



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024- 7:00 PM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

MINUTES

PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Ed Moyer, Mayor Pro Tem
Ray Mitchell Denmon, Councilmember
Jacqueline Palazzolo, Councilmember
Al Edwards, Councilmember

ALSO: Paul Worley, City Administrator; Kyle Ellis, Utilities Administrator; Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Tony Pyle, Police Chief; Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief.

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**

Welcome

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

Invocation

Mayor Palmer 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**

Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the September 23, 2024 agenda as presented. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of September 9, 2024. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

6. **Zoning Hearings and Comments**

7. **Other Public Hearings**

8. **Old Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a zoning request from PRD to R1-B, for 0.382 acres, at a location of 145 Green Row, being parcel C35-032, by Venture Communities. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting will be held October 10th and the public hearing October 14th.

9. **New Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of an ordinance to amend certain sections of Part II – Code of Ordinances, adding Minimum Landscaping Requirements; to repeal all conflicting ordinances; to fix an effective date; and for other purposes. The public hearing will be held October 28th.
- B. Mayor Palmer gave the first reading of a beer and wine package application at a location of 235 West Line Street, Suites, 2, 3, and 4, by One Nadia Gas Express LLC d/b/a Amoco Food Mart. Nil Govind Das is the owner and Mamata Kafle is the store manager. The public hearing will be held October 28th.
- C. Mayor Palmer read a Special Event Permit request by Tundra Taylor, Calhoun Homerun Club, for the Halloween Hustle 5K Race, on October 26, 2024. Setup will begin at 6:30 AM and breakdown at 12:00 Noon. The race will begin at Yellow Jacket Drive then cross Pine Street to the Recreation Department, then back to Yellow Jacket Drive, requiring the closing of a small portion of Pine Street from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Recommended for approval by the Downtown Development Authority at their September 19th meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- D. Mayor Palmer read a Temporary Outdoor Alcohol Special Event Permit request by The Sweet Table d/b/a Floret and Fromage, in association with the Unity Run 2024 Special Event Permit request by United Way of Gordon County. This will allow the provision of beer and wine by Floret and Fromage, currently holding a valid Class C beer, wine, and liquor license for on premise consumption. Floret and Fromage will apply for their Alcohol Special Event Permit with the Georgia Department of Revenue upon City approval. The permit request is for Tuesday, September 24th from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the request, pending submission of the Special Event Permit from the Georgia Department of Revenue. Councilmember 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 gave a review of the August 2024 general cash and hotel motel reports. (copy attached) Councilmember Denmon made a motion to

approve the reports as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

B. Kyle Ellis, Utilities Administrator gave a review of the August 2024 utilities cash report. (copy attached) Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the report as presented. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

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

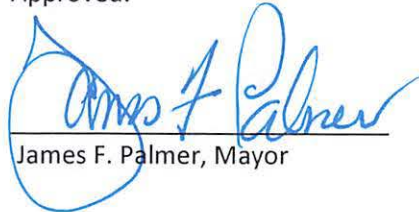
12. Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed

13. Motion to return to General Session

14. Motion to Adjourn

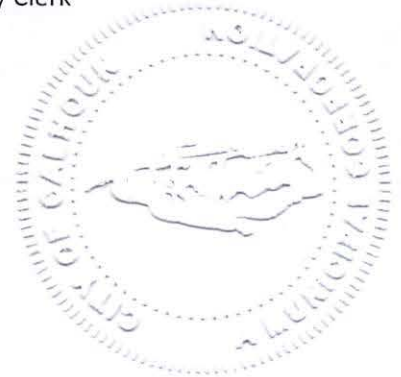
There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

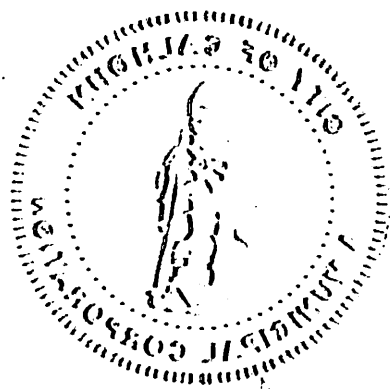
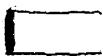
Approved:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:


Sharon Nelson, City Clerk





General Government Cash Report

General Government Operating Account

General Fund	Checking	\$ 1,877,356.73
Restricted Cash - Excise	Checking	109,162.80
Cash	Pay Pal	51,591.26
Solid Waste	Checking	275,241.18
Confiscated Assets	Checking	-
School Trust	Checking	395,730.05
Municipal Court	Checking	14,532.04
Hotel-Motel Fund	Checking	(65,457.56)
Recreation	Checking	205,637.39
Recreation - Hotel / Motel	Checking	256,583.39
SPLOST 2018	Checking	(17,480.00)
SPLOST 2024	Checking	-
Golf	Checking	702,139.27
Golf Renewal & Replacement Reserves	Checking	-
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	Checking	2,487,251.86
OPIOD	Checking	69,355.67
Total Operating		6,361,644.08

Reserves - Restricted / Renewal & Replacement	Savings	-
Specified Funds / Renewal & Replacement	Savings	750,000.00
Total Reserves		750,000.00

2018 SPLOST - Uncommitted	Checking	9,347,812.13
2018 SPLOST - Committed	Checking	688,572.90
2024 SPLOST - Uncommitted	Checking	104,073.44
Total		10,140,458.47

Fire Department Donations	Public Checking	6,154.78
Revolving Loan	Checking	576,079.91
Police #1 - Forfeiture (Settled)	Money Market	6,824.97
Police #2 - Forfeiture (Pending)	Checking	46,278.15
Police #3 - Fed Funds	Money Market	30,032.79
Police #4 - Evidence	Checking	58,554.56
Police #5 - ICE Funds	Checking	17,119.83
Police PEPI Account	Checking	3,510.00
School Debt Service	Savings	8,816,532.04
City of Calhoun Investment Account	Money Market	2,873,710.61
Total Special Funds, Reserves and Savings		12,434,797.64

GRAND TOTAL - 8/31/2024 **\$ 29,686,900.19**

Component Unit Cash

Downtown Development Authority	\$ 31,567.10
Downtown Development Authority - Hotel/Motel Tax	126,577.92
	\$ 158,145.02

General Government Investments

City of Calhoun - Various Investments

Reserves held in investments - \$3,426,352.73	\$ 14,344,747.61
ARPA	-
Golf- \$600,000 reserves held in Investments	1,013,772.46
	\$ 15,358,520.07

Hotel/Motel 8/31/24 Report

Amount Received from GMA & Paid to Vendor for FY24

Vendor #	Vendor	Jul paid in Sep 2023	Aug paid in Oct 2023	Sep paid in Nov 2023	Oct paid in Dec 2023	Nov paid in Jan 2024	Dec paid in Feb 2024	Jan paid in Mar 2024	Feb paid in Apr 2024	Mar paid in May 2024	Apr paid in Jun 2024	May paid in Jul 2024	Jun paid in Aug 2024	Total
29	Chamber of Commerce	\$ 45,392.07	\$ 31,338.86	\$ 26,582.80	\$ 48,211.41	\$ 41,383.54	\$ 31,715.54	\$ 30,920.15	\$ 35,226.20	\$ 48,282.23	\$ 45,391.65	\$ 46,462.27	\$ 48,115.30	\$ 479,022.02
1346	City of Calhoun-Unrestricted	38,907.49	26,861.88	22,785.26	41,324.07	35,471.61	27,184.74	26,502.98	30,193.89	41,384.78	38,907.14	39,824.81	41,241.68	410,590.33
1346	City of Calhoun-Restricted	6,484.58	4,476.98	3,797.54	6,887.35	5,911.93	4,530.79	4,417.16	5,032.32	6,897.46	6,484.52	6,637.47	6,873.61	68,431.71
3132	Calhoun Recreation Dept.	12,969.16	8,953.96	7,595.09	13,774.69	11,823.87	9,061.58	8,834.33	10,064.63	13,794.93	12,969.05	13,274.94	13,747.23	136,863.46
	Total Paid By H/M Fund	\$ 103,753.30	\$ 71,631.68	\$ 60,760.69	\$ 110,197.52	\$ 94,590.95	\$ 72,492.65	\$ 70,674.62	\$ 80,517.04	\$ 110,359.40	\$ 103,752.36	\$ 106,199.49	\$ 109,977.82	\$ 1,094,907.52
	Paid to Industrial Development by City of Calhoun	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
	Paid to Downtown Development by City of Calhoun	\$ 50,000.00	-	-	50,000.00	-	-	50,000.00	-	-	50,000.00	-	-	\$ 200,000.00

Balance in City Held Accounts as of 8/31/2024

	Beginning Balance as of 7/1/2023	Revenue	Expenses	Balance as of 8/31/2024
City of Calhoun-Unrestricted	\$ 911,723.61	\$ 410,590.33	\$ (120,000.00)	\$ 1,202,313.94
City of Calhoun-Restricted	\$ 20,680.23	\$ 68,431.71	\$ (16,000.00)	\$ 73,111.94
Downtown Development	\$ 121,478.67	\$ 200,000.00	\$ (194,900.75)	\$ 126,577.92
Calhoun Recreation Dept.	\$ 162,933.17	\$ 136,863.46	\$ (43,213.24)	\$ 256,583.39

Utilities Cash Report

Utility Operating Account

Electric	Checking	\$ 2,398,149.38
Water & Sewer	Checking	2,292,474.80
Telecommunications	Checking	931,852.35
Utilities Administration	Checking	1,774,626.86
Total Operating		7,397,103.39

Electric Reserves & Unrestricted Investments	Reserves - Checking	3,699,853.27
Telecom Reserves & Unrestricted Investments	Reserves - Checking	219,019.00
Water / Sewer Reserves & Unrestricted Investments	Reserves - Checking	3,651,467.22
Bond Sinking Fund	Savings	135,727.79
Utility Deposits	Checking	1,191,074.12
City of Calhoun Shuler Bond	Savings	38,468.48
City of Calhoun Investment Account	Money Market	5,641,979.73
Total Savings & Reserves		<u>14,577,589.61</u>

GRAND TOTAL - 8/31/2024 **\$ 21,974,693.00**

Utilities Investments

Electric	\$ 20,802,873.59
Water	\$ 21,533,165.44
Sewer	\$ 5,599,084.65
Telecommunications	\$ 2,953,336.01
City of Calhoun - Various Investments	<u><u>\$ 50,888,459.69</u></u>