



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 19, 2021 - 7:00 PM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

MINUTES

PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
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; Major Ken Carson, Police Department; and Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief .

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**

Welcome

Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Invocation

Councilman Edwards 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**

Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the July 19, 2021 agenda as presented.

Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of June 28, 2021. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

- A. The next City Council meeting will be held on July 26th. August meetings will be held on August 16th and the 23rd.

6. Council Comments

A. Councilwoman Palazzolo submitted June reports as follows:

1) Water and Sewer Operations

Water Treatment Plant

- Total gallons withdrawn: 339,320,000
- Daily average: 11,310,666
- Wells: 0
- Big Springs: 132,050,000
- % produced by Brittany Drive: 38.9%
 - Brittany Dr. daily production to capacity: 37.30%
 - Mauldin Rd. daily production to capacity: 43.18%
 - Rainfall for November – 6.82”

Waste Water Treatment Plant

- Treated a daily average of 5.266 MGD, with an average BOD effluent of 3, average suspended effluent of 13, and an average COD of 71.

Water Distribution & Wastewater Collection

- 296 work orders completed, 17 new water connections, 16 water service leaks repaired, 13 water main leaks repaired, 0 water services changed to new main lines, 164 meter changes, 40 utility locates called in for work orders, 680 utility locates responses.
- 2,350 feet of Sanitary Sewer Services TV inspected, 413 utility locates completed, 5,450 feet sanitary sewer lines cleaned, 6 new sewer connections installed, 3 sanitary sewer services repaired.

2) Water and Sewer Construction

Projects Under Construction

- 319 Grant Lynn Creek Project- Green Infrastructure project completed at Mohawk Facility on Clarence King Drive. Focus has shifted to additional green infrastructure project and agricultural BMP.
- The two inch galvanized line replacement continues utilizing city forces. Combined efforts between contractor C&S and city crews to replace 2” galvanized on Hwy 41 in Resaca. This area was a high complaint area due to the galvanized piping.
- Georgia Cumberland Academy- Pump Startup was completed. Lift station in in operation, & force main contractor is still working of final cleanup and grassing in yards.
- Fox Subdivision 2” galvanized water line replacement project 286. Materials are on site ready for contractor to begin.
- Circle K Sewer Line Extension- Project complete.
- Eastside sewer replacement project- Bid was awarded to Portland Utilities Construction Co., LLC in the amount of \$1,750,775.54. Contract documents will be executed with a project kickoff meeting to follow.

- Old Fairmount Hwy Sewer Line Extension- Materials have been ordered for this project. The timeline of the projects requires the sewer extension to be completed in the fall. The plan is to procure the materials, and schedule the contractor to perform the work at a date TBD.

Projects in Design & Development

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

3) **Library**

- There are 10,148 library card holders, 266 library visitors, and 1,742 total circulation.
- There were 0 story time attendance, 0 adult program attendance, 5 new users, 922 e-books, 712 audio books, 37 computer logins, and 21,224 Facebook visits.

B. Councilman Edwards submitted June reports as follows:

1) **Police Department**

- Made 275 cases with 2 DUI's
- Fines collected by Municipal Court - \$26,676
- Issued 280 warnings
- Investigated 39 highway accidents, 19 private property accidents
- Obstruction - 13
- Lethal Weapon Encounter - 0
- Alarm responses - 168
- Miles patrolled: 32,804

2) **Municipal Court**

- Total Court cases- 284
- Court cases dropped- 4
- Number of Bond forfeitures- 192
- Number of Probation cases- 30
- Failure to appear- 29
- Subpoenas served- 7

3) **Fire Department**

Fire Suppression Division

125 Total reported calls for service for the Suppression Division

Dispatched Calls

5	Fire Incidents (\$23,100.00 in Estimated Fire damage)
0	Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (NO FIRE)
66	Emergency Medical Services / Rescue (Injuries, Medical, or Fatality)
2	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)
- 41 Good Intent Calls (Smoke / Odor check; Investigation of Unknown Problem)
- 6 False Alarms or False Calls
- 0 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster
- 2 Special Incident Type (Citizen Complaint; Other)

Additional Fire Department Activities

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

Training Division

CFD completed 377 Total Man Hours of training during the month.

Training consisted of:

Study of Firefighter Line Of Duty Death reports from National Fire Protection Agency
 Fire Department Admin training for Covid -19 issues
 Firefighter Safety
 Ladders
 Pump Operations

Fire Inspections - Public Safety Education -Code Enforcement Division

54 Total Reported Activities / Inspections completed during the month.

Inspections / Enforcement

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

Additional Inspection - Public Safety & Codes Division Activities

- Fox is verifying information on buildings with sprinkler systems for fire protection inside the City of Calhoun.

4) Safety Committee

- The safety topic of discussion for the month of June was Heat Stress/Heat Stroke. No safety inspection was performed this month.

- Vehicle accidents: 3
- Workers compensation: 4

C. Councilman Denmon submitted June reports as follows:

1) **Public Works**

Street Department

1. Completed 28 shop and 29 street dept. work orders.
2. Installed 3 new street signs.
3. Cut and remove a tree on Double Tree Drive.
4. Repair potholes and utility cuts around town using 18 tons of asphalt.

Cemetery Department

1. Performed routine maintenance on Fain and Chandler cemetery.
2. Supervised the opening and closing of 21 grave sites.
3. Sold 9 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. Painted walls and ceiling at the library.

Animal Control

- Housed 8 dogs and 15 cats
- Number of dogs adopted: 1
- Number of cats adopted: 0
- Number of dogs rescued: 3
- Number of cats rescued: 9
- Number of dogs reclaimed by owner: 3
- Number of cats reclaimed by owner: 0
- Number of dogs euthanized: 0
- Number of cats euthanized: 0
- Number of warnings given: 26
- Number of bite cases: 1
- Citations issues: 1

2) **Recreation Department**

1. **PROGRAMS:**

Camp South River – Camp was held four weeks during the month of June. Eighty-two participants have attended camp participating in outdoor activities throughout the park, attending field trips, swimming, and arts and crafts throughout each week.

Tennis: The following leagues were held throughout the month - Spring Tennis 101; Spring Quads, Flex league and MAP tennis.

Adult Softball – The adult softball league concluded the Spring season with an end of season Tournament.

Fall Programs: Registration for all fall programs began Tuesday, July 7.
Fall programs include –
Youth Football, Cheerleading, Volleyball, and Fall Soccer

2. TOURNAMENTS:

ALSA – Girls Fast Pitch Tournament – June 5, 2021 – There were 14 teams that participated in this one day event. A total of 525 players, coaches and spectators visited our park during this event. An estimated economic impact of \$20,475.

GRPA 5th District – 7-8 Boys and Girls Coach Pitch – June 7 – 14, 2021- There were 10 7-8 Girls Coach pitch teams and 11 7-8 Boys Coach pitch teams that participated in this GRPA District tournament. There were 1,512 visits made to the park during this 7 day tournament with an estimated economic impact of \$98,280.

TopFlight Sports – USA Softball – Girls Fast Pitch – Camp and Tournament – June 18-19, 2021 – This showcase camp and tournament brought in college scouts from all over the southeast. There were 28 games played on Friday, June 18. The showcase camp was held Saturday June 19. All games for Saturday afternoon were rained out. A total of 1,260 visits were made to the park over Friday and ½ day Saturday. The estimated economic impact was \$81,900.

3. POOL – The pool has been open to the public throughout the month Mondays through Saturday 1:00pm-5:00pm; A total of 2,458 swimmers for open Swim in June. There were 11 pool parties during the month.

4. FACILITY USAGE:

Billy Bearden Recreation Center	Black and Yellow Pavilion – 8 events
Meeting Room – 4 events	Ratner Pavilion – 5 events
Community Room – 1 event	Football Field – 2 events
Gym – 8 events	

5. SOCIAL MEDIA

CalhounRec.com	Facebook
Page Views – 4,524	Reached – 15,600
Users – 2,063	Post Engagements – 7,747
Posts – 16	Posts - 18

6. PARK MAINTENANCE:

The following tasks were completed through the month

- Daily park cleanup –
- Mowed all parks – weekly

- Groomed all parks -weekly
- Pressure wash Ratner Pavilion and bathrooms
- Groomed Dog Park – weekly
- Baseball field maintenance -weekly
- Groomed island and front — weekly
- Bush-hog and mowed walking trails
- Pool maintenance – daily
- Prepared fields for tournaments
- Trimmed hedges at football field
- Repaired fencing and poles
- Trimmed tree limbs
- Assisted with installation of disc golf course

7. PARKS/FACILITIES:

The following tasks were completed throughout the month of March:

- 1-daily upkeep of park – trash, mowing, weeding
- 2-drag ball fields weekly
- 3-maintenance of pool – daily
- 4 –trim tree limbs throughout park
- 5-mulched all flower beds
- 6-windscreen repair on tennis fences as needed
- 7-pressure washed softball tower and Ratner pavilion
- 8-cleaned and sanitized park benches and picnic tables daily
- 9-cleaned and sanitized gym and Tennis center

Facility Rentals:

All rentals were cancelled for the month. \$245.00 was refunded to those that had rented pavilions or indoor rentals at Recreation Center.

8. WEBSITE USAGE:

CalhounRec.com	Facebook
Page Views – 1,265	Reach -5,535
Searched – 2,546	Post Engagements – 3,594
Posts - 28	Posts - 33
	Page Views - 59

3) Downtown Development Authority

The DDA held their regularly scheduled meeting. BBQ, Boogie & Blues is scheduled for September 24th & 25th. The DDA is in the process of completing a new brochure on starting a business in the City of Calhoun. It will be completed and distributed to the public in August. The downtown businesses will have a summer open house on July 23rd & 24th. The DDA is encouraging everyone to shop local during this event.

D. Mayor Palmer submitted June reports as follows:

1) **Electric Department**

- Construction continues on the new Calhoun Early Learning Academy at 380 Barrett Road.
- Construction continues on the Harbin Clinic's 11,700 sq. ft. expansion.
- Construction continues on the overhead to underground conversion at the Calhoun Housing Authority.
- Construction has begun on the Indian Hills shopping center expansion of Jefferson's and 5 Below.

WORK ORDERS IN PROCESS OR COMPLETED FOR JUNE:

• NEWLY CREATED	58
• COMPLETED AND CLOSED	72
• CONSISTING OF:	
• CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION	16
• STREET AND SECURITY LIGHTING-	4
• DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE	5
• OUTAGES / TROUBLE CALLS	18
• WORK FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS	23
• NEW METER SETS	3
• METER MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT	50
• Electric Locate Tickets Processed-	351

The City of Calhoun's Electrical load for June 2021 is estimated to be about 35 million kilowatt hours (kWh's). This is about 4 million kWh's more than June of 2020. Actual numbers will be released around July 19th.

In June the Educational Solar Array, a partnership between Calhoun Utilities, Calhoun City Schools and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), produced 6,920 kWh's of electricity and provided a carbon offset of 4.78 tons or the equivalent carbon sequestration of 123 trees. This is about the total monthly energy consumed by 6 average households in Calhoun.

Monthly Energy Production Report for Calhoun Utilities


June Solar Energy Production

Week	Peak Power	Energy Produced
06/01/2021 - 06/07/2021	39.1 kW	1.37 MWh
06/08/2021 - 06/14/2021	38.8 kW	1.55 MWh
06/15/2021 - 06/21/2021	38.8 kW	1.79 MWh
06/22/2021 - 06/28/2021	39.1 kW	1.72 MWh
06/29/2021 - 06/30/2021	38.9 kW	499 kWh
June 2021 Total:		6.92 MWh
Previous Month Total:		7.39 MWh
Year to Date:		14.6 MWh

For more details on these production results, please visit your [Enphase® system](#).

Your **Carbon Offset** for this month: 4.78 tons

You have offset the equivalent of: **123 Trees**



2) Telecommunications

- Added two new internet customers.
- Added one new point-to-point service.
- Added 50 Megabit of bandwidth to existing customer.
- Finished implementation of 2 factor authentication on VPN tunnel accounts.
- Signed new internet trunk agreement to reduce costs.
- Scheduled and tested new voice trunk line from incumbent carrier.
- Installed fuel database software for Finance Department.
- Performed yearend inventory.
- Opened 13 and closed 16 work orders.

Geographic Information Systems

- Worked with Engineering on water system modeling.
- Generated Electric Usage reports for Electric Department
- Updated maps for Telecom fiber, parcel zoning, water lines and water meters.
- Updated fire pre-plans for Fire Department and physical addresses for Billing
- Added new and extended existing trails on Recreation Department maps.
- Updated City and GIS web sites
- City employee GIS login statistics
 - Total logins – 1287
 - Top three layers accessed
 - Water – 497
 - Electric – 248
 - Management – 200

3) Building Inspections

- Issued 115 permits for an estimated cost of \$15,802,423, collected \$103,728 in permit fees. This included 12 new residential, 7 residential remodel, 2 new commercial, 2 commercial remodel, 12 residential plumbing, 39 residential electrical, 1 commercial plumbing, 14 residential HVAC, 2 commercial HVAC, and 2 commercial electrical. 345 total inspections.

7. Public Hearing and Comments

- A. 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.

Mayor Palmer stated that items a) and b) would be presented at the same time for discussion and followed by four separate motions.

- a) Public hearing of an annexation and zoning request from County to C-2 for 2.00 acres at a location of 1544 Hwy 53 Spur (a portion of parcel 034A-064) by ZR Holdings, LLC.
 - b) Public hearing of an annexation and zoning request from County to R-2 for 2.00 acres at a location of 1544 Hwy 53 Spur (a portion of parcel 034A-064) by ZR Holdings, LLC.
- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
 - City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.

- Councilwoman Palazzolo gave the report on the Zoning Advisory Board stating that the Board recommended approval of both zoning items.
 - Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments beginning with the applicant.
 - John Robbins of 1287 Curtis Parkway, attorney for the applicant, stated that the applicant applied for annexation and zoning to develop a convenience store and an apartment complex which they felt was a needed addition to the area. He asked that council member accept the recommendation of the Zoning Advisory Board and approve both items.
 - There being no other comments Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning the annexation request of the 2.00 acres for item a). Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to approve the annexation request. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
 - Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning zoning request of C-2. Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to approve the zoning request. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
 - Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning the annexation request of the 2.00 acres for item b). Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to approve the annexation request. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
 - Mayor Palmer Called for a motion concerning the zoning request of R-2. Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to approve the zoning request. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- c) Public hearing of a zoning change request from C-2 to Ind-G for 15.781 acres at a location of Travelers Path (CG41B-004 and a portion of CG41A-035) by Stanley Simpson. The extension will have 182.85 feet of road frontage.
- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
 - City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
 - Councilwoman Palazzolo gave the report on the Zoning Advisory Board recommended approval of the zoning item.
 - Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments beginning with the applicant.
 - Stanley Simpson of 300 Jolly Road, Apt 3, the applicant, thanked council members for considering his zoning change request.
 - There being no other comments, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning the zoning change from C-2 to Ind-G. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the zoning change. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

- d) Public hearing of a beer and wine package license request at a location of 601 Union Grove Road, SE by Buc-ee's Georgia, LLC d/b/a Buc-ee's #52. The proposed store manager is Adam Eckroate.
 - 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 beginning with the applicant.
 - There being none, Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning the alcohol request. Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to approve the beer and wine package license request. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
 - Mayor Palmer addressed Mr. Eckroate, store manager, stating there was a lot of excitement in the community concerning the opening of Buc-ee's on August 23rd.

8. Old Business

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a beer and wine pouring license request at a location of 100 Cracker Barrel Drive, by Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. d/b/a Cracker Barrel #424. The proposed manager is Mitchell Wexler. The public hearing will be on July 26th.

9. New Business

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of an annexation and zoning request from County A-1 to Ind-G for 155.49 acres at a location of 336 Salem Road (046-034) by HREG Acquisitions, LLC. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for August 12th and the public hearing for August 16th.
- B. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a beer and wine package license request at a location of 1133 South Wall Street, by Enterprise, Inc. LLC d/b/a Citgo Food Mart. The proposed store manager is Kalpana Shah. Eligible for a public hearing on August 16th. Mayor Palmer called for a motion to set the public hearing for August 16th. Councilman Edwards made the motion. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- C. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a beer package license request at a location of 90 East May Street, by Asif Mohammad, DBA: Donde El Guero. The owner, Asif Mohammad, will also serve as the store manager. Eligible for a public hearing on August 16th. Mayor Palmer called for a motion to set the public hearing for August 16th. Councilman Denmon made the motion. Councilwoman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- D. Mayor Palmer stated that a motion was needed to designate a voting delegate representing the City of Calhoun for the annual GMA membership business meeting. The meeting will be held on Sunday, August 8th at 3:45 p.m. at the annual GMA Convention. Councilman Denmon made a motion to designate Councilman Edwards as the voting delegate representing the City of Calhoun. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- E. Mayor Palmer read a parade request by Calhoun City Schools, starting on the traditional route, then turning right on Hicks Street, right on Park Avenue, left on

Oothcalooga Street, and then arriving at the school campus for the Calhoun High School Homecoming Parade on Thursday September 30th at 6:00 pm. The rain date will be Friday, October 1st at 3:30 pm, if needed. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the request subject to GDOT approval. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

F. Request from the Telecommunications Department to surplus the following items on GovDeals:

- 1) 2995 - AMP Flange Pin Connectors
- 2) 112 - Multi-Port phone fuse
- 3) 65 - Porta System 7.5 phone fuse
- 4) 35 - Porta System Single Pole gas fuse
- 5) 119 - Joslyn Corner Suspension Clamp
- 6) 1 - Intel 1010 Appliance Server
- 7) 27 - 3M Coyote Splice Tray
- 8) 1 - Wheel lock Telstrobe
- 9) 4 - Porta System 10 pair Protector Block
- 10) 2 - 100 Pair Protector Block with fuses
- 11) 2 - 100 Pair 3M copper closure
- 12) 6 - Ready Access closure
- 13) 20 - 66 Block bracket
- 14) 13 - 66 Block
- 15) 12 - Copper Lead Down Cushion

Mayor Palmer called for a motion concerning the 15 items listed on the agenda.

Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the surplus request. Councilwoman Palazzolo 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 stated that another 0.7 miles of the Rivers to Ridge Trail project had been added at the Recreation Department connecting Calhoun City Schools and the Housing Authority on Pine Street to the Rec campus. This project is being funded with SPLOST dollars. Also, ten holes of Frisbee golf are now installed in Palmer Memorial Park and the project is almost complete. Hotel-Motel tax dollars were used to fund the project.

B. Larry Vickery, Utilities Administrator had nothing to report stating that he and members of the council had attended the annual MEAG meeting. Forty-Nine cities were represented at the meeting and received updates on Plant Vogtle. He noted that units three and four were near completion with plant three being delayed approximately three months and expected to be completed during the first quarter of 2022. Plant four is expected to be completed during the fourth quarter of 2022.

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

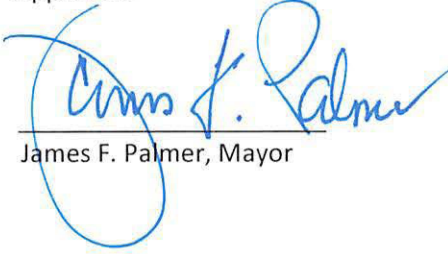
12. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

13. Motion to return to General Session

14. Motion to Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Council, Councilwoman Palazzolo made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Sharon Nelson, City Clerk

