

FEBRUARY 9, 1998 7:00 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET

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

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

1. Mayor Meadows welcomed the group, called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Meadows led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.
3. Minutes of the January 19, 1998 Regular City Council Meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Meadows stated that he and Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer had an opportunity to meet with a majority of community leaders celebrating Black History Month, and he stated February had been designated as Black History Month for Calhoun, Gordon County. He stated that he had asked the Historical Society to place a plaque recognizing past and future leaders who had contributed greatly on the development of our local community, and to have these placed either at the Historical Society or at the Depot Community Room.
 - b. Mayor Meadows congratulated Councilman Woods on his election to the Chamber Board of Directors.
 - c. Mayor Meadows requested the Council to pass a resolution adopting the approved Solid Waste Management Plan for Gordon County for Calhoun, Fairmount, Plainville, Ranger and Resaca. Following discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer made a motion to adopt the resolution, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer, Councilman Shelton, and Councilman Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - d. Mayor Meadows reported the Golf Advisory Commission had met on January 20, 1998, had discussed purchase of additional carts to replace those that were six years old or more. He stated the month of January 1998, had been the best month ever for January in terms of play and utilization of the course.
5. Council's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer stated the Building Inspector had issued eight residential permits for construction in the amount of \$675,000.00 in January, five new commercial permits for construction in the amount of \$209,100.00 and one new industrial permit for construction in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 during the month of January 1998. He stated the Electric Department sold 22,472,000 KWH to a customer base of 4,006. He also reported that the hearing for the City's Certification Hearing with the PSC will be March 3, 1998. Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer also announced that the Georgia DOT would be offering funding for 27 local airports over a period of four years for improvements which enhance economic development. The Calhoun-Gordon County Tom B. David Airport is one of the 27, and is slated to receive 1.9 million with a requirement of local support of approximately \$600,000.00 to be funded equally by the City and County. These presentations were made by Mr. Edward Ratigan of the Department of Transportation. These funds will include improvements which have been on the drawing board of the Airport Authority for some time. Following discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer made a motion to approve one half of the local support to be spread over the next four year period, consisting of approximately \$300,000.00, 2nd by Councilman Woods with Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer, Councilman Woods and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried. Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer stated that should the state reduce the funding level for local governments from 25% to 10%, those dollars would be lowered.
 - b. Councilman Shelton stated the Fire Department had 50 calls during the month of January with damages of \$8,300.00. The Fire Inspector performed 64 inspections during the month of January. The Police Department made 282 arrests in January with 14 being DUI. They collected \$19,121.00 in fines, issued 173 warning tickets, 497 parking tickets, investigated 104 accidents, provided 134 escorts and responded to 124 burglar alarms.
 - c. Councilman Woods stated the Street Department continued to work on right-of-way cuts, and provided storm water checks throughout the City. They picked up Christmas

Trees, bushhogged in several areas, cleaned grate boxes, cleared and installed some curbs, and continued to patch streets. He stated the Sanitation Department continued on their commercial pickups, gaining three additional four yard customers, one six yard customer and several commercial can customers. He also stated the Parks Department Personnel worked with Gordon County personnel on removing the roof at the old Rooker Building as in kind work for the grant from the State for the Arts Council in which a new roof will be placed on the facility, and renovation work will begin. Councilman Woods also expressed appreciation to the County Commission for agreeing to provide the engineering work on Peters Street and Newtown Road within the next year. He also announced that LARP streets that would be paved during the year 1998 would include Columbus Circle, a portion of Curtis Parkway, Pine Street and Sequoyah Terrace.

- d. Mayor Meadows stated that Councilman Holland had been delayed due to a meeting with the Gordon County Board of Education, and that he would give Councilman Holland's report. Mayor Meadows stated the Water Treatment Plant pumped a total of 322,838,000 gallons in January for an average of 10.414 for the month. The Waste treatment Plant treated a daily average of 10.776 MGD during the month of January with BOD effluent being 16, suspended effluent being 19 and COD effluent being 105. He stated the Water/Sewer Construction Department made 23 water taps in January, 12 sewer taps, installed 140 ft. of six inch PVC water line, installed 80 ft. of new sewer line. The Sewer Inflow/Infiltration Crew rehabilitated three manholes, repaired one manhole, responded to 19 sewer related calls and inspected 27 manholes. The backflow crew is in process of inspecting all buildings that have fire tap hookups with the City water system to insure proper backflow preventors are installed.

6. Public Hearings and Comments:

Mayor Meadows stated at this time, public hearings for zoning matters would be held. He stated they would be presented in alphabetical order, with reports by the Zoning Advisory Board. Public Hearings will have pro and con comments with a ten minute maximum time limit on each, and each person speaking is required to have filed a financial disclosure statement five days prior to the hearing, and must give their name and address. Mayor Meadows asked if any Council Member needed to file a disclosure statement on any of the items to be considered at this time. There were no comments other than Councilman Woods, who stated that he would abstain on Item A, since his company is bidding on work for the company at this time. Mayor Meadows determined that the posting of signs, the advertisement and the notification to adjoining property owners had been completed for all parcels to be considered.

- a. A 2nd reading of the Zoning Variance Request of James M. Box, M.D. to locate a temporary mobile office at his building located at 102 Hospital Court was given. A public hearing was opened with Councilman Woods reporting for the Zoning Advisory Board. Councilman Woods stated the Board had reviewed the matter on February 5, 1998, and following a review by the Zoning Review Committee in which they noted that if the water and sewer lines are located at the rear of the existing building, there would be no tap fees required. There is no problem with Fire or Police Protection, and the City will supply electricity to the building. There are no set back problems, however, the water department did note that a reduced pressure zone backflow preventor would need to be installed on the existing water service line at the time of the installation. Councilman Woods stated that based upon the discussion, Mr. Tom Bond of the Zoning Advisory Board recommended the request be approved. There were no other comments and the hearing was closed. Councilman Palmer made a motion to approve the zoning variance to grant a 12 month permit for the mobile unit with the possibility of a six month renewal, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Meadows voting affirmatively, motion carried. Councilman Woods abstained from voting.
- b. A 2nd reading of the Annexation/New Zoning Request of Sybil Clark and Mary Dell Parrott for a house and lot located at 1102 South Wall Street for R-2 zoning was given. A public hearing was opened with Councilman Woods of the Zoning Advisory Board stating that the matter had been heard on February 5, and had considered a report by the Zoning Review Committee. The committee stated there were no problems with any city services, and the property was eligible for hookup to the sewer, that the property was also eligible for annexation, since it adjoined other City property. Councilman Woods stated there were no other comments, and the Zoning Advisory Board would recommend approval. Mayor Meadows asked for any additional comments by the general public. There were none and the public hearing was closed. Councilman Woods made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings, and to approve the annexation and new zoning request for R-2 zoning, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. A 2nd reading of the Annexation/New Zoning Request of Alex Feagin and Allen McDaniel for lots located on Hood Street, and joining the owner's property fronting on North Wall Street for C-2 zoning was given. A public hearing was opened with Councilman Woods of the Zoning Advisory Board reporting that this matter had been heard on February 5, with the Zoning Review Committee recommending that water and sewer services come off Hood Street with fire service not being a problem for the particular area, however, the owner would need to keep the driveway entrance off Hood Street open for Fire Department access. There were no problems from Police or Fire

Departments, with the electric service to be handled by Georgia Power. Trash service can be utilized through the dumpster at the car wash, since it is the same owner of the property, or if can is needed, it can be brought to Highway 41 for pickup. Hood Street is a County road, and serves as the necessary public road for the property to abut. The Zoning Advisory Board recommended the property be annexed, however, they recommended the property be zoned C-N, which would allow the current owners to utilize the property as they desire, but would also provide some protection for the houses on Hood Street which join the property. There were no other comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman Woods made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings, and to approve the request for annexation at C-N zoning, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- d. A 2nd reading of the Zoning Variance Request of SAFCO II for property located at 401 South Wall Street for a six ft. set back variance for an on premise sign to be located on the property which would be four feet from the property line. The public hearing was opened, with Councilman Woods stating the Zoning Advisory Committee had reviewed the application on February 5, 1998 and had found the request for an on premise sign to be within the guidelines of the zoning code, and also to be within precedence which had been set for similar variances granted on South Wall Street. Councilman Woods stated the Zoning Advisory Board had recommended approval of the request. There were no other comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the request for a six ft. set back variance, stating the request meets more than one of the criteria required of variance requests, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Councilman Woods, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- e. A 2nd reading of the Annexation/New Zoning Request of Bill Walraven for Lots 13 and 14 on Cherokee Lane for C-2 zoning was given. A public hearing was opened with Councilman Woods stating the Zoning Advisory Board had heard the matter on February 5, 1998, and that in a review from the Zoning Committee, they had determined that the lots are not presently hooked up to sewer, but sewer is available at the owner's expense. The area is presently served by a four inch water line, however, the Fire Department requested that a fire hydrant be installed in the area to serve the property. The Street Department stated the property is very low with noticeable drainage problems which must be addressed by the property owner. The Committee stated the property abutted Cherokee Lane which is a county public road. They also stated public safety had no problem with the area. Councilman Woods stated the Zoning Advisory Board recommended approval of the request. There were no other comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman Woods made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings, and to approve the annexation request for zoning at C-N, since the property is presently abutts not only by commercial activity but also by residential property and that the C-N zoning would allow the usage as requested by the owner. It was also noted that a fire hydrant had been located at the property site, but a six inch water line would be needed to have sufficient fire flows and that this would need to be installed at the owner's expense. The motion was second by Councilman Shelton with Councilman Woods, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Other Hearings:

- f. Robin Maddox and several residents on Possum Hollow Road repeated their water request as stated at a September 1997 Council Meeting. They stated they had severe problems with their well water, and that most of the residences on the road of which there were eight, did not have the means to pay the line extension cost plus the water taps. They asked that since several other roads in their immediate area had been on a petition at a time when the tap fees were \$350.00, and there was no requirement for line extension payment, that they be grandfathered and be allowed to pay on the same basis. Mayor Meadows stated the policy had changed, and that it would not be possible to grandfather the area in. Mayor Meadows explained the community in the other instances, had made the request and had secured the petitions for the water service. The residents discussed the matter at length with the elected officials. The council expressed their sympathy for the water conditions of the residences. Mr. Al Kettle, who serves on the Fairmount City Council and Mr. Billy Mauldin of Ranger were in attendance with the residents, and also expressed their concern for the condition of the water on Possum Hollow Road. Mayor Meadows outlined three possible ways to proceed on the request. He stated first that he would make every effort to secure a state grant with the aid of Representative Shanahan. He stated secondly he would inquire about the GEFA emergency loans regarding a five or ten year pay back which would make the project feasible for the majority of the residents. A third possibility would be for the City to pay the approximate \$7,000.00 as a difference between a two inch line and a six inch line and with the County paying the cost of labor at approximately \$8,400.00 and the residents paying the cost of materials which would be approximately \$217.00 per resident plus the tap fee of \$600.00 per resident. He stated it would be necessary for the delegation, and he would recommend it be headed by Mr. Mauldin, approach the county on the third possible way. He stated, however, the way in which would be most beneficial to the residents would be the possibility of a state grant, and he asked that they allow him sufficient time to try that approach first.

Sewer of Jasper, Georgia had issued a low bid for \$700,500.00. He stated that the engineer for the project, Sweitzer Engineering, was not familiar with the company, nor was the City. He stated they had investigated the company in terms of references for similar projects, and had gotten reports that should those communities bid a similar project, Phoenix Water and Sewer Company would be allowed to bid on the project. Cornwell stated the company had hired two individuals who have had plant work experience in addition to pipe laying, and that based upon the information obtained on the company, and based upon their statement that they desired to keep their bid active, that Engineer Sweitzer would recommend the City go with the low bid, and award the contract to Phoenix Water and Sewer of Jasper. Following further discussion, Councilman Holland made a motion to approve the low bid of \$700,500.00 to Phoenix Water and Sewer, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Councilman Holland, Councilman Shelton, Councilman Woods and Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.

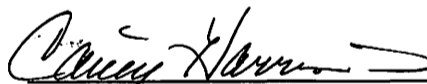
- b. Director Cornwell stated the Sewer Plant Contractor, Ruby Collins, Inc., was unable to get compaction due to the extreme wet weather at the present time, and since they are presently over schedule, the City proposed that they might install a pier under a pipe structure to provide proper support in lieu of trying to obtain soil compaction of the area. He stated the contractor had accepted this proposal, and it would be done at no additional cost to the city. He stated they had asked for consideration of a time extension based on weather. He stated the project was over schedule, and he hoped to have it completed shortly.
 - c. Director Cornwell stated he had contacted officials with Mydrin, and had been notified that an actual sale had been made of the company, and that the City should be able to obtain title to a small area sufficient for a pump station with it to be installed fairly quickly.
11. Councilman Holland made a motion to move to Executive Session for discussion on right-of-way purchases, 2nd by Councilman Woods with Councilman Holland, Councilman Woods, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
12. Councilman Woods made a motion to move to General Session, 2nd by Councilman Holland with Councilman Woods, Councilman Holland, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
13. Councilman Woods made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Councilman Holland with Councilman Woods, Councilman Holland, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:



John D. Meadows, III
Mayor

Submitted:



Cathy Harrison
City Administrator

*****ITEM 6 (e): Ordinance filed with the State lists only lot 13. Therefore, lot 14 is not officially annexed*****

Zoning Application No. 54

A public hearing was conducted pursuant to Section 14.2.3 of The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Calhoun, Georgia ("the Ordinance") before the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia on the 9th day of February, 1998 to consider Annexation/New Zoning Request of Bill Walraven for Lots 13 and 14 on Cherokee Lane for C-2 zoning.

_____ ("the Application").

During the public hearing the Application was discussed in an open public meeting and the following findings were made:

1. The public notice of the hearing was published in the Calhoun Times as required in Section 14.2.2. of the Ordinance.

2. All signs giving notice of the public hearing required under Section 14.2.2. of the Ordinance were timely erected on the property.

3. All present adjoining land owners received notice of the public hearing and a copy of the Application as required by Section 14.4 of the Ordinance.

4. All disclosures of any conflict of interest required by Title 36, Chapter 67A of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated have been reported.

5. The findings and recommendations of the Zoning Advisory Board were reviewed and accepted as the findings of the Mayor and Council as follows: Recommend annexation for C-N zoning instead of C-2 zoning.

6. List any additional findings, if necessary to support additional conditions: _____

7. Review of the Standards set out in Section 14.5 of the Ordinance: Substantial compliance with seven standards.

Based on the foregoing findings the Application is (a) Approved x (b) Denied _____ (c) Approved with express condition _____

Number Voting: 4
In Favor: 4
Opposed: 0



MAYOR, CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

Zoning Application No. 53

A public hearing was conducted pursuant to Section 14.2.3 of The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Calhoun, Georgia ("the Ordinance") before the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia on the 9th day of February, 1998 to consider Zoning Variance Request of SAFCO II for property located at 401 South Wall Street for a six ft. set back variance for an on premise sign to be located on the property four feet from the property line.

_____ ("the Application").

During the public hearing the Application was discussed in an open public meeting and the following findings were made:

1. The public notice of the hearing was published in the Calhoun Times as required in Section 14.2.2. of the Ordinance.

2. All signs giving notice of the public hearing required under Section 14.2.2. of the Ordinance were timely erected on the property.

3. All present adjoining land owners received notice of the public hearing and a copy of the Application as required by Section 14.4 of the Ordinance.

4. All disclosures of any conflict of interest required by Title 36, Chapter 67A of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated have been reported.

5. The findings and recommendations of the Zoning Advisory Board were reviewed and accepted as the findings of the Mayor and Council as follows: Recommend six ft. set back variance.

6. List any additional findings, if necessary to support additional conditions: _____

7. Review of the Standards set out in Section 14.5 of the Ordinance: Substantial compliance with four zoning variance criteria.

Based on the foregoing findings the Application is (a) Approved x (b) Denied _____ (c) Approved with express condition _____

Number Voting: 4
In Favor: 4
Opposed: 0



MAYOR, CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

Zoning Application No. 52

A public hearing was conducted pursuant to Section 14.2.3 of The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Calhoun, Georgia ("the Ordinance") before the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia on the 9th day of February, 1998 to consider Annexation/New Zoning Request of Alex Feagin and Allen McDaniel for lots located on Hood Street and joining the owner's property fronting on North Wall Street for C-2 zoning.

_____ ("the Application").

During the public hearing the Application was discussed in an open public meeting and the following findings were made:

1. The public notice of the hearing was published in the Calhoun Times as required in Section 14.2.2. of the Ordinance.

2. All signs giving notice of the public hearing required under Section 14.2.2. of the Ordinance were timely erected on the property.

3. All present adjoining land owners received notice of the public hearing and a copy of the Application as required by Section 14.4 of the Ordinance.

4. All disclosures of any conflict of interest required by Title 36, Chapter 67A of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated have been reported.

5. The findings and recommendations of the Zoning Advisory Board were reviewed and accepted as the findings of the Mayor and Council as follows: Recommend annexation for C-N zoning instead of C-2

6. List any additional findings, if necessary to support additional conditions: Property owner needs to keep entrance off Hood Street open for Fire Department access.

7. Review of the Standards set out in Section 14.5 of the Ordinance: Substantial compliance with seven standards.

Based on the foregoing findings the Application is (a) Approved x (b) Denied _____ (c) Approved with express condition _____

Number Voting: 4
In Favor: 4
Opposed: 0


MAYOR, CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

Zoning Application No. 51

A public hearing was conducted pursuant to Section 14.2.3 of The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Calhoun, Georgia ("the Ordinance") before the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia on the 9th day of February, 1998 to consider Annexation/New Zoning Request of Sybil Clark and Mary Dell Parrott for a house and lot located at 1102 South Wall Street for R-2 zoning.

_____ ("the Application").

During the public hearing the Application was discussed in an open public meeting and the following findings were made:

1. The public notice of the hearing was published in the Calhoun Times as required in Section 14.2.2. of the Ordinance.

2. All signs giving notice of the public hearing required under Section 14.2.2. of the Ordinance were timely erected on the property.

3. All present adjoining land owners received notice of the public hearing and a copy of the Application as required by Section 14.4 of the Ordinance.

4. All disclosures of any conflict of interest required by Title 36, Chapter 67A of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated have been reported.

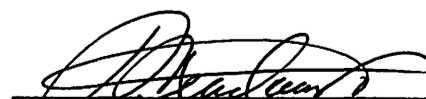
5. The findings and recommendations of the Zoning Advisory Board were reviewed and accepted as the findings of the Mayor and Council as follows: Recommend annexation for R-2 zoning.

6. List any additional findings, if necessary to support additional conditions: _____

7. Review of the Standards set out in Section 14.5 of the Ordinance: Substantial compliance with seven standards.

Based on the foregoing findings the Application is (a) Approved x (b) Denied _____ (c) Approved with express condition _____

Number Voting: 4
In Favor: 4
Opposed: 0



MAYOR, CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

Zoning Application No. 50

A public hearing was conducted pursuant to Section 14.2.3 of The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Calhoun, Georgia ("the Ordinance") before the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia on the 9th day of February, 1998 to consider Zoning Variance Request of James M. Box, M.D. to located a temporary mobile office at his building located at 102 Hospital COURT.

_____ ("the Application").

During the public hearing the Application was discussed in an open public meeting and the following findings were made:

1. The public notice of the hearing was published in the Calhoun Times as required in Section 14.2.2. of the Ordinance.

2. All signs giving notice of the public hearing required under Section 14.2.2. of the Ordinance were timely erected on the property.

3. All present adjoining land owners received notice of the public hearing and a copy of the Application as required by Section 14.4 of the Ordinance.

4. All disclosures of any conflict of interest required by Title 36, Chapter 67A of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated have been reported.

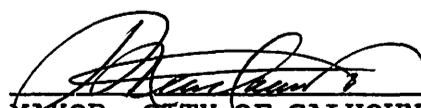
5. The findings and recommendations of the Zoning Advisory Board were reviewed and accepted as the findings of the Mayor and Council as follows: Recommend variance to grant a 12 month permit for the mobile office with the possibility of a six month renewal.

6. List any additional findings, if necessary to support additional conditions: _____

7. Review of the Standards set out in Section 14.5 of the Ordinance: Substantial compliance with the four criteria for a zoning variance.

Based on the foregoing findings the Application is (a) Approved x (b) Denied _____ (c) Approved with express condition _____

Number Voting: 4
In Favor: 4
Opposed: 0



MAYOR, CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

FEBRUARY 9, 1998

10:10 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET


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

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

1. Eddie Peterson gave a review of the status of the right-of-way negotiations for property on the Piedmont Street Project. He stated at this time, he has three parcels which would need to move forward through legal process, those being the parcels owned by Mr. and Mrs. Baker, parcel owned by Ms. Beth Maddox, and the parcel owned by Mr. Walter James. He stated other property owners were willing to work within the frame work as outlined in a proposal formed from the property appraisals obtained earlier from Harry Bennett Appraisals. The Council authorized Mr, Peterson to move forward and to issue checks for those rights-of- way and to proceed.

Approved:

Submitted:



John D. Meadows, III
Mayor



Cathy Harrison
City Administrator

CITY OF CALHOUN
CALHOUN, GEORGIA

RESOLUTION

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

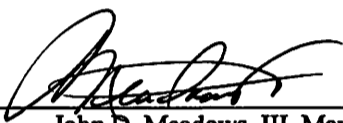
WHEREAS, the City of Calhoun, Georgia has complied, reviewed and modified an update to the Gordon County, Georgia Multijurisdictional Solid Waste Management Plan (April 1992); and

WHEREAS, the City of Calhoun, Georgia has complied with the 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, Georgia that the document entitled Solid Waste Management Plan for Gordon County, Georgia including the Cities of Calhoun, Fairmount, Plainville, Ranger and Resaca (December 1997) be officially approved and adopted.

So resolved this 9th day of February 1998.

City of Calhoun, Georgia

By: 
John D. Meadows, III, Mayor

Attest:


Cathy Harrison, City Administrator/Clerk

CITY OF CALHOUN
CALHOUN, GEORGIA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Calhoun, Georgia will hold a special municipal election on July 21, 1998;
and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint an Election Superintendent prior to the election; and

WHEREAS, the special election date will coincide with the county wide general primary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia hereby appoints Cathy Harrison, Election Superintendent. (Had mandatory 12 hours of training in 1997.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Election Superintendent is authorized to contract the special municipal election with the Gordon County Election Superintendent, Johnny Parker, Probate Judge.

Adopted this the 9th day of February 1998.

City of Calhoun

By: 
John D. Meadows, III, Mayor

Attest:


Cathy Harrison, City Administrator/Clerk

Oath of Office (Election Superintendent):

"I, Cathy Harrison, do swear (or affirm) that I will as superintendent duly attend the ensuing election (or primary) during the continuance thereof, that I will to the best of my ability prevent any fraud, deceit, or abuse in carrying on the same, that I will make a true and perfect return of the said election (or primary), and that I will at all times truly, impartially, and faithfully perform my duties in accordance with Georgia laws to the best of my judgement and ability."

2/9/98
Date


Signature

JANUARY 29, 1998

3:00 P.M.

BID OPENING FOR MAULDIN ROAD WATER
TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS
PHASE IV, PROJECT NO. 135-36D4
CITY HALL
226 SOUTH WALL STREET

PRESENT: ESTES PASS, WATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPERINTENDENT
JOHN SWEITZER, SWEITZER ENGINEERING
CATHY HARRISON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

ALSO: REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL BIDDING COMPANIES

1. Engineer Sweitzer introduced representatives of the City of Calhoun and proceeded to open bids for the Mauldin Road Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project. The bids opened were as follows:

- a. Phoenix Water and Sewer, Inc. – 64 Laurel Lane, Jasper, Georgia 30143 – Adendums acknowledged; bid bond included.
 1. Reclamation Improvements \$700,500.
 2. Deduct \$15,000.00
- b. DPS Industries, Inc. – 600 Brookside Industrial Drive, Mableton, Georgia 30126 – Adendums acknowledged; bid bond included.
 1. Reclamation Improvements - \$818,176.00
 2. Deduct - \$2,630.00
- c. Collins Construction, Inc. – 740 Weatherly Lane, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia 303298 – Adendums acknowledged; bid bond included.
 1. Reclamation Improvements - \$1,059,000.00
 2. Deduct - \$27,000.00
- d. Haren Construction Company, Inc. – 1715 Highway 41 North, Box 350, Etowah, TN 37331 – Adendums acknowledged; bid bond included.
 1. Reclamation Improvements - \$863,000.00
 2. Deduct - \$30,000.00
- e. Heavy Heavy Constructors – 1395 South Marietta Parkway, Building 100, Suite 114, Marietta, GA 30067 – Adendums acknowledged – bid bond included.
 1. Reclamation Improvements - \$817,000.00
 2. Deduct - \$25,000.00
- f. Jones Environmental Construction, Inc. – P. O. Box 425, Trussville, AL 35173 – Adendum acknowledged; bid bond included.
 1. Reclamation Improvements - \$854,900.00
 2. Deduct - \$23,000.00
- g. Lewis Contracting Corporation – 1124 old Savannah Road, Dublin, GA 31027 – Adendums acknowledged; bid bond included.
 1. Reclamation Improvements - \$1,118,225.00
 2. Deduct - \$8,500.00

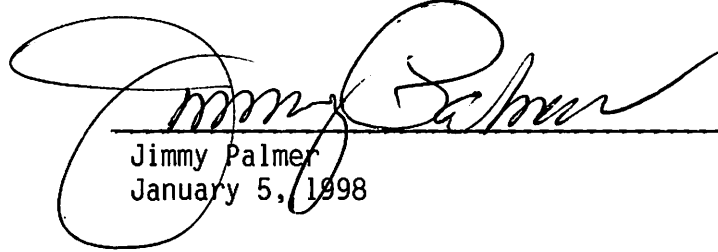
Engineer Sweitzer stated he would review all bids to make sure they complied and were correct in terms of addition and multiplication, and would make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council at a later date.

2. The meeting was closed with the bids being available to be reviewed by any bidders present.

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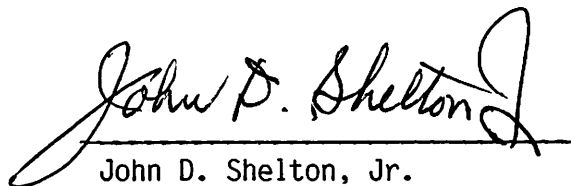

Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will truly perform to the best of my abilities the duties of City Councilman by adopting and enforcing such measures as in my judgement shall be best calculated to promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Calhoun and the common interest thereof."



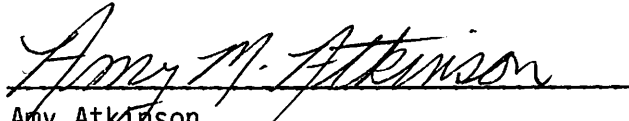
Jimmy Palmer
January 5, 1998

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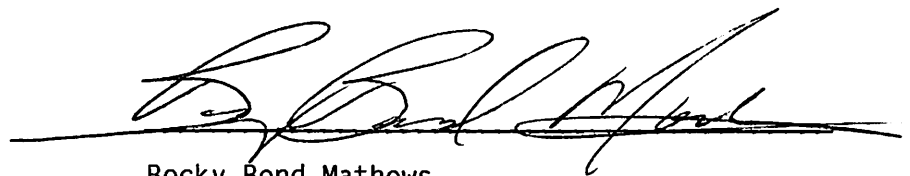


John D. Shelton, Jr.
January 5, 1998

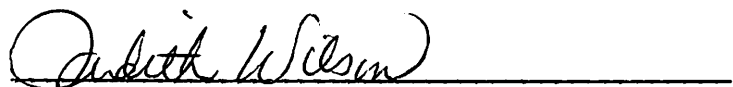
"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will truly perform to the best of my abilities the duties of the City School Board member by adopting and enforcing such measures as in my judgement shall be best calculated to promote an excellent school system for the inhabitants of the City of Calhoun and the common interest thereof."


Amy Atkinson
School Board Member, January 5, 1998

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will truly perform to the best of my abilities the duties of the City School Board Member by adopting and enforcing such measures as in my judgement shall be best calculated to promote an excellent school system for the inhabitants of the City of Calhoun and the common interest thereof."


Becky Bond Mathews
School Board Member, January 5, 1998

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Judith Wilson
School Board Member, January 5, 1998

Zoning Application No. 49

A public hearing was conducted pursuant to Section 14.2.3 of The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Calhoun, Georgia ("the Ordinance") before the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia on the 5th day of January, 1998 to consider Zoning Variance Request of James Michael Meadows for property located at 1280 Curtis Parkway for a 20ft height variance to locate an on premise sign on the property.

_____ ("the Application").

During the public hearing the Application was discussed in an open public meeting and the following findings were made:

1. The public notice of the hearing was published in the Calhoun Times as required in Section 14.2.2. of the Ordinance.

2. All signs giving notice of the public hearing required under Section 14.2.2. of the Ordinance were timely erected on the property.

3. All present adjoining land owners received notice of the public hearing and a copy of the Application as required by Section 14.4 of the Ordinance.

4. All disclosures of any conflict of interest required by Title 36, Chapter 67A of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated have been reported.

5. The findings and recommendations of the Zoning Advisory Board were reviewed and accepted as the findings of the Mayor and Council as follows: Recommend approval of 20 ft. height variance.

6. List any additional findings, if necessary to support additional conditions: _____

7. Review of the Standards set out in Section 14.5 of the Ordinance: Substantial compliance with seven standards.

Based on the foregoing findings the Application is (a) Approved x (b) Denied _____ (c) Approved with express condition _____

Number Voting: 4
In Favor: 4
Opposed: 0


MAYOR, CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

Zoning Application No. 48

A public hearing was conducted pursuant to Section 14.2.3 of The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Calhoun, Georgia ("the Ordinance") before the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia on the 5th day of January, 1998 to consider Zoning Variance Request of David R. Logan for property located at 1296 Curtis Parkway (Service Chevrolet) to build a fence within six feet of the curb.

_____ ("the Application").

During the public hearing the Application was discussed in an open public meeting and the following findings were made:

1. The public notice of the hearing was published in the Calhoun Times as required in Section 14.2.2. of the Ordinance.

2. All signs giving notice of the public hearing required under Section 14.2.2. of the Ordinance were timely erected on the property.

3. All present adjoining land owners received notice of the public hearing and a copy of the Application as required by Section 14.4 of the Ordinance.

4. All disclosures of any conflict of interest required by Title 36, Chapter 67A of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated have been reported.


5. The findings and recommendations of the Zoning Advisory Board were reviewed and accepted as the findings of the Mayor and Council as follows: Recommend approval of variance.

6. List any additional findings, if necessary to support additional conditions: Fence will encroach on a sewer easement and would need to be removed at owner's expense if sewer work needs to be done.

7. Review of the Standards set out in Section 14.5 of the Ordinance: Substantially complies with four criteria for a zoning variance.

Based on the foregoing findings the Application is (a) Approved x (b) Denied _____ (c) Approved with express condition _____

Number Voting: 4
In Favor: 4
Opposed: 0



MAYOR, CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

Zoning Application No. 47

A public hearing was conducted pursuant to Section 14.2.3 of The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Calhoun, Georgia ("the Ordinance") before the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia on the 5th day of January, 1998 to consider Annexation/New Zoning Request of Dr. Morris Jenkins, Agent for the Stephens Family, for property located directly east of the current property owned and occupied by Owasa Family Medicine for C-2 zoning.

_____ ("the Application").

During the public hearing the Application was discussed in an open public meeting and the following findings were made:

1. The public notice of the hearing was published in the Calhoun Times as required in Section 14.2.2. of the Ordinance.

2. All signs giving notice of the public hearing required under Section 14.2.2. of the Ordinance were timely erected on the property.

3. All present adjoining land owners received notice of the public hearing and a copy of the Application as required by Section 14.4 of the Ordinance.

4. All disclosures of any conflict of interest required by Title 36, Chapter 67A of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated have been reported.

5. The findings and recommendations of the Zoning Advisory Board were reviewed and accepted as the findings of the Mayor and Council as follows: Recommend annexation for C-2 zoning.

6. List any additional findings, if necessary to support additional conditions: 20ft. easement for water, sewer and electric lines is located on the west side of the property, city could excavate at property owner's expense if necessary; water study will need to be submitted by developer.

7. Review of the Standards set out in Section 14.5 of the Ordinance: Substnatial compliance with seven standards.

Based on the foregoing findings the Application is (a) Approved x (b) Denied _____ (c) Approved with express condition _____

Number Voting: 4
In Favor: 4
Opposed: 0


MAYOR, CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

CITY OF CALHOUN
CALHOUN, GEORGIA
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Calhoun, Georgia designates AmSouth Bank, Calhoun First national bank, Georgia Bank & Trust and Wachovia Bank as authorized City Depositories; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calhoun, Georgia has established an investment policy which utilizes local banks within defined guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calhoun, Georgia has varying amounts available for deposit and investment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Calhoun shall utilize the following funds, employees and Elected Officials being authorized to sign checks, withdrawals, and etc;

(Two Signatures Required)


General Funds, WPS Enterprise Funds, Debt Service Funds, Special Project Funds, Golf Enterprise Funds – Cathy Harrison, Linda Brookshire, Kelly Cornwell or John D. Meadows, III,

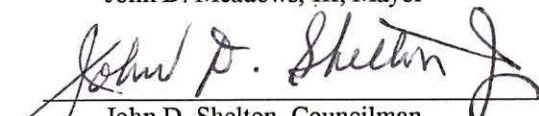
Payroll Funds – Cathy Harrison, Kelly Cornwell, or John D. Meadows, III


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Finance Officer, Cathy Harrison, shall be authorized to establish or have established new accounts or investments for the above mentioned funds in accordance with the investment policy.

Adopted this the 5th day of January, 1998.

City of Calhoun, Georgia

By: 
John D. Meadows, III, Mayor


John D. Shelton, Councilman


Jimmy Palmer, Councilman


Ronald H. Woods, Councilman


Henry Holland, Councilman

Attest:


Cathy Harrison, City Administrator/Clerk/Finance Officer

COUNCIL ARE SOMETIMES ACCUSED OF SPENDING TOO MUCH MONEY. WE DON'T LOOK AT IT AS SPENDING, MORE ON THE LINES OF INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE. WE HAVE DEBTS FOR SEWER, WATER, ELECTRICITY, AND RECREATION, BUT WE HAVE PLANNED WELL ENOUGH WITH OUR RATE STRUCTURE TO ASSURE THAT THESE DEBTS OR INVESTMENTS CAN BE REPAYED AND WE WILL HAVE LOW COST SERVICES.

WE PRIDE OURSELVES IN THE FACT THAT WE LISTEN TO OUR COMMUNITY AND GIVE THEM THE SERVICES THAT THEY WANT. WE LISTEN AND WE RESPOND. IT HAS BEEN THAT WAY IN THE PAST, AND WILL REMAIN THAT WAY IN THE FUTURE. IN THIS CHANGING ENVIRONMENT, WE MUST HAVE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATION, COMPROMISE AND COOPERATION. THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME TOUGH FUNDING CHOICES IN THE FUTURE, GET INVOLVED WE NEED YOUR HELP!

LAST YEAR I MADE THE STATEMENT THAT WE WEREN'T MAYBERRY ANYMORE, THAT'S SAD IN A WAY BECAUSE OF THE LOSS OF THE SMALL TOWN THAT I GREW UP IN, BUT ITS VERY EXCITING. WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF REDEFINING OURSELVES, DECIDING WHAT SORT OF FUTURE WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE. WE CAN KEEP THAT SMALL TOWN ATMOSPHERE AND STILL CONTINUE TO BE A THRIVING, ECONOMICALLY SOUND SMALL CITY. I GREW UP HERE AND HAVE BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO STAY AND MAKE A LIVING, BUT THAT MIGHT NOT BE THE CASE FOR OUR KIDS. WE MUST DIVERSIFY OUR BUSINESS BASE, AND CREATE MORE NON TRADITIONAL JOBS. WE CAN KEEP OUR IDENTITY AND OUR HISTORY AND STILL HAVE QUALITY GROWTH, BUT NOT WITHOUT YOU. WE WANT TO HAVE YOU ALONG AS WE JOURNEY INTO WHAT PROMISES TO BE ANOTHER GREAT AND EXCITING YEAR. WE'LL CAMPAIGN AND WORK FOR THOSE ISSUES THAT ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR FAMILITES. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WANT CALHOUN TO BE LIVABLE, ATTRACTIVE AND PROSPEROUS. HELP US TAILOR A PLAN OF GROWTH THAT IS SPECIFIC TO OUR NEEDS AND OUR RESOURCES.

AS EVER, I LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE.