of Electric Utilities; Linda
Brookshire, Human Resource Director; Andrea Bramlett, Finance Director**

- 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 Hammond made a motion to approve the agenda and Councilman Barton seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion approved.**
- 4. Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2014 City Council Meeting. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.**
- 5. Mayor's Comments:**
 - A. Mayor Palmer read a City of Calhoun Purple Heart City Proclamation. The proclamation designates the City of Calhoun as a Purple Heart City honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed while serving to protect the freedom enjoyed by all Americans. In attendance to receive the proclamation were Purple Heart Veterans Marvin Gardner, Walter Printup, Tom Francis, Kenneth Fleming, and Tim Cooper.**
 - B. Mayor Palmer reminded everyone to go vote on Tuesday May 20, 2014 Primary Election Day.**
 - C. Mayor Palmer announced that the City of Calhoun will hold its second public hearing on the City's Annual Operating Budget and Capital Plan for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 on June 9, 2014.**
 - D. Mayor Palmer also stated that there will be a budget work session immediately after the regular City Council meeting.**

6. Public Hearings and Comments:

- A. Mayor Palmer opened a public hearing for the updated 2014 City of Calhoun Zoning Map. Mayor Palmer stated that the zoning map was produced in-house by the City's GIS Department and thanked them for the excellent product they produced.
- Mr. Peterson stated that all signs and advertising requirements have been met.
 - Mayor Palmer asked for comments and there were none.
 - Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing.
 - Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the updated 2014 City of Calhoun Zoning Map. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

7. Old Business:

- A. Councilman Hammond made a motion to remove from the table a road closure request by Velo Cycling. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. Mayor Palmer read a road closure request by Chris McGee with Rome Velo Cycling for a Downtown Calhoun Cycling Criterium Race on Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 3:00pm until 7:30pm. The updated course layout and road closure request starts on Wall Street between Velo Vineyard and the Court House, travel south, turn right on Hicks Street, right on Park Avenue, right on Trammell Street, and right on Wall Street to the origination point. Mayor Palmer stated that Mr. McGee and the City had received a response today from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) concerning the closing of State Routes. The response from Curtis D. Comer, District Engineer with GDOT, stated that the City could not completely close the State Routes for an extended period of time for the event as requested. Mr. Comer continued that the road closure could potentially impact three State Routes when factoring in detours. However, Mr. Comer also offered in the letter to assist in coming up with a plan that would not involve closing essentially three state roadways. Mayor Palmer stated that he and Administrator Peterson would set up a meeting with GDOT officials to come up with a solution seeing as that this was the first time GDOT had not approved a road closure request that he has been involved in. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the request contingent upon Mayor Palmer and Administrator Peterson's meeting with GDOT officials and working with the cycling event group to remove all the barriers to having the event. Councilman Barton gave a second to the motion. Mayor Palmer continued the discussion and stated that he felt like everyone was in favor of the event and wanted to see the event take place. However, the road closures cannot happen without GDOT approval. Councilman Hammond clarified the motion to mean approval of the road closures contingent upon GDOT approval. Marcus Palazzolo with the race organizer group spoke to the Council stating that the proposed route could work with the detours being allowed and that all other issues have been resolved with the shortening of the road closure, city workers, insurance, volunteers, and community support, but the only remaining hurdle was the GDOT approval. Councilman Crowley stated that he questioned approving the race without knowing what GDOT will approve and what the final route could be. Mayor Palmer invited the applicants to attend the GDOT meeting to discuss what options

would work that GDOT could approve. Councilman Barton stated if approval was not granted tonight that there might not be enough time to get the final approval before the race events. Mayor Palmer stated he would prefer to table the request and possibly have a vote by phone after the meeting with GDOT. The motion for race approval contingent upon a route that GDOT could approve was still on the table and Mayor Palmer asked for a vote. Councilman Hammond, Councilman Barton, and Councilman Edwards voted aye. Councilman Crowley voted no. Motion carried three to one. Administrator Peterson stated that he would try to set up the meeting with GDOT sometime this week and be in contact with the race organizers.

8. New Business:

- A. Councilman Hammond made a motion to move the second monthly City Council meeting in June from June 23rd to June 16th to allow the Mayor and Council to attend the annual GMA Annual Convention. Councilman Barton 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

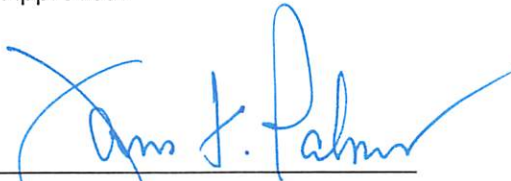
- Administrator Peterson reviewed the monthly General Government cash report. Mr. Peterson stated that the general fund cash flow was in a better position now than any time following the Great Recession dating back to 2008. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the cash report. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

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

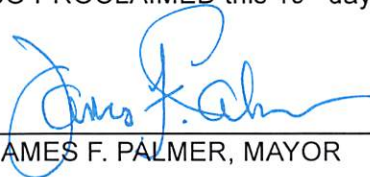
A Proclamation by the Mayor and City Council of Calhoun, Georgia

City of Calhoun
A Purple Heart City

- WHEREAS, the people of the City of Calhoun have great admiration and utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and
- WHEREAS, veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and
- WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and
- WHEREAS, many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and
- WHEREAS, many citizens have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential service; and
- WHEREAS, May 19, 2014 has officially been designated as the day in the City of Calhoun to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal.

NOW THEREFORE, I Jimmy Palmer, Mayor of the City of Calhoun do hereby proclaim the City of Calhoun as a Purple Heart City, a city in the nation so designated honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

SO PROCLAIMED this 19th day of May, 2014.



JAMES F. PALMER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAUL WORLEY, CITY CLERK