

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
JULY 27, 1998, 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** JIMMY PALMER, MAYOR  
RONALD H. WOODS, MAYOR PRO TEM  
JOHN D. SHELTON, JR., COUNCILMAN  
HENRY HOLLAND, COUNCILMAN  
RAY M. DENMON, COUNCILMAN

**ALSO:** WILLIAM P. BAILEY, CITY ATTORNEY  
KELLY CORNWELL, DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS  
CATHY HARRISON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Mayor Pro Tem Woods called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
  - a. Mr. Emory Wright, Assistant Pastor of the Richards Street Church of God in Dalton, Georgia gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Woods led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Councilman Shelton made a motion to approve minutes of the July 13, 1998 regular City Council Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Holland, and approved.
4. Cathy Harrison, City Administrator/Clerk gave the oath of office to Mayor Elect, James F. Palmer, to fill the unexpired term of John D. Meadows, III.
5. Mayor Palmer administered the oath of office to Ray M. Denmon as City Councilman, Post 3, to fill the unexpired term of Jimmy Palmer.
6. Mayor's Comments:
  - a. Mayor Palmer expressed appreciation to his family for their assistance in the recent election, and for their support. Mayor Palmer expressed appreciation to the community for its ability to provide very able persons to run for office in the City of Calhoun. Mayor Palmer expressed his congratulations to Ray M. Denmon, and pledged his assistance in any manner possible.
  - b. Mayor Palmer stated for the remainder of the year, he would assign to Councilman Denmon the departments of Electric, Telecommunications, and Building Inspection.
  - c. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and the general public of public hearings scheduled for August 10, 1998.
    - 1) Annexation and New Zoning Request of Randall and Donna McEntyre for a lot on Highway 53 East next to "Checkers" for C-2 Zoning;
    - 2) Zoning Change Request of Stanley Simpson for a lot on Highway 41 North, next to Georgia Bank & Trust, to be rezoned from Ind-G to C-2 Zoning;
    - 3) Annexation and New Zoning Request of Randy C. Mincey, et al, for a lot on Kenmorland Circle for R-1 Zoning;
    - 4) Annexation and New Zoning Request of Doug and Debbie Thomason for Lot 14, Belwood Park Subdivision for R-2 Zoning; and
    - 5) Zoning Variance Request of Celeste Chattam as agent for Marie Silvers for set-back on Lot on Wilson Street for construction of mini-storage units.
  - d. Mayor Palmer announced the City of Calhoun had received funds from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$21,589.00 for damages received during the April 1998 flooding. He stated the Street Superintendent, Kevin McEntire had pursued this request, with all funds requested being received. He commended Mr. McEntire for his efforts.
  - e. Mayor Palmer stated the National League of Cities will hold its annual meeting in Kansas City, and notified any Councilmen who were interested in the meeting, to contact Administrator Harrison as soon as possible.
7. Public Hearings and Comments:
  - a. Mayor Palmer reopened a public hearing on the Cellular Tower Ordinance and asked for a report from TeleCom Technologies, Inc. Cornwell stated he had met with David Nix of TeleCom Technologies, Inc., and had outlined the scope of work and stated he anticipated a report from the company by August 10, 1998. Mayor Palmer stated the hearing would be continued until August 10, 1998 at 7:00 P.M.
  - b. A public hearing was opened on the Law Enforcement Block Grant of \$12,429.00, in which a 10% local match will be funded from captured funds through the Court system, resulting from cases made by City police officers. Harrison reviewed the proposed items needed by the Police Department in order to continue their campaigns against drugs in the community. Some of those items needed were bulletproof vests for detectives, walkie-talkies with ear pieces and radios associated with the walkie-talkies, in order to provide proper surveillance work. The request also included two PC Computers for the Detective Division, binoculars, Alco-sensors, and rechargeable flashlights. Also, a portion of the funds, approximately \$1,550.00 is to be used for

training. Harrison stated the Advisory Committee for the Grant Project consisted of a person from the Chamber of Commerce, the Municipal Judge and a person from the High School. Each of those had also made recommendations. The High School had requested surveillance cameras at the High School. However, the Police Department stated those needs would be more than the entire grant, and recommended the request be held until the following year when the anticipated grant would be larger. The additional time could be used to develop a plan in which portions of the school's request could be funded year by year. The Chamber had requested additional training tapes for drugs in the workplace, which the Police Department stated could be funded from the training listed earlier. The request from the Municipal Judge was for training of at least one police officer to become fluent in Spanish. The Police Department is currently working with the City School System in setting up daily training for at least one or more police officers for this type of training, at no cost to the City. There were no comments from the public regarding the proposed grant expenditures, and the hearing was closed. Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to approve the list of proposed uses and to authorize the Mayor to sign all documents, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Shelton, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Shelton, Councilman Holland and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. Old Business:

- a. Harrison reported the City of Calhoun held its special election on July 21, 1998, with those services being contracted with the Judge of Probate Court, Honorable Johnny Parker. The total votes cast on the day of July 21, 1998 was 1559, with 172 absentee ballots of which 160 were readable, for a total number voting of 1719.

**Those candidates to fill the unexpired term of Mayor were:**

Richard "Dick" Hobgood .....	267
Kathy Elaine Holland.....	74
Jimmy Palmer.....	741
Ray Weddle.....	320

**Those candidates to fill the unexpired term for City Councilman, Post 3, were:**

Ray Mitchell Denmon.....	795
Clifford Free.....	513

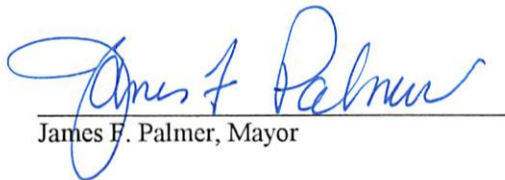
Harrison commended Judge Parker and his staff for the very apt way in which the election was held.

9. New Business:

- a. Mayor Palmer stated the Fair Association had requested a traditional parade for September 12, 1998, on the normal parade route, and the Chamber of Commerce with the Main Street Program had requested a traditional Christmas parade on December 4, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. Following discussion, Councilman Shelton made a motion to approve the two traditional parades on the normal parade route on the dates requested, subject to D.O.T. approval. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Woods, with Councilman Shelton, Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Denmon and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Mayor Palmer stated a special capital budget request had been filed by the Library Board for \$15,000.00 for changing the computer technology at the library. The change was needed in order for the library to be compatible with the Dalton Regional Library. He stated a large portion of the funding for the change would come through the Dalton Regional Library. However, the City of Calhoun and Gordon County have been requested to provide local funds of \$15,000.00 each to assist in the major change of systems. Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to approve the request, with the understanding that the additional funding would be considered in January at the time the budget is amended. He stated his request would also be subject to equal funding being provided by the Board of Commissioners of Gordon County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Holland, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Holland, Councilman Shelton, and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Mayor Palmer stated a request had been filed by the American Legion Post 4, requesting Thomas J. McCary, Jr. be approved as the new Alcohol License Manager for the American Legion Post, to replace C. L. Rutledge. Mayor Palmer stated the police report was clear and asked for confirmation by the Council. Councilman Holland made a motion to approve the request, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Shelton, with Councilman Holland, Councilman Shelton, Mayor Pro Tem Woods, and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to approve the right-of-way agreement between the Department of Transportation and the City of Calhoun for an intersection improvement on South Industrial Boulevard and State Route 3. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried. Mayor Palmer stated he wished to express appreciation to the Darbys and to Mr. Buck Fuller for their donation of easements for the project.
- e. Harrison read a proposed banking resolution, which would amend the authorized persons for signing checks on the various City accounts. Following review, Councilman Holland made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelton with Councilman Shelton, Councilman Holland, Mayor Pro Tem Woods and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.

10. Other written items not on the Agenda:
- a. Mayor Palmer stated the City of Calhoun had received contracts for additional street paving. He asked for a report from Mayor Pro Tem Woods. Mayor Pro Tem Woods stated the City of Calhoun staff and elected officials had visited the Department of Transportation several times, and as a result of those visits, had acquired paving for seven streets, in addition to the normal funding through the LARP Program. He stated those additional streets that will receive paving are:
    - 1) Stonehaven Drive;
    - 2) Crystal River;
    - 3) Overlook Drive;
    - 4) Rolling River Drive;
    - 5) McConnell Road;
    - 6) Oothcalooga Street; and
    - 7) Court Street.
  - b. Following review, Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to approve the contract and to authorize Mayor Palmer to sign. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Holland and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
11. Work report of Director of Utilities and Public Works, Kelly Cornwell:
- a. Cornwell stated the Sewer Plant construction work is almost 100% complete. He stated he has a meeting set up on Wednesday, July 29, 1998 with EPD for review of the system, and hopefully to approve the City's request for the permit to be extended to 16 MGD.
  - b. Cornwell stated the relief pump at Sugar Valley is performing quite well, and is assisting until the Mydrin Pump Station can be put on line. He stated the Camelot area is receiving slightly less pressure due to the tremendous water needs. However, he hopes to have the Mydrin Pump Station on line within the next few weeks, and it should relieve all of the problems in the northwest area.
  - c. Cornwell stated the City also has two tanks under repair and maintenance at this time, and he commended the Water Department for their ability to handle the tremendous water needs at this particular dry period of the year, in spite of the repair work.
12. Mayor Palmer inquired if any member needed to move to Executive Session. The response was negative.
13. Councilman Holland made a motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Shelton, with Councilman Shelton, Councilman Holland, Mayor Pro Tem Woods and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:

  
James F. Palmer, Mayor

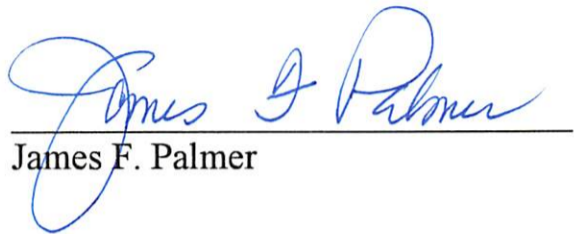
Submitted:

  
Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

**OATH OF OFFICE**

“I, James F. Palmer, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will truly perform to the best of my abilities the duties of Mayor, by adopting and enforcing such measures as in my judgment shall be best calculated to promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Calhoun and the common interest thereof.”

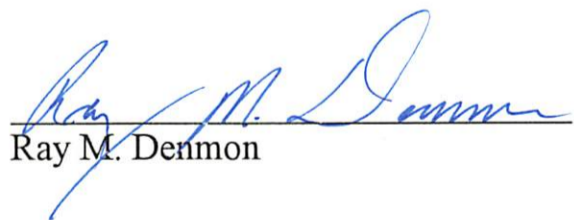
THIS, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1998.

  
James F. Palmer



“I, Ray M. Denmon, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will truly perform to the best of my abilities the duties of City Councilman, Post 3, by adopting and enforcing such measures as in my judgment shall be best calculated to promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Calhoun and the common interest thereof.”

THIS, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1998.

  
Ray M. Denmon

**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, with employees and elected officials being authorized to sign checks, withdrawals, etc. (Two Signatures Required):

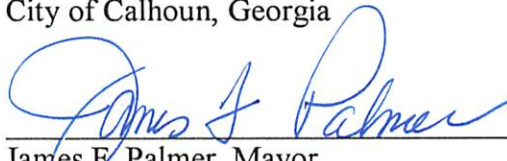
General Funds, WPS Enterprise Funds, Debt Service Funds, Special Project Funds, Golf Enterprise Funds – Signatures of two of the following: Cathy Harrison, Linda Brookshire, Kelly Cornwell, or James F. Palmer;

Payroll Funds – Signatures of two of the following: Cathy Harrison, Kelly Cornwell, or James F. Palmer;

**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 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 1998.


City of Calhoun, Georgia

  
James F. Palmer, Mayor

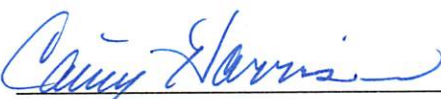
  
John D. Shelton, Councilman

  
Ronald H. Woods, Councilman

  
Henry Holland, Councilman

  
Ray M. Denmon, Councilman

Attest:

  
Cathy Harrison,  
City Administrator/Clerk/Finance Officer