

JANUARY 19, 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  
                  RONALD H. WOODS, COUNCILMAN  
                  HENRY E. HOLLAND, COUNCILMAN

**ABSENT:**      JOHN D. SHELTON, 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 called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Meadows led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag.
3. Minutes of the January 5, 1998 Regular City Council Meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's Comments:
  - a. Mayor Meadows extended his sympathy and condolences to the family of John Campbell of Mannington Carpets. He stated Mr. Campbell had passed away, and a memorial service will be held in Calhoun on Thursday at 11:00 A. M. Mayor Meadows stated Mr. Campbell, through his association with Mannington, had provided many opportunities for citizens of the Calhoun, Gordon County area.
  - b. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council of the GMA Mayor's Day Legislative Meeting January 24-26, 1998 in Atlanta.
  - c. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council of the public hearings scheduled for February 9, 1998: (1) Annexation/New Zoning Request of Bill Walraven for Lots 13 and 14 on Cherokee Lane for C-2 zoning; (2) 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; (3) Zoning Variance Request of SAFCO II for property located a 401 South Wall Street for a four ft. set back variance for an on premise sign to be located on the property.
  - d. Mayor Meadows commended each department head for their successful attendance and participation at a department head retreat on January 10, 1998.
  - e. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council to reserve May 14 & 15, 1998 as a Council retreat primarily for long term and short term planning for the city.
  - f. Mayor Meadows announced that budget amendments would be held until February 9, 1998 in order to have sufficient time to prepare and to distribute to the Council prior to the meeting.
5. Public Hearings & Comments:
  - a. A 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of an ordinance amendment to adopt current plumbing, building, housing, electrical and other codes was given. A public hearing was opened. There were no comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman Holland made a motion to waive the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> readings and to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer with Councilman Holland, Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer and Councilman Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.
  - b. A 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Beer/Wine Package License Request of Blue Sky Petroleum, with Kari Baumez to serve as manager for a location at 731 Highway 53, S. E. was given. Mayor Meadows opened the public hearing, and stated the police report for the manager was clear. Harrison stated the location for the request was the former Wallace Shell which had a Beer/Wine Package License previously, however, at the end of the year, the store was in the process of changing owners and a normal renewal was not requested. There were no other comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman Palmer made a motion to approve the Beer/Wine Package License for Blue Sky Petroleum with Kari Baumez serving as manager, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Woods with Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer, Councilman Woods, and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.
6. Old Business:
  - a. Mayor Meadows reported the Hospital Foundation had received a grant award for a mobile health unit, and the Council had considered a request on March 10, 1997, at the time a grant application was being filed. He asked the Council to reconsider and to act

upon the recommendation of the City Attorney which had been provided on March 24, 1997. Following discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer made a motion to approve the request for \$8,500.00, and to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract in which services would be provided for the Citizens of the City of Calhoun through the mobile health unit. Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer also stated that previous discussion had requested that Gordon County also participate in this beneficial service to Gordon County, and participate in the funding. He encouraged the Hospital Foundation Board to continue to solicit assistance from Gordon County, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Woods with Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer, Councilman Woods and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.

7. New Business:

- a. Harrison stated the SPLOST tax collection for the school projects would initially be slow due to the implementation of a new tax, and vendors were noted for paying late, therefore, it might be necessary for the City to borrow funds if general reserve funds were not available immediately to assist the schools in their projects since they desire to bundle jobs in order to obtain more attractive bids for the work. She recommended the Mayor and Council pass a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign short term loans up to \$1,500,000.00 should it be necessary to assist in the immediate cash flow needed for the project. Following discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to borrow short term funds if needed in the amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Woods with Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer, Councilman Woods and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Harrison presented a proposed budget calendar for the 1998-99 Budget Year. The calendar would move the process up by at least one month in all areas in order to have as much input from the majority of the elected officials prior to adoption. She noted there would need to be one change. The proposed budget calendar called for a second public hearing and adoption of the budget on April 27, 1998. She noted that the Budget Ordinance currently in force does not allow the adoption of the budget at the second public hearing. She stated it must be held at the next meeting, which would be May 11, 1998. She stated the following items from date would need to be extended, but should be complete by the end of May 1998.
- c. Attorney Bailey gave a first reading to a litter control ordinance which would provide the City Police Department with the proper authority to make cases against those persons littering either on the street right-of-ways or on public or private property, especially in dumpster areas. Mayor Meadows stated that the City receives many complaints of improper persons dumping trash and debris in dumpsters at private locations, and this ordinance would allow proper cases to be made, and those persons to be fined. Following discussion, Councilman Woods made a motion to set a public hearing for February 9, 1998 at 7:00 P. M., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Holland with Councilman Woods, Councilman Holland and Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. Kelly Cornwell reviewed a Reimbursement Agreement for a portion of an artery sewer line on Hood Street by Ms. Kitty Seto Leung in which she had provided over \$27,000.00 for the sewer line on Hood Street in which there were approximately 13 additional taps by other parties which could be made. It was determined that she would have almost those numbers of taps available for her own property in that area, and Director Cornwell recommended that Ms. Seto Leung be allowed to attempt to regain a maximum of \$14,000.00 of her original payment within a five year period by making the area a special sewer tap district in which taps would be doubled and the additional portion would be paid within a reasonable period of time to Ms. Seto Leung. Following discussion, Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the reimbursement agreement and to authorize the Mayor to sign, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- e. A 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Zoning Variance Request of L.: James B. Box to locate a temporary mobile office at his current office building on Hospital Court was given. Following discussion, Councilman Woods made a motion to set the public hearing for February 9, 1998 at 7:00 P. M., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- f. A 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Annexation/New Zoning Request for lots located on Hood Street and joining the owner's property fronting on Wall Street was given. Said property being less than one acre, and being owned by Alex Feagin and Alan McDaniel for C-2 zoning. Following discussion, Councilman Woods made a motion to set the public hearing for February 9, 1998 at 7:00 P. M., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. Other Written Items Not on the Agenda: None

9. Director Cornwell's Work Report:

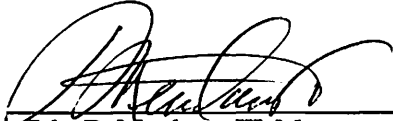
- a. Cornwell stated the City continues to work on the DOT Water Contract for the rest area south of Calhoun. He stated, however, weather was preventing prompt completion of the project.
- b. Cornwell stated the bids for the Water Plant work will be opened on January 29, 1998. He stated at this time, seven or eight contractors had obtained bid proposals, and he anticipates a good response for the bid.

- c. Cornwell stated the change in ownership for Mydrin should be completed after January 31, 1998 which would allow the City of Calhoun to obtain a site for a pump station, and that the work for the pump station should take five or six months for completion. He stated the project would improve water pressure in the Resaca area north of Calhoun.
- d. Cornwell stated the opening of bids for the work for the wells would be in February 1998, and the work should be completed in the latter part of August 1998.

10. Councilman Woods made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Palmer and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.


Approved:

Submitted:



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John D. Meadows, III, Mayor



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Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

CITY OF CALHOUN  
CALHOUN, GEORGIA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Calhoun School System will receive approximately \$7,900,000.00 in Special Purpose Local Option Sales Taxes (SPLOST) within the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the School System will obtain a more attractive bid if similar work is bundled; and

WHEREAS, the bundling of work will require a cash flow which will not necessarily coincide with the SPLOST receipts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calhoun General Fund reserve maturity dates which may not make it possible for interim city loans to be made;

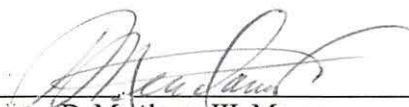
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor of the City of Calhoun and City Clerk are authorized to sign short term bank loans up to \$1,500,000.00 for interim financing for these special school projects;

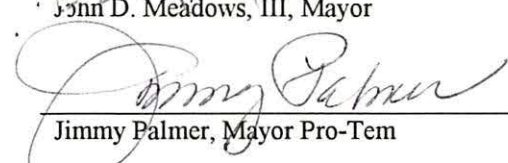
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Finance Officer is authorized to obtain short term bids for said borrowings from local banks, covering each calendar year during the construction period.

Adopted this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1998.

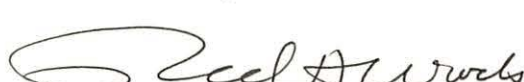
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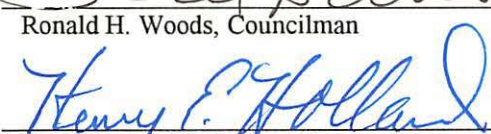
By:

  
John D. Meadows, III, Mayor


  
Jimmy Palmer, Mayor Pro-Tem

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John D. Shelton, Councilman

  
Ronald H. Woods, Councilman

  
Henry E. Holland, Councilman

Attest:

  
Cathy Harrison, City Administrator/Clerk