

PRESENT: JOHN D. MEADOWS, III, MAYOR
JOHN D. SHELTON, MAYOR PRO-TEM
JIMMY PALMER, COUNCILMAN
RONALD H. WOODS, COUNCILMAN
HENRY E. HOLLAND, COUNCILMAN

ALSO: WILLIAM P. BAILEY, CITY ATTORNEY
KELLY CORNWELL, DIRECTOR UTILITIES/PUBLIC WORKS
EDDIE PETERSON, ASST. DIRECTOR UTILITIES/PUBLIC WORKS
CATHY HARRISON, CITY ADMINSTRATOR

1. Mayor Meadows called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Meadows led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.
3. Minutes of the November 10, 1997 Regular City Council Meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council and Public of the Mayor's Motorcade to Northwest Regional Hospital scheduled for December 10, 1997. He stated the motorcade would be leaving Calhoun at 9:00 A. M. and arriving in Rome at 10:00 A. M. with a ceremony to be held at the hospital. Mayor Meadows stated he had appointed Police Chief Mitchell and Fire Chief Nesbitt to serve as co-managers of the gift collections for the project. He also stated that Gary Duke would be working with Club-Y for gifts for the project.
 - b. Mayor Meadows reported that on November 19, 1997, a public hearing was held by Gordon County, City of Calhoun, City of Fairmount, City of Plainville, City of Ranger and the City of Resaca to update the Solid Waste Management Plan for the next five year period. He stated it was the second hearing held on the matter, and at this point the plan will be forwarded to Coosa Valley Regional Development Center for their review.
 - c. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council of public hearings scheduled for December 8, 1997 at 7:00 P. M.: (1) Annexation/New Zoning Request of G. Bonner Construction Company for Lot 34 of Thornwood Drive for R-1 zoning; (2) Annexation/New Zoning Request of G. Bonner Construction Company for Lot 44 of Thornwood Subdivision for R-1 zoning; (3) Annexation/New Zoning Request of G. Bonner Construction Company for Lot 41 of Thornwood Subdivision for R-1 zoning; (4) Zoning Change Request of Echota Properties, LLC, Raymond King and Steven Fox, for property located at 965 North Wall Street to change from Commercial to Industrial Zoning; (5) Annexation/New Zoning Request of Stanley Simpson and Bill Walraven for approximately 6.979 acres located west of the I-75 Frontage Road at Highway 41, North in Land Lot 85 of the 14th District and 3rd Section of Gordon County, Georgia for C-2 zoning; (6) Annexation/New Zoning Request of The Artisans Plant (formerly Harco, Inc.) for property known as 125 Nance Road, North of the Simpson/Walraven property on Highway 41 North for C-2 zoning; (7) Annexation/New Zoning Request of Carolyn Shepherd Cochran for Lots 15, 16, 17, 18, part of 19, part of 31 and all of Lots 32, 33, 34 and 35 of the Skyway Subdivision on Highway 41 North, adjacent to the Artisans Plant property for C-2 zoning; (8) Annexation/New Zoning Request of Mydrin, Inc. (formerly Backings, Inc.) for property known as 129 Nance Road, N. E., Lots 49, 50, 60 and 69 consisting of approximately 18.5 acres adjacent to the Carolyn S. Cochran property for Ind.-G zoning; (9) Annexation/New Zoning Request of Ruth Shepherd for property known as 148 and 146 Harris-Beamer Road, located south of the Coosa Tech Satellite for C-2 zoning; (10) A public hearing to be held on the Zoning Code Amendments; (11) A public hearing on the amendments to the Charter under the Home Rule Act.
 - d. In a report from the Golf Advisory Commission, it was stated that the Golf Enterprise Fund at the present time is ahead of schedule in terms of actual/budget revenue. It is below budget in actual expenses to budgeted expenses. It is also reported that the Golf Advisory Commission is presently working on securing a contract for the snack bar operations for the year 1998.
 - e. Mayor Meadows read a letter in response to a letter from Ms. Gentry of 174 Kentucky Drive regarding the City's position for obtaining sewer services for the Don Sanders Subdivision per the attached.
 - f. Mayor Meadows stated that in lieu of the current election, and Mr. Holland being elected to serve as City Councilman, that it created an opening on the Industrial Development Authority. Mr. Holland will be serving as the City's liason officer, and not as an official

member of the Industrial Development Authority. He stated it would be necessary for the City to appoint a City representative to serve the unexpired term of Mr. Holland on the Board. Following discussion, Councilman Holland made a motion to recommend Rayburn Towers to fill his unexpired term, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Holland, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman Palmer and Councilman Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried. Mayor Meadows stated the recommendation would be forwarded to the County Commission for their approval.

5. Public Hearings & Comments:

- a. A 2nd reading of the Beer/Wine/Liquor License Renewal Applications for 1998 were reviewed. A public hearing was opened. There were no comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman Palmer made a motion to approve the following Beer/Wine/Liquor License Applications for 1998, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Palmer, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman Woods and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Atlanta Gate Restaurant – Saleh Rashid – Beer/Wine/Liquor Pouring
ABC Package Store – Terry Ross – Beer Package
American Legion Post 47 – C. L. Rutledge – Beer Package/Pouring and Liquor Pouring
Arch City Package – Otto I. DeFoor – Beer Package
B&L Liquor, Inc – Lindsey Lewis – Liquor/Wine Package
B&L Beverage – Cindy L. Bockholt – Beer Package
Calhoun Liquor Store – John H. Bell – Wine/Liquor Package
China Hall – Yong Hwang Laing – Beer/Wine Pouring
Dixie Beverage Shop – Barbara Bishop – Beer Package
El Pueblito Mexican Restaurant – Juana Naranjo – Beer/Liquor Pouring
Fast Petroleum, Inc. – Teresa Lunsford – Beer Package
Golden Gallon, Inc. – Nancy Gayle Williams – Beer Package
Gondolier Pizza of Calhoun, Inc. – Evangelos Pateritsas – Beer Pouring
Makibe Corp. – Maxmillian Kim – Beer/Wine/Liquor Pouring
J. J.'s Package Store – Raymond J. Brown – Beer Package
J&P Patsy Colleps – Beer/Wine Package
Jimmy's Package – Alton DeFoor – Beer Package
Los Reyes Mexican Restaurant – William T. Howard – Beer/Wine/Liquor Pouring
Pizza Hut, Inc. – Sonia Pack – Beer Pouring
Red Bud Liquor Store, Inc. – Champ Kelly – Liquor/Wine Package
Savannah's Restaurant – Priscilla Jean Kelly – Beer/Wine/Liquor Pouring
S.G.P., Inc. – Richard Muscella – Beer/Wine/Liquor Pouring
South 41 Package – Roy T. Aaron – Beer/Wine Package
Speedy's Spirits, Inc. – James D. Thomason – Wine/Liquor Package
Troy's Package – Ronald B. Robinson – Beer Package
VFW – Alesia Russell Chester – Beer Pouring
Wallace Enterprises, Inc. – Kim Sanders – Beer/Wine Package

- b. A 2nd reading of the Pawn License Renewal Applications for 1998 were reviewed. A public hearing was opened. There were no comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman Palmer made a motion to approve the following Pawn License Renewal Applications for 1998, 2nd by Councilman Holland with Councilman Palmer, Councilman Holland, Councilman Woods and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

A&A Title Pawn – Alex Wayne Feagin
Calhoun Trophy & Sporting Goods – Jimmy Gee
Cannonballs – Kenneth McEntyre
Cash Express – Elliott Carl Rountree
Otasco/Coast to Coast – Jimmy Payne
D&S Pawn – Nancy P. Long
North Georgia Pawn Shop – Walter James
Pete's Music City & Pawn – Clifford L. Cochran
Park Avenue Pawn & Jewelry – Douglas Driscoll
PCI Capital Corp. – Janice King
Title Exchange & Pawn of Calhoun – Karen L. DeBerry
This & That Pawn Shop – Clyde E. McEntyre
Bubba-John Pawn Mart – Laurence Mauldin

- c. A 2nd reading of the Amusement License Renewal Applications for 1998 were reviewed. A public hearing was opened. There were no comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman Palmer made a motion to approve the following Amusement License Renewal Applications for 1998, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Palmer, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman Woods and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.

American Legion – C. L. Rutledge
Betty's Flea Market – Betty Richey

C & N Amusement - Anna D. Casey
Martin Theater - Randall Farrell
Calhoun Bowling Center - James H. Roark
King's Skating Palace - Harvey A. King
Pizza Hut - Sonia Pack
R & R Food Store - Charles & Diane Kirby
Triangle Grocery - Russell Offutt
VFW - Lois Crump
Joe's Variety Shop - Joan Bushnell

- d. A 2nd reading of the City's Alcohol and Drug Ordinance for Safety Sensitive Positions was reviewed by Attorney William P. Bailey. Attorney Bailey stated that it was the purpose of the City of Calhoun as a public trust to provide a variety of services to the community. He stated an efficient and productive work force is vital to carry out that trust. He stated the public has a reasonable right to expect persons employed by the City to perform their duties free from the effects of drugs, including alcohol. He stated the City has an obligation to ensure public safety through the actions of its employees, furthermore, employees of the City have a reasonable right to work in a safe environment free from the effects of drug use. He stated the City has a reasonable right to expect employees to report for work fit for duty and free from the effects of drug and alcohol abuse. The City recognizes that an employee's physical condition affects job performance, and that drug and alcohol abuse rank as one of the major health problems in our society. It is the intent of the policy to express the City's view points on drug usage exhibited by behavioral and medical disorders to encourage an enlightened point of view toward these disorders, to provide guidelines of consistent handling of situations arising from such disorders, and to protect the general public and all city employees from any danger occasioned by the use of drugs or alcohol by a city employee in the performance of his or her duties while on the job. Attorney Bailey continued by saying that the ordinance would be relative to safety sensitive positions with those being defined as all employees of the Calhoun Police Department, all employees of the Calhoun Fire Department, all employees of the Calhoun Electrical Department, engaged in the physical repair, maintenance and installation of the electrical system and telecommunications system, all employees of the City of Calhoun Water and Sewer Department engaged in the physical repair maintenance and installation of the water system, water maintenance, sewer system and sewer treatment. He further stated that the testing would occur in four different areas. The first being pre-employment and pre-transfer testing, the second being post reportable incident testing, the third safety sensitive random testing, and reasonable cause testing. Following questions and answers from the Council regarding the policy, a public hearing was opened. There were no other comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the Alcohol and Drug Ordinance for Safety Sensitive Positions to become effective immediately, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman Palmer and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- e. A 2nd reading of the request of the Police Department in its application for a Department of Justice Equipment Purchase Grant in the amount of \$11,922.00 was given. A public hearing was opened. Harrison stated the funds would require a \$1,300.00 match to be made by the City of Calhoun, would require auditing guidelines in accordance with federal regulations, and would be for equipment purchases only, which would involve equipment for the safety of citizens of the City of Calhoun. There were no other comments, and the hearing was close. Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton made a motion waive the 3rd and 4th readings and to approve the grant request, and to authorize the Mayor to sign, 2nd by Councilman Woods with Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.

6. Old Business:

- a. Attorney Bailey reviewed and presented a 2nd reading to the amendments to the City Zoning Code. He stated the purpose of the amendment to the zoning code, in addition to clarifying several sections of the code, plus making it easier to read and for citizens to gain benefit from the zoning code. He stated there were amendments to the Sign Ordinance. That at the present time, the Mayor and Council find that the City presently has 76.91 miles of roads and street currently in the City limits, that of this 76.91 miles, there are 12.77 miles which are state routes. He stated there are presently 19 off premise outdoor advertising signs currently erected along the section of I-75 which passes through the city limits of Calhoun. He stated the Mayor and Council find that certain types of signs, particularly outdoor advertising signs, along interstate and primary highways pose a threat of danger by distracting the attention of motorists and in creating a harm to the aesthetic beauty of the natural local landscape. He stated the Mayor and Council find it is necessary to enact an ordinance for the purpose as employed by the legislature of the State of Georgia when it enacted the Georgia Outdoor Advertising Code (O.C.G.A. 32-6-70 et. Seq.) as cited by the Georgia Court of Appeals in Turner Communications Corp. vs. the Georgia Department of Transportation. 139 Georgia GA. APP. 436 (1976) (intent of when the entire act is read together is to protect the public traveling along the highway from distractions, from aesthetic desecration and from nuisances all associated with the proliferation of signs in a concentrated area along the highway). The purpose of the

ordinance is also to provide standards to safeguard life by eliminating potential traffic hazards and to protect the public health, safety and welfare of residents, visitors and businesses in the City of Calhoun by protecting aesthetic concerns through the regulation of location, size, illumination, erection, maintenance and quality of all materials of all signs and outdoor advertising structures within the municipal limits of the City of Calhoun. Mr. Bailey continued to review the ordinance, stating the sign ordinance is basically the same as has been listed except that it is arranged in a manner which is easier to read, which is helpful to those wishing to review the ordinance and to purchase any permits. Other areas of amendment in the zoning ordinance would include adding under Article 11 Administration Enforcement by adding the following sections. 11.3.1 Storm Water Drainage in which the Building Inspector would be reviewing all lots on which permits would be granted for any type of construction, and that he would have the responsibility of requiring different levels of assurance from the property owner regarding treatment of storm water drainage. The ordinance would also be amended under Section 14 in which the City presently must review four standards in granting any variances to the zoning code. Of the four standards, all must be complied with. He stated this provides an unnecessary hardship upon individual cases, and that the code will be amended to find that one or more of these conditions would be met relative to all four. The other area in which the ordinance would be amended would be to require at least one training session by the Zoning Advisory Board to be conducted by the City Attorney or his designee. Mayor Meadows stated the third reading and a public hearing will be held on the matter on December 8, 1997.

- b. Attorney Bailey reviewed the sections which are to be amended in the City Charter under the Home Rule Act. He stated those amendments would include the following: The reference in the Charter to the Recorder's Court would be changed to Municipal court in which the City Mayor and Council would appoint a Chief Judge and Associate Judge and that these officials have the qualifications as defined by the State, that they be at least 21 years of age, be a member of good standing of the State Bar of Georgia, be a qualified voter of the City of Calhoun and Gordon County, and have resided in the City for at least 12 months immediately preceding the date of the appointment. Any Judge who will be seated must take an oath, and must also have obtained the required training for this type of service. The second area of amendment would allow the Mayor and Council the power and authorization to sell, lease or dispose of any or all of the electric, water or other municipally owned utilities plant or property, and to transfer title by Warranty Deed, Bill of Sale Contractually in a manner provided by law. He stated any action of this type would be advertised in the local paper for three consecutive weeks, and after ten days from the last publication of such notice, the plant would be disposed of within ten days after the last publication, provided a petition containing at least 20% of the qualified voters of the City of Calhoun is not filed with the City Clerk objecting to and protesting the sale. If a petition is filed, and the signatures are valid, the sale, lease or whatever would be held for a vote, and if two thirds of the electors vote in favor of the sale or lease, of this position it is carried through. If they vote negatively, it is abolished. The amendments to the Charter would also bring the requirements for eligibility for being elected as a Mayor or Council member or School Board Member up to date with the requirements as outlined in state law, as well as, the local charter. The main change being changing the residency requirements from two years to 12 months immediately preceding the date of the election or appointment. It would also change the Charter to agree with State Municipal Election Laws to require that the Mayor and Council serve for four year terms, those to be elected in the odd numbered years and to be staggered. Attorney Bailey stated the amendment to the Charter under the Home Rule Act had been posted at City Hall, had been advertised in the legal organ as required, had been recorded at the Clerk of Superior Court's Office under Docket CA33548, and that the matter would move forward. Following review of the changes in the Charter, Mayor Meadows stated the third reading and the public hearing would be held on December 8, 1997 at 7:00 P. M.
- c. Following review, Councilman Woods made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing transmittal of the Solid Waste Management Plan Update prepared by local cities and the county to the Coosa Valley Regional Development Center for their review, 2nd by Councilman Holland with Councilman Woods, Councilman Holland, Councilman Palmer and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

7. New Business:

- a. Mayor Meadows stated that the two dates in January for the scheduled Council meetings are the 12th and the 26th. He stated that the City will be attending the GMA Mayor's Day which will be on the weekend of the 25th and 26th of January, and that he would recommend the City consider changing the two meeting dates in January to the 1st and 3rd Mondays. Following discussion, Councilman Holland made a motion to amend the meeting dates for January 1998 to January 5 and 19, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Holland, Councilman Palmer, Councilman Woods and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. A 1st reading of the Zoning Variance Request of Michael Meadows for property located at 1280 Curtis Parkway for an on premise sign was given. The request is for a 20 ft. variance in height in order to place a billboard on the far east side of the property. Councilman Woods made a motion to set the 2nd reading and public hearing on the

Zoning Variance Request for January 5, 1998 at 7:00 P. M., 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman Palmer and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. Other Written Items not on the Agenda:

- a. Harrison stated a request had been made by the Seventh Day Adventists for a sewer tap for the church property. The request being to treat the matter in the same manner as prior sewer taps for other churches which would be for payment of materials by the church, with the labor being handled by the City of Calhoun. Following review of the request, Councilman Palmer made a motion to approve. There was no second, and the matter was held.
- b. A first reading of a Zoning Variance was presented by David R. Logan as owner of the Service Chevrolet property with a request for a fence to be erected around the property to eliminate theft of vehicles. The request would involve the front portion of the gate to be on road right-of-way, which would be some six feet behind the curb. Following review of the Zoning Variance request, Councilman Woods made a motion to set a 2nd reading and public hearing for January 5, 1998 at 7:00 P. M., 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman Palmer and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Following review of the grant offer by the Department of Community Affairs to Calhoun-Gordon County for the removal of the roof at the Rooker Hotel as in-kind work by the City and County with a cash match of \$9,700.00 by the Arts Council. Councilman Palmer made a motion to approve and to authorize the Mayor to sign with a notation that the Director and Assistant Director work out the details of the work to be performed by the City to be equal to \$10,000.00 in-kind work associated with the project. Councilman Palmer made a motion to approve the project, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Palmer, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman Woods and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.

9. Director Cornwell's Work Report:

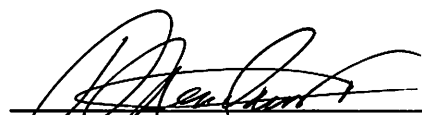
- a. Cornwell stated that presently the City has a contract with W.L. Jordon for the testing and monitoring of the closed landfill on Harris-Beamer Road. This is the section operated by the City which was the industrial landfill section. He stated that in Section IV of the contract that the City can extend the contract for one year. He stated testing is due again for December 1997, and that he had been notified by W. L. Jordon that they would renew the contract for the same price. He stated that previously W. L. Jordon had been selected as the low bidder for the project, that their work had been satisfactory, and that he would recommend the Mayor and Council extend the contract for an additional year. Following discussion, Councilman Palmer made a motion to extend the contract to W. L. Jordon on the same terms for an additional year, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Palmer, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman Woods and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.

10. Councilman Woods made a motion to move to Executive Session for legal and personnel matters, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman Palmer and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.


11. Councilman Woods made a motion to move to General Session, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman Palmer and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.

12. Councilman Woods made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman Palmer and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:


John D. Meadows, III
Mayor

Submitted:


Cathy Harrison
City Administrator

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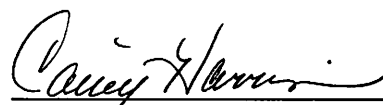
1. Mayor Meadows stated that he had met for several hours on Monday, November 24, 1997, with Jimmy Phillips of the Chamber of Commerce and had reviewed the City and its operations. He stated that in his review of the Water Plant, Sewer Plant and the test and permanent well sites, that he had the following recommendations. He inquired about the current activity of the improvements at the Water Treatment Plant. Cornwell stated the sediment ponds had been an ongoing project in terms of construction for about two years. He stated the City had been moving dirt, and that the project is scheduled for be let for bid within the next several days. He stated that other work had been associated with the project prior to the two year period. Those had been the drilling of test wells, as well as, technical improvements to the water treatment plant. The second project was the location of the test and permanent wells which had been permitted. Mayor Meadows asked for an update on that project. Cornwell stated the project should be completed by summer of 1998, in time for the City to use the water from the permanent wells to meet its peak season. He stated the project had required some redesigning of the pumps and also the redesigning allowed the transmittal line to be reduced from a 30 inch to a 12 inch line which made it eligible to be installed on the City's street easement in the area. He stated that project should be bid within the next two or three weeks. In reviewing the dryer case, Attorney Bailey stated the case is currently in federal court in Rome, and that it would be heard by Judge Murphy, it would be a non jury trial, and that the City had submitted all its paper work, and that Universal Drying Systems had also submitted its paper work, however, it had been slow in finalizing. He stated he had no knowledge of when the actual case would be heard. Mayor Meadows asked that in the future, that these projects be listed, and be reviewed, and the Council be updated in terms of time, money and completions dates at least once per month. Councilman Palmer stated he would like to see these items discussed by the Administrator, Asst. Director and the Director of Utilities in their weekly work sessions, and that these reports be made to the Council in order to keep them fully updated on all the work underway, and the current level of the project.
2. In review of the City's past payment of Christmas pay for City Employees, the Council agreed to Christmas pay for 1997, and in reviewing the Administrator's recommendation, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton stated he would recommend the additional pay which would elevate pay for full time employees with six months history or more from \$150.00 to \$200.00 and for part time employees from \$50.00 to \$75.00 at an increase in cost of some \$9,000.00. The pay for salaried employees and department heads would be one half month's salary, 2nd by Councilman Woods with Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.
3. The Mayor and Council reviewed a request by SMD, LLP to settle the lawsuit by allowing three of the five signs requested. Attorney Bailey updated the Council on the legal outlook of the case at this time. The Mayor and Council made no decision on the matter.

Approved:



John D. Meadows, III
Mayor

Submitted:



Cathy Harrison
City Administrator

November 21, 1997

Mrs. Ronnie Gentry
174 Kentucky Drive, N. E.
Calhoun, GA 30701

Dear Mrs. Gentry:

In response to your letter to the editor which was published in the November 15, 1997 Calhoun Times, you stated the City is not familiar with the subdivision. I ask you to think back to January, 1997 in which City staff went to great lengths to hold an informational meeting for all the residents of the Don Sanders Subdivision in order to provide information of what services were and were not available from the City of Calhoun, since that property is located in the unincorporated area of the County, and is under the direct jurisdiction of the Gordon County Commissioners. It had been our understanding from several residents that most of the group was interested in annexation into the City of Calhoun and interested in sewer. City staff worked with residents of the community from January 1997 through April 1997, and were successful in finding a very low interest loan through the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority which could provide funding for the sewer project, but would require repayment by the residents of the subdivision over a five year period. There was very little response to that proposal, and there was only one resident from the area that expressed an interest in having any further community meetings on the matter.

Your letter infers that your governing body is the City of Calhoun, and that we are using your tax dollars for things other than providing you services as other City citizens. This is not the case. The City of Calhoun receives zero tax dollars from residents in your area. Your tax dollars go directly to the Gordon County Commission, and are used by them for all items in their budget. The City of Calhoun explained to all residents who attended the informational meeting that the City would be unable to provide sewer for your area without the cost being paid for by each of you individually, since the area had already been developed. If it were a new development, which was seeking annexation, the developer would be required to pay for all sewer line extensions and taps.

The Council and I feel for you and other residents in the area, however, we have notified you of all the options that are open from our prospective, and these have not been acceptable to you as a group. I would recommend that due to your situation and others of the Sanders Subdivision that you contact the County Commission, and ask them for aid or assistance in dealing with your problems. The City of Calhoun has looked for all possible grants that are available to help residents in this area with the situation, and have been unable to find assistance. I would suggest that you talk with the County Commissioners about reviewing any grant source that they have available to determine if any funds are available which would not require repayment of the property owners.

November 21, 1997

It is illegal for the City of Calhoun to divert any of its fees and taxes to assist an area that is not located within the City limits of Calhoun. You should request your assistance from the Gordon County Commissioners.

Sincerely,

s/

John D. Meadows, III
Mayor

CITY OF CALHOUN
CALHOUN, GEORGIA
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act requires count and municipal governments to prepare local comprehensive solid waste management plans; and

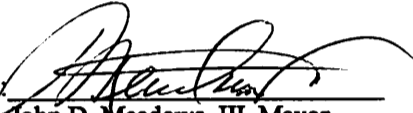
WHEREAS, the City of Calhoun, Georgia has compiled, reviewed and modified an update to the Gordon County, Georgia Multijurisdictional Solid Waste Management Plan (April 1992); and

WHEREAS, the City of Calhoun has complied with Rules of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste management (Chapter 110-4-3) including the minimum public participation requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Calhoun that the document entitled Draft Report Solid Waste Management Plan for Gordon County, Georgia including the Cities of Calhoun, Ffarmount, Plainville, Ranger and Resaca (October 1997) be transmitted to the Coosa Valley Regional Development Center for review.

Adopted this 24th day of November, 1997.

City of Calhoun, Georgia

By: 
John D. Meadows, III, Mayor

Attest:


Cathy Harrison, City Administrator