

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DECEMBER 21, 1998, 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

PRESENT: JAMES F. 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
EDDIE PETERSON, ASST. DIR. OF UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS
CATHY HARRISON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
 - a. Councilman Holland gave the Invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Minutes of the December 14, 1998 regular City Council Meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and public of the hearings scheduled for January 11, 1999 at 7:00 P.M.
 - 1) New zoning and annexation request of Gordon B. Bearden, Jr. for approximately 24 acres off Curtis parkway, for C-2 zoning;
 - 2) New zoning and annexation request of Wanda Moore as agent for Wilma Greene, for a house and lot at 101 Thomas Street for R-1 zoning;
 - 3) New Zoning and annexation request of Bob and Carol Nance for lots 12 and 38 of Sky Way Subdivision on Highway 41 North for C-2 zoning;
 - 4) Zoning change request of James W. Hobgood for a lot at 108 East Belmont Drive from R-1 to C-2 zoning.
 - 5) New zoning and annexation request of Joe E. Moore, et al, for 28.5 acres at the intersection of Union Grove Road and Belwood Road, for A-1 zoning;
 - 6) New zoning and annexation request of Don R. Owens for approximately 46 acres at the proposed interchange of I-75 and Union Grove Road, for Industrial-G zoning.
 - 7) Beer, wine and liquor pouring license request of Cypress Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Riley's Irish Pub (Denny's) at 915 Highway 53 SE, at I-75.
 - b. Mayor Palmer reminded the general public of *ad valorem* tax deadline extension until January 15, 1999.
 - c. Mayor Palmer reminded everyone that City Hall will be closed December 24 and 25 for Christmas holidays.
 - d. Mayor Palmer wished everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
5. Public hearings and comments: **none.**
6. Old Business:
 - a. A second reading of the C&N amusement license renewal on North Wall Street, with Anna Casey, Manager, was given. Councilman Holland made a motion to approve renewal for 1999, second by Councilman Shelton, with Councilman Holland, Councilman Shelton, Mayor Pro Tem Woods and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.

7. New Business:

- a. Kelly Cornwell and Larry Vickery discussed the MEAG Distribution Business Unit, which previously MEAG had been providing services under the general business heading, and each participant of MEAG participated in the cost, whether they used the services or not. However, with the breakout of a MEAG Distribution Business Unit, individual cities can contract for the type of services they need, and pay only for those services. Mr. Cornwell and Mr. Vickery stated, based upon the City's need for joint purchasing, meter testing, training and safety, they desire to contract for these services. Following discussion, Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the proposal and to authorize the Mayor to sign the MEAG Distribution Business Unit contract. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Woods, with Councilman Denmon, Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Holland voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Kelly Cornwell discussed a proposal to purchase a gas generator for the Electric Department, which would be used for peaking power, with the possible recovery of the cost within 5.2 years. Attorney Bailey stated he had reviewed the sales agreement, and based upon these items, Councilman Denmon made the following motion: "I make a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement, effective December 18, 1998, to purchase an LM-2500 G.E. gas generator, to utilize for electric peaking power. The motion is for the cost of the generator, \$5,800,000.00, plus shipping and set-up costs, which will increase the total project cost to approximately \$8,000,000.00. The motion authorizes the finance officer to pay \$5,000,000.00 from water, power and sewer reserves, as outlined in the purchase agreement. The finance officer is authorized to incorporate a line item in the 1999-2000 budget and future budgets to recover the reserves. The motion also authorizes the Mayor to sign the necessary documents to borrow reserve funds from the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, Calhoun reserve account, for the balance of the project cost (approximately \$3,000,000.00.) The motion further authorizes the Mayor to sign all repayment schedules for the MEAG funds, and the finance officer is authorized to incorporate the repayment in the 1999-2000 budget and future budgets until the funds are repaid in full." The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Woods, with Councilman Denmon, Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, and Councilman Holland abstaining. The motion was approved.

8. Other written items not on the agenda:

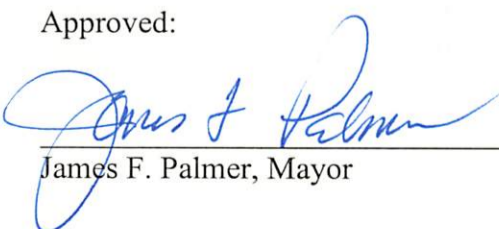
- a. A first reading was given to the beer pouring license application of Elizabeth Martinez for the Grill Villa Juarez at 607 South Wall Street. Harrison explained that under the new ordinance, a public hearing can only be set a minimum of 30 days and a maximum of 45 days from the first reading. She stated, based upon the change of the meeting dates for December and January, it made it impossible for the public hearing to be set within these guidelines. She stated her recommendation would be to set the public hearing for January 18, 1999. Following discussion, Councilman Shelton made a motion to set the public hearing for January 18, 1999 at 7:00 P.M., second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Shelton, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Holland and Mayor Pro Tem Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.

9. Work report of Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities and Public Works: no report.

10. Mayor Palmer stated there was no need to move to Executive Session.

11. Mayor Pro Tem Woods made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilman Holland, with Mayor Pro Tem Woods, Councilman Holland, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:


Cathy Harrison, City Administrator