



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 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
Al Edwards, Councilmember
Jackie Palazzolo, Councilmember

ALSO: Paul Worley, City Administrator; Kyle Ellis, Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Christy Nicholson, Police; and Nathan Saylors, Fire.

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 agenda as presented.
Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of October 27, 2025. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

- B. Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the minutes of the 1:30 pm Executive Session of October 27, 2025. Councilmember Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- C. Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the minutes of the 7:23 pm Executive Session of October 27, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

A. Mayor Palmer announced that City of Calhoun offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th in observance of Thanksgiving.

B. Mayor Palmer announced the results of the November 4, 2025 general election:

- **City Council Post 3**
 - 1. Ed Moyer – 1,453

- **City Council Post 4**
 - 1. Ray Mitchell Denmon – 739
 - 2. Bruce Potts – 964

- **Calhoun City School Board Post 1**
 - 1. Andy Baxter – 1,314

- **Calhoun City School Board Post 2**
 - 1. Rhoda K. Washington – 1,395

- **Calhoun City School Board Post 3**
 - 1. Stephen King – 1,369

- **Sales and Use Tax for Educational Purposes**
 - 1. Countywide vote – 3,072 Yes
 - 2. Countywide vote – 2,172 No

- **FLOST – Gordon County**
 - 1. Countywide vote – 3,456 Yes
 - 2. Countywide vote – 1,771 No

- **Homestead Exemption – Gordon County**
 - 1. Yes – 2,960
 - 2. No – 530

- **Homestead Exemption – Calhoun**
 - 1. Yes – 1,478
 - 2. No - 251

6. **Council Comments**

A. Councilmember Palazzolo submitted October reports as follows:

- 1) **Electric Department**

Current Electric Department Engineering and Construction:

- The LED Streetlight upgrade continues around the City.

ENGINEERING

New townhomes at Spring Valley (177 units)

New development on Peters St (102 homes)

CONSTRUCTION

New field house and hitting facility at Calhoun High School

Piedmont Street Pole Upgrades

New townhomes on Newtown Rd (Ridgeview) (65 units)

Taco Bell on Red Bud Rd

Continued system upgrades for new growth and system reliability

WORK ORDERS IN PROCESS OR COMPLETED:

• NEWLY CREATED	69
• COMPLETED AND CLOSED	73
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• CONSISTING OF:	
• CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION	26
• DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE	16
• OUTAGES / TROUBLE CALLS	7
• SECURITY / STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE	3
• TEMPORARY POWER HOOK UP	1
• WORK FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS	17
• NEW METER SETS	23
• METER MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT	53
• ELECTRIC LOCATE TICKETS PROCESSED-	222
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The City of Calhoun's Electrical load for OCTOBER 2025 is about 30.5 million kilowatt hours (kWh's).

2) Telecommunications

- Completed and submitted quarterly Georgia Public Service Commission Report (GPSC).
- Completed and submitted quarterly FCC report.
- Completed Munis system upgrade/update.
- Worked on migrating Windows 10 machines to Windows 11 operating system.
- Installed/updated new hard drives for our backup servers.
- Installed and updated new camera system at Sewer Plant.
- Completed updates on our virtual server software.
- Ran updates on Core Firewall appliance.
- Ran updates on Police Department Firewall appliance.

- Setup and installed 2 new laptops and 1 new desktop computer.
- Troubleshooted a number of customer's internet connections.
- Submitted 5 quotes for new internet customers.
- Setup and installed 1 new internet customer.
- Completed a number of 811 fiber locates.
- Opened 10 work orders and closed 8 work orders.

Geographic Information Systems

- Update Sewer data in GIS
- Updated cemetery mapping data
- Generated Electric Usage Reports
- Updated data and mapping for the following:
 - Water system and meter updates
 - Fiber
 - Zoning
- Updated Physical addressing, building and billing information.
- Updated City and GIS web sites.

3) Building Inspections

Issued 111 permits for an estimated cost of \$2,959,761, collected \$30,477.50 in permit fees. This included 7 new residential, 5 residential remodel, 2 new commercial, 4 commercial remodel, 0 new industrial, 1 industrial remodel, 11 residential plumbing, 13 residential electrical, 23 residential HVAC, 6 commercial plumbing, 7 commercial electrical, 3 commercial HVAC, 0 industrial plumbing, and 0 industrial electrical. 409 total inspections.

4) Library

- There are 1,309 library card holders, 6,043 library visitors, and 7,479 total circulation.
- There were 336 story time attendance, 246 adult program attendance, 126 new users, 1,695 e-books, 2,660 audio books, 467 computer logins, and 8,741 Facebook visits.

B. Councilmember Edwards submitted October reports as follows:

1) Water and Sewer Operations

Water Treatment Plant

- Total gallons withdrawn: 359,210,000
- Daily average: 11,587,419
- Wells: 98,300,000
- Big Springs: 64,100,000
- % produced by Brittany Drive: 45.2%
 - Brittany Dr. daily production to capacity: 44.40%
 - Mauldin Rd. daily production to capacity: 39.68%
 - Rainfall for October – 2.73"

Waste Water Treatment Plant

- Treated a daily average of 4.086 MGD, with an average BOD effluent of 3, average suspended effluent of 12, and an average COD of 68.

Water Distribution & Wastewater Collection

- 364 work orders completed, 21 new water connections, 18 water service leaks repaired, 33 water main leaks repaired, 0 water services changed to new main lines, 195 meter changes, 39 utility locates called in for work orders, 724 utility locates responses.
- 1,300 feet of Sanitary Sewer Services TV inspected, 557 utility locates completed, 19,900 feet sanitary sewer lines cleaned, 1 new sewer connection installed, 11 sanitary sewer connections installed by contractors, 3 sanitary sewer services repaired.

2) Water and Sewer Construction

Projects Under Construction

- Brittany Dr & Water Booster Stations Standby Generator Project – This project is approximately 95% completed.
- Spring Valley Sewer Rehabilitation Project – This project is approximately 65% completed.
- GDOT SR 53 & Brown Lee Mtn. Water Relocation Project – This project is approximately 70% completed.

Projects in Design & Development

- New Fire Tower Water Tank Project – Surveying has been completed and design is underway.
- Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant Modifications
- GDOT SR 156 @ Salacoa Bridge Water Relocation Project
- GDOT Project - Hwy 41 N @ CSX Bridge Water & Sewer Relocation
- Peters St. Phase III Water Relocation – Under preliminary review.
- Curtis Pkwy Water & Sewer Relocation – Right-of-way acquisition is currently underway, and material for this project has been delivered.
- Engineering for Spring Valley Sewer Phase II Rehabilitation Project (30% Complete)
- The Engineering Department is actively working on 7 plan reviews, along with 19 inspections of developments and projects that are progressively under construction.

C. Councilmember Denmon submitted October reports as follows:

1) Public Works

Street Department

1. Completed 32 shop and 29 street dept. work orders.
2. Installed 14 new street signs.
3. Repaired utility cuts and potholes around town using 27 tons of asphalt.

4. Performed maintenance on the bike trail.

Cemetery

1. Performed routine maintenance on Fain and Chandler cemeteries.
2. Supervised the opening and closing of 10 grave sites.
3. Sold 5 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. Installed bulletin board at the police department.

Animal Control

- Housed 42 dogs and 24 cats
- Number of dogs adopted: 2
- Number of cats adopted: 3
- Number of dogs rescued: 12
- Number of cats rescued: 9
- Number of dogs reclaimed by owner: 10
- Number of cats reclaimed by owner: 0
- Number of dogs euthanized: 0
- Number of cats euthanized: 0
- Number of warnings given: 3
- Number of bite cases: 2
- Citations issued: 0

2) **Recreation Department**

FALL PROGRAMS –

Youth football – The 2025 youth football regular season concluded on October 25. Nineteen games were played at the Recreation football field and teams traveled to Bartow Co, Cartersville and Co Recreation facilities for games. All-stars were selected in the 7-8 division and will participate in the GRPA District Football tournament November 20 and 22. Calhoun will host the 7-8 boy's district.

Youth Soccer – The Fall Soccer season concluded on October 30. Eighty-six games were played throughout the month. All-star teams were selected in 7-8 Boys and Girls; 9-10 Boys and Girls and 11-12 Boys and Girls. The Boys teams will participate in GRPA District hosted at Cedartown in mid-December. The girls' teams will play in GRPA State November 21-22 at Jackson Co.

Girls Volleyball – The 10u, 12u, and 14u girls' volleyball regular season concluded October 2. The GRPA District tournament for 11-12 Girls was played October 27-30. The 9-10 Girls played district November 1 at Trion and Calhoun will host 14U girls November 1 at the CMS gym.

Tennis – Fall leagues – Fall Combo, Fall Tennis 101 and Fall Quads.
Adult Softball – The Fall Adult league ended October 21 with twenty-five games being played throughout the month of October.
Basketball Registration – Registration for basketball concluded October 27. Assessments were held October 23 for girls and October 27 for the boys. Drafts were held October 28 and 29. Practices for basketball begin November 6.

SENIOR CITIZEN TRIP – The first trip for the Seniors was held on October 12. Seniors traveled to Dahlonga to have lunch at the Smith House and shop. There will be more trips planned for our Senior population to enjoy.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE:

- 1- Prepared CHS softball field
- 2- Repainted soccer fields for weekly play
- 3- Repainted football field and flag field for weekly play
- 4- Weekly mowed/weed eat all parks
- 5- Trimmed and weeded planters –new complex
- 6- Field maintenance – 3 softball/baseball fields – new complex
- 7- Daily maintenance throughout parks

The 5th District GRPA Awards banquet was held October 15. Our agency won the Outstanding Program of the Year for our collaboration with Lafayette Recreation Department for our Department vs Department Day Camp Field Day event.

The Recreation Center offices have moved to 700 West Line Street and are located in the offices previously occupied by Community Development. The Recreation Center gym will be opened for scheduled practices and games (November-December) with anticipated construction date of January 2026 for the start of the new Recreation Center.

3) **Downtown Development Authority**

Downtown Events & Programming

Rocktober Fest:

Rocktober Fest was a tremendous success and a lot of fun for everyone involved. Even with the challenges that came with closing Highway 41, hosting the event on our true Main Street proved well worth the effort. The setting created a beautiful atmosphere framed by our historic buildings, and the wider street provided plenty of room for attendees without feeling overcrowded.

The stage location worked well from an event design perspective, and the overall layout encouraged people to move throughout downtown. Visitors could easily take a break from the crowd to relax at Heavale Brewing Co. or

Trackside before returning to the festivities, and we were even able to keep the downtown parking lot available for use.

We have received a great deal of positive feedback from the community and downtown businesses, and we are already looking ahead to ways to make the 2026 event even stronger. We are still waiting to receive foot traffic data and will share that information once available.

Trick or Treat on Main Street:

Trick or Treat on Main Street was another strong success, with attendance continuing to grow year over year. The event has truly become a downtown tradition that brings families together and showcases our businesses.

However, with that growth has come a clear need for additional support in traffic and crowd management, particularly in the Wall Street/Highway 41 corridor between Hicks Street and Harlan Street. The level of pedestrian and vehicle activity in that area now presents significant safety concerns. During this year's event, I personally stepped in to help direct traffic at the Court Street/Wall Street intersection for two hours to ensure safer crossings.

Moving forward, I recommend we coordinate with the Police Department for dedicated assistance in managing both vehicle and pedestrian flow during this event. This will help maintain a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone as attendance continues to increase.

Merry & Bright Weekend:

Merry & Bright Weekend will take place November 22 and 23. On Saturday evening, from 6 to 8 p.m., we will host the Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting in partnership with Gordon County. The celebration will include visits from Santa and Mrs. Claus, the Grinch, and sleigh rides through downtown courtesy of the Gordon County Antique Tractor Club. The Gem Theatre will play holiday shorts from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by a feature film at 7 p.m. City Park will host carnival games and a snow experience, while three local churches will provide live caroling and children's activities. Many of our downtown restaurants will remain open late with festive treats and seasonal menus.

Sunday will feature our beloved Downtown Open House from 1 to 5 p.m., marking the official kickoff to holiday shopping downtown. To create a cheerful and immersive atmosphere, we will have a DJ playing holiday music, and shoppers will receive specialty Downtown Calhoun gift tags for purchases made at our small businesses. Our goal is to make the weekend as festive and welcoming as possible while continuing to highlight the unique character of our downtown community.

BBQ & Boogie – KCBS Competition Evaluation

With two festivals now under my belt, and one in partnership with the production company that assists with our larger events, I spent this summer

taking a closer look at how to make BBQ & Boogie even more valuable to our community and downtown businesses.

I'm proud to share that through our collaboration with Black Sheep, we have been able to maintain a high-quality festival experience that feels unique to Calhoun. The event continues to draw strong crowds, generate awareness for our downtown, and create opportunities for our local businesses to participate and see direct economic benefit. We were even able to make a small profit from this year's festival, which can be reinvested into future grants or downtown development projects.

However, as part of that review, I took a deep dive into the cost and return on investment of the KCBS professional BBQ competition. What I found is that this portion of the event is no longer sustainable or aligned with our broader downtown goals. We currently lose between \$12,000 and \$18,000 each year on the competition alone. While the KCBS event was instrumental in getting BBQ, Boogie & Blues off the ground more than a decade ago, the landscape has changed significantly. Many cities are discontinuing these competitions because the expenses, such as utilities, infrastructure, and prize purses, far outweigh the community return.

For our event, the competition no longer generates meaningful engagement or economic impact downtown. Festival attendees cannot participate in or sample the BBQ (outside of a small selection through People's Choice), and the competitors largely operate independently, bringing their own lodging, food, alcohol and supplies. Meanwhile, we cover water and power connections, ice, trash service, porta-johns, and other logistics at great cost without a clear benefit flowing back to downtown or the event.

Those same funds could be used in more valuable and impactful ways that directly support our downtown businesses and property owners. The dollars we currently lose on the competition each year could instead be reinvested into improvements, events, or initiatives that drive measurable benefit for our district and the people who invest in it daily.

It is also worth noting that festival attendees will likely not notice a difference if the KCBS competition is eventually phased out. Through our partnership with Black Sheep, we already feature pit masters as festival vendors, including teams who roast entire pigs and offer authentic, professional-level barbecue. In many ways, the festival has already evolved into a true BBQ celebration—one that the public can fully experience and enjoy.

After discussing this with Paul, we agreed to make incremental changes for the upcoming event in hopes of improving cost recovery before making a final decision about whether to continue the competition in the future. These changes include:

- Raising entry fees to better align with comparable KCBS events (we are currently \$125 to \$150 below market average).
- Reducing the competition footprint to limit expenses.
- Adjusting the prize purse to a more appropriate level (from over \$10,000 down to around \$5,000).

Our goal with these adjustments is to determine whether the competition can realistically pay for itself. However, if the numbers and community benefit do not improve, I believe our resources would be better spent strengthening the festival experience, which is the portion of BBQ & Boogie that truly connects people to our downtown and delivers measurable value.

D. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer submitted October reports as follows:

1) **Police Department**

- Made 212 cases with 10 DUI's
- Fines collected by Municipal Court - \$24,243
- Issued 378 warnings
- Investigated 91 highway accidents, 35 private property accidents
- Obstruction - 4
- Lethal Weapon Encounter - 0
- Alarm responses - 89
- Miles patrolled: 52,845

2) **Municipal Court**

- Citations from Police Department-200
- Court cases docketed- 110
- Probation cases assigned- 6
- Probation revocations- 2
- Bench warrants-1
- Failure to appear- 19

3) **Fire Department**

Suppression Division

- 227 Total Calls for Service to Include:
 - 6 – Fire Calls
 - 0 – Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Excessive Heat (No Fire)
 - 156 – Rescue and EMS Response
 - 6 – Hazardous Conditions Calls (No Fire)
 - 4 – Service Calls
 - 43 – Good Intent Calls
 - 12 – False Alarms or False Calls

- 0 – Severe Weather and Natural Disaster
- 0 – Special Incident Types

Department Response Times

- Turnout Time – 1 minute 34 seconds
- Travel Time – 3 minutes 42 seconds
- Total Response Time – 5 minutes and 16 seconds

Department Events

- October – Continued Advanced EMT Class with 5 personnel in class.
- October 1st – 4th, 2025 – Eng Kidd, FF O’Shields, FF Sims, and FF Thompson attended the Georgia Firefighters Conference
- October 9th and 10th, 2025 – Lt Underwood assisted with Lt Promotional Evaluations at Carroll County Fire Department.
- October 10th, 2025 – DC Saylor successfully completed the GEMA/HS Flood Response Operations Course.
- October 16th, 2025 – DC Saylor tested and received his Advanced Level Certified Emergency Manager Designation through GEMA/Homeland Security.
- October 24th, 2025 – BC Green and Lt Benton successfully completed the NIMS ICS 400 Course.
- October 31st, 2025 – FF Richardson successfully completed the GPSTC Transitional and Intrapersonal Leadership Course.

Inspections Division

- 111 – Total Monthly Inspections
- 1985 – Citizens received Fire and Life Safety Education throughout the month

Training Division

- 962.42 Hours – Total Department Monthly Training Hours.
- 13238.02 Hours – Total Department Annual Training Hours.

November Upcoming Events

- November – Advanced EMT Course Continues
- November 1st, 2025 – GEMA/HS Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Course
- November 2nd, 2025 – Grady Hospital Burn Operations Course
- November 7th, 2025 – GEM City Fire Conference

- November 11th, 2025 – Veteran’s Day Parade Downtown
- November 12th, 2025 – GSAR Annual Meetings
- November 14th, 2025 – SOEMS Instructor Update Training
- November 17th, 2025 – Emergency Management Association Fall Conference
- November 19th, 2025 – GSAR Quarterly Training
- November 21st, 2025 – Safety Driving Summit, Calhoun High School
- November 22nd, 2025 – Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting Event
- November 25th, 2025 – Northwest Georgia Fire Chiefs’ Association Meeting

4) **Safety Committee**

- The safety topic of discussion this month was Workplace Safety. Safety inspections were performed at the library and all Utilities buildings.
 - Vehicle accidents: 0
 - Workers’ compensation: 0

7. **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 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 a zoning request from A-1 to R-1, for 0.57 acres at a location of 516 McDaniel Station Road, being parcel C29-187, by Brantley Farms LLC. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held on November 6th.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on the Zoning Advisory Board stating that the board recommended approval of the zoning change from A-1 to R-1.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments.
- There being none, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning the zoning request.
- Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the zoning request of R-1. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

B. Public hearing of a variance request of 65 feet, to vary from the required 100-foot property line setback to a 35-foot property line setback for a dual faced digital billboard to be 20 feet in height with a total face of 600 square feet (10X30 on each side), for 1.56

acres at a location of 200 Union Grove Road, being parcel C46-031, by Niraj Patel/First Family Group, LLC. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held on November 6th.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on the Zoning Advisory Board, noting that the proposed billboard had been under discussion for some time. The initial proposal was not supported by the zoning board, but they did support the applicants alternate proposal. Another alternative proposal for a double-faced billboard measuring 10 feet by 20 feet (400 square feet maximum), with a 50-foot setback from Highway 41 and a 10-foot setback from the rear property line was discussed at the work session.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments.
- Terry Brumlow, of 1287 Curtis Parkway SE, serving as the attorney for the applicant, addressed the council and stated that his client was agreeable to the proposed 50-foot setback but would prefer a 45-foot setback. Mr. Brumlow then invited the applicant, Mr. Patel, to explain the reasoning behind the request. Mr. Patel explained that the additional five feet would improve the visibility of the sign, allowing it to be seen more clearly by drivers at the decision point where they choose to turn left toward Rome or right toward Calhoun.
- City Administrator Worley reiterated the recommendation of the Zoning Advisory Board.
- There being no other comments, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning the variance request.
- Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the request with the condition of a double-faced billboard measuring 10 feet by 20 feet (400 square feet maximum), with a minimum 50-foot setback from Highway 41 and a minimum 10-foot setback from the rear property line. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

C. Public hearing of an annexation and zoning request from county A-1 to Ind-G, for 10.635 acres at a location of 2429 US 41 Hwy, being a portion of parcel 047-001, with the 10.635 acres being parcel 047-002, by SDP Acquisitions, LLC. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting was held on November 6th.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on the Zoning Advisory Board recommended approval of the annexation request and approval of the zoning request of Ind-G with a condition that any structure or building shall not exceed a height of 50 feet.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments.
- Terry Brumlow, of 1287 Curtis Parkway SE, serving as the attorney for the applicant, stated that the applicant is in the process of purchasing both the Payne Farm property and the adjoining acreage. He requested that the Council adhere to the recommendation of the Zoning Advisory Board.

- Mr. J.R. Wright, of 315 Northside Drive, Atlanta, expressed enthusiasm about establishing a presence in Calhoun and noted the significant growth potential within the northwest corridor of the state.
- There being no other comments, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning the annexation request. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the annexation request. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning the zoning request of Ind-G. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the zoning request with the condition that any structure or building shall not exceed a height of 50 feet. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

8. Other Hearings and Comments

A. Public hearing of a beer and wine package application at a location of 943 Highway 53 SE, by Arsh Surani, d/b/a Calhoun Shell 943 LLC. The proposed store manager is Linin Potamearambii.

- 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 the alcohol request.
- Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the alcohol request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

B. Public hearing regarding the issuance of a permit for the proposed materials recovery facility owned by Alpha Waste Disposal, Inc. dba CR&T Recycling, located at 319 Old Belwood Road, Calhoun, Georgia.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing and stated, as advertised, this is a public hearing held by the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun to receive citizen input on the issuance of a permit for a proposed materials recovery facility owned by Alpha Waste Disposal Inc., dba CR&T Recycling, located at 319 Old Belwood Road. The proposed facility will recover recyclable materials from solid waste collections. Alpha Waste Disposal has developed Design & Operational Plans that have been reviewed by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and a complete plan set is available if anyone wishes to look at it.
- Mayor Palmer opened the hearing for public comment, stating that Chad Hall was also in attendance on behalf of the applicant, and asked that anyone speaking please state their name and address for the record prior to making comments. A transcript of this public hearing will be submitted to the EPD for their consideration in the permitting of this site.
- There being none, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing stating that no vote was required for the public hearing.

9. Old Business

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a beer, wine and liquor pouring application at a location of 1008 East Highway 53, by Applebee's Restaurants Mid-Atlantic, LLC. The proposed store manager is Eric Tanner. The public hearing will be held November 24th.

10. New Business

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of an annexation and zoning request from County C-4 to C-2 for 6.70 acres, at a location of 1336 Highway 41, being parcel 042B-075, by Kevan Carpenter. The ZAB meeting will be held on December 4th and the public hearing on December 8th.
- B. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of an annexation and zoning request from County R-4 to R-1B for 0.89 acres, at a location of 117 Henderson Bend Road, being parcel 042B-076, by Kevan Carpenter. The ZAB meeting will be held on December 4th and the public hearing on December 8th.
- C. Mayor Palmer read a request from the Purchasing Department to surplus a 2002 Ford F250 that is no longer used by Wastewater Construction. Mileage: 250,155 VIN: 1FTNX21L92EA50424. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the surplus request. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

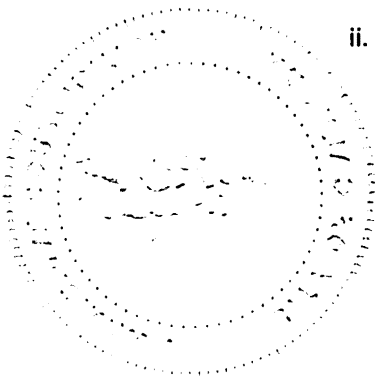
11. Other Written Items Not on the Agenda

12. Work Reports

- A. Paul Worley, City Administrator

- B. Kyle Ellis, Utilities Administrator

- i. Mayor Palmer gave the floor to Utilities Administrator Ellis pertaining to a recommendation of PFAS technologies.
- ii. Utilities Administrator Ellis stated that in April of 2021, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) contacted the City of Calhoun to discuss PFAS sampling results. Following that meeting, the Mayor and Council became aware of the presence of PFAS in the city's drinking water. At that time, Calhoun's PFAS levels were elevated and approaching the existing health advisory limits. In response, the City Council approved temporary measures to install Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) in the city's water filters. However, before full implementation of these measures, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released new Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs), which further reduced the allowable PFAS limits. With this updated guidance, the Council acted promptly to engage qualified engineers to identify the most effective long-term treatment technology for Calhoun's drinking water. Ellis explained that the report presented at this meeting is a condensed summary of a comprehensive 12,000-page study prepared by InSite Engineering. The study evaluated treatment technologies for both of Calhoun's water treatment facilities. Six technologies were tested at the Mauldin Road Facility and four at the Brittany Drive Plant. Based on factors including PFAS removal



efficiency, anticipated capital and operating costs, pilot study performance, staff input, and other considerations, InSite Engineering—pending Georgia EPD approval—recommends replacing the existing treatment processes at both plants with a filtered pre-treatment system followed by high-recovery reverse osmosis technology operating at a minimum 90% recovery rate. He presented a resolution for Council to approve InSite Engineering’s Pilot Study Report and authorize Calhoun Utilities staff to secure the necessary contracts to proceed with engineering design for the recommended plant modifications. Mayor Palmer read the resolution for those in attendance at the meeting (copy attached). Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the resolution and accept the recommendation of InSite Engineering. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

C. George Govignon, City Attorney had nothing to report.

13. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

14. Motion to return to General Session

15. Motion to Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Council, Councilmember Moyer made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Sharon Nelson, City Clerk

