



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 14, 2020 - 7:00 PM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

**MINUTES**

PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor  
George R. Crowley, Mayor Pro Tem  
Ray Mitchell Denmon, Councilman  
Al Edwards, Councilman  
Jackie Palazzolo, Councilwoman

ALSO: Paul Worley, City Administrator; Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Commander K.J. Carson, Police Department; and, Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief.

- Council Meeting Called to Order**  
**Welcome**  
Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.  
**Invocation**  
Mayor Palmer gave the invocation.
- Pledge of Allegiance**  
Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
- Amendment or Approval of Proposed Agenda**  
Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to approve the December 14, 2020 agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- Amendment or Approval of Minutes**  
Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of November 23, 2020. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

- A. Mayor Palmer announced that advanced early voting for the combined General and Federal Runoff Election began today and will continue through December 31<sup>st</sup>. The combined General and Federal Runoff Election will be held on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Mayor Palmer announced that Calhoun City offices will be closed Thursday December 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday December 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas, and Friday January 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of the New Year.
- C. Mayor Palmer announced that the Calhoun City Council will have its next regularly scheduled meeting December 28<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Mayor Palmer read a resolution approving the reimposition, levy, and collection of a sales and use tax for educational purposes within Gordon County for use by the Calhoun School System and the Gordon County School District, conditioned upon approval of a referendum by a majority of qualified voters, to be held March 16, 2021. Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to approve the resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

6. **Council Comments**

- A. Councilwoman Palazzolo submitted November reports as follows:

1) **Water and Sewer Operations**

**Water Treatment Plant**

- Total gallons withdrawn: 298,240,000
- Daily average: 9,941,333
- Wells: 0
- Big Springs: 118,940,000
- % produced by Brittany Drive: 39.8%
  - Brittany Dr. daily production to capacity: 33.59%
  - Mauldin Rd. daily production to capacity: 37.35%
  - Rainfall for November – 2.57"

**Waste Water Treatment Plant**

- Treated a daily average of 3.568 MGD, with an average BOD effluent of 3, average suspended effluent of 14, and an average COD of 70.

**Water Distribution & Wastewater Collection**

- 227 work orders completed, 27 new water connections, 15 water service leaks repaired, 12 water main leaks repaired, 0 water services changed to new main lines, 114 meter changes, 37 utility locates called in for work orders, 523 utility locates responses.
- 2,650 feet of Sanitary Sewer Services TV inspected, 398 utility locates completed, 4,700 feet sanitary sewer lines cleaned, 2 new sewer connections installed, 3 sanitary sewer services repaired.

2) **Water and Sewer Construction**

- 319 Grant Lynn Creek Project- We have sent a letter to all the residents of the Lynn Creek Watershed informing them of the grant opportunities.

We have completed several septic tank pump outs, and are collaborating with Mohawk on one of the green infrastructure projects.

- The two inch galvanized line replacement continues utilizing city forces.
- Georgia Cumberland Academy Force Main & Lifts Station Project- Force Main contractor is on-site & working. C&S is on-site working on the Lift station.
- Buc-ee's Water Main Relocation Project- Project is 95% complete. Utilities has to wait on road contractor to remove existing Johnson Lake Rd before we can complete project.
- The Water & Sewer Annual Unit Price Bid was received on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Contract was awarded to C&S Construction.
- During site construction of the City's Early Learning Center, a sewer main was found to be partially collapsed. Wastewater Collections Dept. made an emergency repair & Engineering provided construction drawings to completely replace the line. The main was replaced by C&S Construction with help from City crews.

#### **Projects in Design & Development**

- South Interceptor Flow Study
- Brittany Drive Standby Generator Grant
- Paul Lusk Lift Station Capacity Study

#### **Projects in Engineering Conceptual Design**

##### **Sewer**

- Blackwood Creek Trunk Sewer Replacement
- Yarborough Street Replacement Sewer
- Louise Ave., Cherry St., and Florence Ave. Sewer Replacement
- Sewer Main relocation for the airport project.
- Old Fairmount Hwy Sewer Extension
- Future extensions of the current Hwy 41 South Sewer Project
- Barrett Road Sewer Replacement

##### **Water**

- Bellwood Road Water Transmission Main
- Reeves Station Water Main (replacing existing 6" C. I. with an 8")
- Second Interconnect with Pickens County
- GDOT SR 156/Salacoa Creek Bridges. Scheduled for 2020
- SR 225 8" water main river crossing

#### **3) Library**

- There are 10,718 library card holders, 0 library visitors, and 436 total circulation.
- There were 0 story time attendance, 0 adult program attendance, 21 new users, 901 e-books, 819 audio books, 4 computer logins, and 8,275 Facebook visits.

B. Councilman Edwards submitted November reports as follows:

#### **1) Police Department**

- Made 263 cases with 7 DUI's
- Fines collected by Municipal Court - \$18,427
- Issued 228 warnings
- Investigated 43 highway accidents, 32 private property accidents
- Obstruction - 18
- Lethal Weapon Encounter - 1
- Alarm responses - 205
- Miles patrolled: 32,979

2) **Municipal Court**

- Total Court cases- 260
- Court cases dropped- 47
- Number of Bond forfeitures- 121
- Number of Probation cases- 5
- Failure to appear- 039
- Subpoenas served- 0

3) **Fire Department**

**Fire Suppression Division**

173 Total reported calls for service for the Suppression Division

**Dispatched Calls**

- 4 Fire Incidents (\$8,650.00 in estimated damage)
- 0 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (NO FIRE)
- 111 Emergency Medical Services / Rescue (Injuries, Medical, or Fatality)
- 7 Hazardous Conditions Incidents (NO FIRE; Leaks, Spills, Electrical Hazards; All Other Hazardous Conditions without injuries)
- 3 Service Calls (Water Leak; Assist Other Agencies with Non-Emergency Calls)
- 29 Good Intent Calls (Smoke / Odor check; Investigation of Unknown Problem)
- 19 False Alarms or False Calls
- 0 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster
- 0 Special Incident Type (Citizen Complaint; Other)

**Additional Fire Department Activities**

- Completed routine Dept. maintenance and duties.
- Continued Participating in meetings on Covid-19 response protocols and issues with local agencies (by video conference).

**Training Division**

CFD completed 554 Total Man Hours of training during the month.

**Training consisted of:**

- Pump Operations
- Firefighter Survival
- Incident Reporting

- Ladders
- Hazardous Materials
- Vehicle Extrication

**Fire Inspections - Public Safety Education -Code Enforcement Division**

88 Total Reported Activities / Inspections completed during the month.

**Inspections / Enforcement Activities**

- 10 Annual Inspection
- 3 New Business Inspections
- 24 Requested Inspections
- 13 Follow Up, Re-Inspections
- 2 Burn Site Inspections
- 2 Plan Reviews
- 0 Pre-Construction Meetings
- 0 Sprinkler Permits Issued
- 1 Fuel Tank Permit (Install, Removal or Service)
- 33 Consultations
- 0 Fire Drills
- 0 Illegal Burning Citations

**Additional Inspection - Public Safety & Codes Division Activities**

- Inspections attended Zoning / Annexation meeting.
- Inspections attended a Community Risk Reduction class in Polk County, and a Georgia Public Safety Educators Association class in Canton.
- Conducted a Fire Extinguisher class For Henkel Corporation with 15 students.
- Installed 5 car seats for the public.

4) **Safety Committee**

The safety committee information was emailed on November 24th and the topic of discussion was Hazard Communication Safety Data Sheets. Information will continue via email during the Coronavirus pandemic.

No safety inspections are being performed at this time.

- Vehicle accidents: 0
- Workers compensation: 1

5) Work continues on the school's new Early Learning Center.

C. Councilman Denmon submitted November reports as follows:

1) **Public Works**

**Street Department**

1. Completed 15 shop and 21 street dept. work orders.
2. Installed 3 new street signs.
3. Started the annual leaf cleanup all over town.
4. Cleaned out storm drains.

### **Cemetery Department**

1. Performed routine maintenance on Fain and Chandler cemetery.
2. Supervised the opening and closing of 11 grave sites.
3. Sold 6 new grave spaces.

### **Parks Department**

1. The grounds crew picked up litter, mowed, trimmed bushes, hauled garbage to the dump, and maintained records at records room.
2. The maintenance crew maintained designated buildings downtown.
3. Put up Christmas decorations downtown.

### **Animal Control**

- Housed 11 dogs and 8 cats
- Number of dogs adopted: 0
- Number of cats adopted: 0
- Number of dogs rescued: 3
- Number of cats rescued: 4
- Number of dogs reclaimed by owner: 4
- Number of cats reclaimed by owner: 0
- Number of dogs euthanized: 0
- Number of cats euthanized: 0
- Number of warnings given: 17
- Number of bite cases: 2
- Citations issues: 1

## **2) Recreation Department**

### **1. PROGRAMS:**

**YOUTH BASKETBALL:** Registration for youth basketball concluded with 257 boys and girls registering. Registration was down 32 participants from 2019. Teams have been formed and practices began on November 14. Scheduled games began December 7. Games are being played at Billy Bearden Recreation Center and Calhoun Middle School.

**YOUTH FOOTBALL:** The NW GA GRPA Football league post season tournament was held November 7, 10, 11, 12 and 14. Calhoun Rec. hosted the 8u and 10u gold divisions. A total of 9 teams participated in the gold divisions with 540 visits to the park and an estimated economic impact of \$35,100.

**YOUTH SOCCER:** Our department hosted the GRPA District Coed 8u and 10u soccer tournament Saturday, November 14. There were 6 teams that participated in this one day event with 126 visits made to this event and the estimated economic impact of \$8,190. Teams participating represented Calhoun, Bremen, and Murray Co.

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL: Our 10u Girls Volleyball team participated in the GRPA State tournament in Carrollton November 6 and 7. Our team finished as the state runner-up.

2. **FACILITY USE:**

Ratner Pavilion – 4 events

Playground Pavilion – 5 events

3. **WEBSITE/FACEBOOK:**

FACEBOOK

2,563 – Reached

7 – Posts

1,457 – Engagements

8 – Posts

WEBSITE

1,214 – Sessions

713 – Users

2,149 – Page Views

4. **FACILITY MAINTENANCE:**

- 1- Repainted soccer fields for tournament play
- 2- Repainted football field for tournament play
- 3- Cleaned and pressure washed Yellow/Black Playground Pavilion
- 4- Trimmed and weeded planters –new complex
- 5- Field maintenance – 3 softball/baseball fields – new complex
- 6- Daily maintenance throughout parks

3) **Downtown Development Authority**

The DDA hosted the annual Holiday Open House on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The downtown businesses will be hosting Moonlight Madness on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM to 10 PM. The HPC approved of one COA. The DDA partnered with the Calhoun-Gordon County Library and had library boxes made by the Calhoun High School Construction Department. They will be installed beside the Depot gazebo soon. The DDA is encouraging everyone to shop local this holiday season.

D. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley submitted November reports as follows:

1) **Electric Department**

- Mainline Distribution Maintenance continues as the other joint use utilities transfer off of the bad utility poles to the new replacement poles and we are able to pull the bad poles and get them out of the system.
- New underground construction continues with the new Townhomes at Millers Lane, Old Mills Condos.
- Construction continues on new residential housing Willow Brook phase 2 on Dews Pond Road.
- Continuing Streetlight LED upgrade around the City.

**WORK ORDERS IN PROCESS OR COMPLETED FOR NOVEMBER:**

• NEWLY CREATED	83
• COMPLETED AND CLOSED	83
• CONSISTING OF:	
• CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION	21
• STREET AND SECURITY LIGHTING-	14
• DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE	4
• OUTAGES / TROUBLE CALLS	19
• WORK FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS	15
• NEW METER SETS	6
• METER MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT	6
• Electric Locate Tickets Processed-	209

The City of Calhoun's Electrical load for November 2020 is estimated to be about 29 million kilowatt hours (kWh's). This is about 4 million kWh's more than November of 2019. Actual numbers will be released around Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

2) **Telecommunications**

- Completed new network switch installation.
- Installed internet service for two new customers.
- Added 400 Megabits of internet bandwidth to existing customer service.
- Started installation of two point-to-point services.
- Started construction to replace 2000 feet of fiber line on Johnson Lake Rd.
- Ordered 10 Gigabit fiber drivers for upgrading partner link. Waiting on partner to schedule outages with customers.
- Repaired fiber cut at construction site at the intersection of 41 and the new bypass.
- Worked with vendor to upgrade Municipal Court software.
- Resolved issue with phone client software to work at School System.
- Started 10 and completed 10 work orders.

**Geographic Information Systems**

- Updated Police Special Needs Registry Mapping
- Worked with engineering on water modeling and water backflow data processes.
- Generated usage reports for Electric Department
- Updated maps for parcel zoning, water lines, water meters and telecom.

- Updated fire pre-plans for Fire Department and physical addresses for Billing
- Updated City and GIS web sites
- City employee GIS login statistics
  - Total logins – 1072
  - Top three layers accessed
    - Water – 436
    - Electric – 220
    - Metering – 153

3) **Building Inspections**

- Issued 94 permits for an estimated cost of \$2,314,990, collected \$24,404 in permit fees. This included 17 new residential, 1 residential remodel, 1 new commercial, 23 residential plumbing, 13 residential electrical, 3 commercial plumbing, 10 residential HVAC, 3 commercial electrical, 1 industrial HVAC, and 1 industrial electrical. 14 grading permits were also issued. 282 total inspections.

7. **Public Hearing 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 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 an annexation and zoning request of C-2 by Dilip Patel (Ginger's Grocery) for 0.44 acres at 1600 Dews Pond Road (056A-016).

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- Mr. Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- Mayor Palmer stated that none of the public hearings will have a recommendation from the Zoning Advisory Board as there was no quorum and the meeting was not held.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments beginning with the applicant. Terry Brumlow of 1287 Curtis Parkway, Attorney for the applicant, stated that the property is a good fit for the City and is an island already. Mr. Patel wants to annex the property to maximize opportunities to continue as a convenience store and for the potential of a commercial site in the future.
- There being no further comments Mayor Palmer closed public hearing and called for a motion concerning the annexation request.
- Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the annexation request. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- Mayor Palmer then called for a motion concerning the zoning request.
- Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the zoning request of C-2. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

B. Public hearing of an annexation and zoning request of R-2 (County zoning is R-4) by Seven Lights Investments, LLC (Darin Hardin) for 19.71 acres on the east side of Curtis Parkway and Laurel Creek Road (056-027).

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- Mr. Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- There was no Zoning Advisory Board meeting due to lack of a quorum.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments beginning with the applicant. Darin Hardin of 230 Old Hwy 41 NW, Adairsville, addressed council members via Zoom due to COVID-19 exposure and required quarantine. Mr. Hardin gave a short presentation of his vision and use of the property stating that this would be high-end apartment complex development using hardy board, stone and brick.
- There being no further comments Mayor Palmer closed public hearing and called for a motion concerning the annexation request.
- Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the annexation request. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- Mayor Palmer then called for a motion concerning the zoning request.
- Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the zoning request of R-2. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

C. Public hearing of a stream buffer protection variance request to decrease the vegetative buffer from 50' to 35' and to allow impervious surface inside the 50' to 75' buffers located at the east side of Curtis Parkway and Laurel Drive (056-027). This tract has a drainage way that releases storm water from across the interstate through the northwest corner of the property.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- Mr. Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- There was no Zoning Advisory Board meeting due to lack of a quorum.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments beginning with the applicant. Darin Hardin of 230 Old Hwy 41 NW, Adairsville, addressed council members via Zoom due to COVID-19 exposure and required quarantine. Mr. Hardin stated that the variance request is two parts, both of which deal with buffers from drainageways. The State requires a 25 foot setback from such drainageways. Calhoun has two additional setbacks which push this out to 75 feet. His request is to be able to grade within the 25-50 foot buffer getting no closer than 35 feet, which is 10 feet farther than the state requires. The second part is to be able to put impervious surface inside the 50-75 foot buffers. The tract has a drainageway that releases storm water and water from across the interstate through the northwest corner of the property that extends to a middle area which makes the development difficult with the additional setbacks described previously. Allowing the variance will not cause detriment to the public good. Only in the last two years has Calhoun added these additional requirements to the state standard. The project will be engineered and designed for no increase in runoff and will meet all water quality standards.

- There being no further comments Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning the variance request.
- Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve the variance request. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

D. Public hearing of a beer, wine, and distilled spirits pouring license at a location of 447 SR-53, by Gary Mullinax (Jefferson's). The proposed store manager is Sydney King IV.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- Mr. Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments beginning with the applicant. Gary Mullinax of 15 Ridgehaven Drive, Rome, stated that the restaurant opened in 1991 in Alabama and he and his partner have a franchise in Rome. If approved this restaurant will be the 30<sup>th</sup> in the franchise. Councilman Edwards made favorable comments pertaining to the food served at the current restaurant.
- There being no further comments Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning the alcohol request. Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to approve the alcohol request. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

8. **Old Business**

None

9. **New Business**

- Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a zoning change request from C-2 to Ind-G by Stanley Simpson for 4.782 acres off Travelers Path NE (CG41A-035). The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held on January 7<sup>th</sup> and the public hearing on January 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Mayor Palmer read a road dedication request by Brent Stepp for roads within the Willowbrook at the Villages Subdivision. The roads being named Willowbrook Way, Willowbrook Drive, and Jasper Terrace. He stated that the Public Works Department was recommending acceptance of the roads. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to approve acceptance of the roads as City streets. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved (copy attached).
- Mayor Palmer read the 2021 beer package license renewals for the following:
  - 1)El Sol Hispanic Grocery
  - 2)Food Mart & Tobacco
 Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the alcohol license renewals. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- Mayor Palmer read the 2021 beer and liquor pouring license renewal for Estela's Taqueria. Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the alcohol license renewal. Mayor Pro Tem Crowley gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

E. Mayor Palmer read the 2021 beer and wine pouring license renewals as follows:

- 1) El Sol Restaurant
- 2) Dub's High on the Hog

Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the alcohol license renewals.  
Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

10. **Other Written Items Not on the Agenda**

11. **Work Reports**

- A. Paul Worley, City Administrator, reviewed the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter budget amendments for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and recommended approval. He stated that the Finance Department had been given a 90 day extension for the annual audit but have kept the goal of December 31<sup>st</sup> for completion. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter budget amendments. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved (copy attached).
- B. Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator recognized Calhoun Utilities Electric Department for the commendation they received from the American Public Power Association for providing mutual aid to support electric power restoration efforts in the City of Abbeville. Mr. Vickery stated three trips had been made this year for various hurricanes. He noted that other cities have requested the Calhoun Electric Department by name to provide assistance when in need. Mayor Palmer stated that he appreciated the commitment of the Electric Department and appreciated the help City of Calhoun has gotten when needed in the past.
- C. George Govignon, City Attorney had nothing to report.

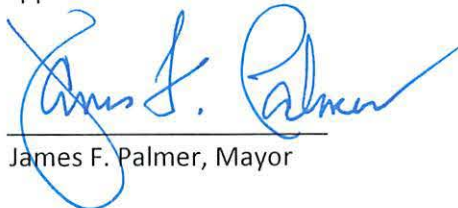
12. **Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed**

13. **Motion to return to General Session**

14. **Motion to Adjourn**

There being no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Crowley made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Sharon Nelson, City Clerk



RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALHOUN APPROVING THE REIMPOSITION, LEVY, AND COLLECTION OF A SALES AND USE TAX FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES WITHIN GORDON COUNTY FOR USE BY THE CITY OF CALHOUN SCHOOL SYSTEM AND THE GORDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, CONDITIONED UPON APPROVAL BY A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS RESIDING WITHIN GORDON COUNTY VOTING IN A REFERENDUM THEREON TO BE HELD MARCH 16, 2021; APPROVING THE RETIREMENT OF PREVIOUSLY INCURRED GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun (the "**Mayor and Council**") has been notified that the Board of Education of the City of Calhoun (the "**Calhoun Board of Education**"), acting by, for, and on behalf of the City of Calhoun School System (the "**Calhoun School System**"), the boundaries of which comprise the corporate limits of the City of Calhoun (the "**City**"), and the Board of Education of Gordon County (the "**Gordon County Board of Education**"), acting by, for, and on behalf of the Gordon County School District (the "**Gordon County School District**"), the boundaries of which comprise all of Gordon County except the area within the corporate limits of the City, are considering and evaluating the provisions of Article VIII, Section VI, Paragraph IV of the Constitution of the State of Georgia and Part 2 of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (collectively, the "**Act**"), which authorize a one percent sales and use tax for educational purposes (the "**Educational Sales Tax**"), such tax to correspond with and be levied in the same manner as the special county one percent sales and use tax provided for under Part 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 8 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; and

WHEREAS, an Educational Sales Tax is currently being collected in Gordon County (the "**County**"), as approved by a majority of the voters of the County voting in an election held for such purpose on November 3, 2015, which tax was imposed beginning July 1, 2017, and which tax the Gordon County Board of Education and the Calhoun Board of Education anticipate will cease to be collected on June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council on May 4, 2011, the City has heretofore issued its CITY OF CALHOUN GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS (TAXABLE – QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS – DIRECT PAYMENT), SERIES 2011 (the "**Series 2011 Bonds**") in the aggregate principal amount of \$21,000,000; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City on August 13, 2012, the City has previously issued its GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2012, (the "**Series 2012 Bonds**"), in the original aggregate principal amount of \$12,000,000; and

WHEREAS, certain Invested Sinking Fund payments for the retirement of the Series 2011 Bonds, as described in the bond resolution adopted on May 4, 2011, and interest payments on the Series 2012 Bonds are currently being paid from the Calhoun School System's share of the proceeds of the Educational Sales Tax currently being collected in the County, and the Calhoun Board of Education desires to use a portion of the proceeds from the Educational Sales

Tax to retire previously incurred general obligation debt by continuing to make such Invested Sinking Fund Payments for the retirement of the Series 2011 Bonds and to make interest payments on the Series 2012 Bonds for the retirement of the Series 2012 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Calhoun Board of Education and the Gordon County Board of Education have each determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County who reside in the City and in the Gordon County School District, respectively, that the imposition of the Educational Sales Tax continue and that such tax be reimposed in the County beginning July 1, 2022, or the first day of the calendar quarter following the termination of the Educational Sales Tax currently in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Calhoun Board of Education and the Gordon County Board of Education desire to provide the voters of the County with the opportunity to vote in favor of or against the reimposition of the Educational Sales Tax at an election to be held for such purpose on March 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Series 2011 Bonds are subject to optional redemption and extraordinary optional redemption by the City, upon direction of the Board of Education, under the terms and conditions of the resolutions of the City and the Board of Education authorizing the issuance of the Series 2011 Bonds, and the Series 2012 Bonds are subject to optional redemption beginning September 1, 2022, under the terms and conditions of the resolutions approved by the City and the Board of Education authorizing the issuance of the Series 2012 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, debt service savings on the Series 2012 Bonds and a reduction in payments due for the retirement of the Series 2011 Bonds may be achieved depending upon interest rate and market conditions during the time that the current Educational Sales Tax is being collected or during such time as the Educational Sales Tax may be re-imposed beginning July 1, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City in public meeting assembled, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that:

1. To the extent that approval for the reimposition of the Educational Sales Tax may require approval by the Mayor and Council of the City, the same is hereby granted, and all provisions of a resolution to be adopted by the Calhoun Board of Education to reimpose the Educational Sales Tax are hereby approved.

2. The retirement of previously incurred general obligation debt as described herein is hereby consented to and approved, and the retirement of any refunding or replacement bonds which are hereafter issued by the City at the request of the Board of Education may be paid from the current Educational Sales Tax or the Educational Sales Tax proposed for re-imposition beginning July 1, 2022.

3. The proper officers and agents of the City are hereby authorized to take any and all further actions as may be required in connection with the calling and holding of a referendum relating to the Educational Sales Tax in the County, the reimposition of the Educational Sales Tax in the County, the retirement of previously incurred general obligation debt or refunding or replacement debt of the City as described herein, and the expenditure of current Educational

Sales Tax proceeds or the Educational Sales Tax proposed for re-imposition beginning July 1, 2022.

ADOPTED this December 14, 2020.

CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

By: 

Mayor

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned City Clerk of the City of Calhoun, Georgia (the "City"), keeper of the records and seal thereof, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution approved and adopted by the City in public meeting properly and lawfully held and assembled on December 14, 2020, the original of which resolution has been entered in the official records of the City under my supervision and is in my official possession, custody, and control.

I further certify that the meeting was held in conformity with the requirements of Title 50, Chapter 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

  
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City Clerk





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# City of Calhoun, Georgia

*Site of New Echota in the Land of the Cherokee*

Mayor and Council,

This letter is a notification that Willowbrook Way, Willowbrook Drive, and Jasper terrace meet all City of Calhoun code requirements. All inspections have been completed and all lighting, street signs, and stop signs are in place. There is approximately 0.22 miles now ready to be accepted as city streets.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shane Cox". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shane Cox

City of Calhoun

Public Works

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STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF GORDON

### WARRANTY DEED

THIS INDENTURE made this 29 day of January, 2020, by and between

**Brent Stepp Construction Co., Inc.**

party or parties of the first part, hereinafter referred to as "Grantor", and

**City of Calhoun, a Municipal Corporation**

party or parties of the second part hereinafter referred to as "Grantee", the words "Grantor" and "Grantee" to include the neuter, masculine and feminine genders, the singular and the plural;

#### WITNESSETH:

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of Ten Dollars in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration delivered to Grantor by Grantee at and before the execution, sealing and delivery hereof, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Grantor, has, and hereby does, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto Grantee and the heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns of Grantee


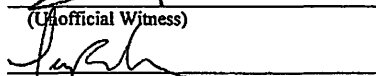
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the 14th District and 3rd Section of Gordon County, Georgia; and being Willowbrook Way, Fifty-Five Foot (55') Right of Way, Willowbrook Drive, Fifty-Five Foot (55') Right of Way and radius Cul De Sac at the end of aforesaid Willowbrook Drive along with Jasper Terrace, Fifty-Five foot (55') Right of Way and radius Cul De Sac located at the end of aforesaid Jasper Terrace, located in Willowbrook at the Villages Subdivision as per plat recorded in Plat Book 53, Page 22, Gordon County, Georgia Records, which plat by reference is incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said tract or parcel of land, together with any and all of the rights, members and appurtenances thereof to the same being, belonging or in anywise appertaining to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the Grantee and the heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns of Grantee, forever, in FEE SIMPLE.


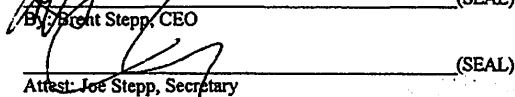
GRANTOR SHALL WARRANT and forever defend the right and title to said tract or parcel of land unto the Grantee and the heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns of Grantee, against the claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has signed and sealed this deed, the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Unofficial Witness)  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public)

Brent Stepp Construction Company, Inc.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)  
By Brent Stepp, CEO  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)  
Attest: Joe Stepp, Secretary





**City of Calhoun**  
**Budget Amendment- 4th Quarter**  
**Fiscal 2020**



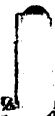
Original Budget	Revised Budget	Budget Amendment	Amended Budget
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**Budget Amendment #1**

**General Fund**

State Government Grants	1000000	334000	282	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,000)
Airport Reimbursement	1000000	337002		(103,300)	(103,300)	(8,438)	(111,738)
Local Option Sales Tax	1000000	313100		(2,900,000)	(2,900,000)	(378,353)	(3,278,353)
General Property Taxes	1000000	311000		(1,800,000)	(1,800,000)	(351,730)	(2,151,730)
Insurance Premium Tax	1000000	316200		(1,123,500)	(1,123,500)	(28,892)	(1,152,392)
Repair and Maintenance-Building	1404950	522203		500	500	3,325	3,825
Grounds Maintenance	1404950	531145		-	-	5,000	5,000
Group Insurance	1404950	512100		13,232	13,232	13,100	26,332
Other Purchased Services	1404950	523001		400	400	23,650	24,050
Worker's Comp. Insurance	1404950	512700		3,701	3,701	21,500	25,201
Interdepartmental Services	1106181	522200		7,500	7,500	2,100	9,600
Vehicles	1323223	542200		308,425	308,425	148,575	457,000
Vehicles	1353520	542200		-	-	503,221	503,221
Interdepartmental Services	1107550	522200		20,000	20,000	9,900	29,900
Downtown Development - Tourism	1107550	571003	282	-	-	10,000	10,000
Regular Employee Wages	1107563	511100		182,285	182,285	6,100	188,385
Group Insurance	1107563	512100		174	174	42	216
PA Contributions	1107563	512200		11,302	11,302	257	11,559
Medicare	1107563	512300		2,643	2,643	60	2,703
Retirement Plan Contribution	1107563	512401		7,767	7,767	2,050	9,817
Retirement Plan Administration	1107563	512402		464	464	37	501
Medical Services	1107563	521204		-	-	80	80
Worker's Comp. Insurance	1107563	512700		2,420	2,420	88	2,508
Cyber Liability Insurance	1107563	523109		-	-	78	78
Asphalt for Paving	1404270	531147		280,612	402,563	28,250	430,813

*Budget Amendment #1 accounts for the changes in the General Fund. Unless otherwise noted, these items were funded by LOST, property tax and insurance premium tax excess collections. These expenditures cover the purchase of the final vehicles in the police fleet, the new fire truck, repairs to the building at the Cemetery, including electrical work on the building, garage door and pea gravel. There was also an overage in group and worker's compensation insurance in Cemetery department. This year, due to GASB 84, the portion of Cemetery Trust that had been recorded separately on the financials, has now been combined with the General fund. This resulted in the administrative expenditures of BB&T being recorded in Other Purchased Services of the Cemetery department. The Depot and Downtown Development had additional interdepartmental expenditures in excess of budget. Downtown Development was the pass-through for a tourism grant of \$10,000. The Airport exceeded the wage, retirement and related payroll budgeted amounts, as well as worker's compensation and cyber liability insurance and this was primarily funded by a reimbursement from them.*



**Budget Amendment #2**  
**Recreation**

Pictures Commission	2760000	382005		\$	(3,000)	\$	(3,000)	\$	(338)	\$	(3,338)
Donations	2760000	389002			-		-		(500)		(500)
United Way	2760000	389007			(17,000)		(17,000)		(2,000)		(19,000)
Transfer In - Labor & Equipment	2760000	391126			-		-		(4,151)		(4,151)
Gain on Sale of Assets	2760000	392100			-		-		(1,885)		(1,885)
Repairs & Maintenance - Other	2766120	522208	912		-		-		58,000		58,000
Appropriation of Fund Balance	2760000	399000			-		-		(49,126)		(49,126)

*Amendment #2 accounts for costs associated with the resurfacing of the tennis courts. This was done primarily with prior year Hotel/Motel funds.*

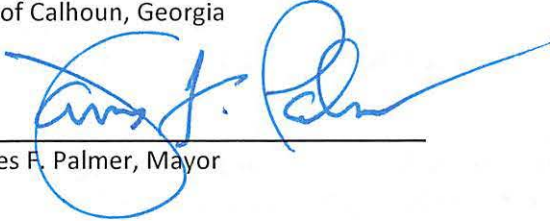
**Budget Amendment #3**  
**Confiscated Assets**


Superior Court Awards	2103200	331000		\$	-	\$	-	\$	(14,678)	\$	(14,678)
Gain on Sale of Assets (Nontax)	2103200	392100			(4,000)		(4,000)		(3,949)		(7,949)
Appropriation - Fund Balance	2103200	399000			-		-		(8,303)		(8,303)
Small Equipment <\$5,000	2103200	531600			3,600		3,600		15,230		18,830
Computer Equipment	2103200	531601			-		-		11,700		11,700

*Amendment #3 records the purchase of computer equipment and handguns with the proceeds from the sale of assets and court awards.*

City of Calhoun, Georgia

Attest:

  
James F. Palmer, Mayor

  
Paul Worley, City Administrator