

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM  
109 SOUTH KING ST  
MARCH 24, 2014 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor  
Al Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem  
George Crowley, Councilman  
David Hammond, Councilman  
Matt Barton, Councilman**

**ALSO: Eddie Peterson, City Administrator; Paul Worley, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney;  
Major Larry Gilbert, Police Department; Jerry Crawford, Water and Sewer Director; Jeff Defoor,  
Director of Electric Utilities**

- 1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.  
A. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards gave the invocation.**
- 2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.**
- 3. Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the agenda and Councilman Hammond seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion approved.**
- 4. Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2014 City Council Meeting. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.**
- 5. Mayor's Comments:**
  - A. Mayor Palmer announced that the City of Calhoun has achieved Tree City USA status again. This is a nationwide program managed by the National Arbor Day Foundation. This designation ensures that our community has achieved certain standards for proper management of our forest resources. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year the City has received this award. Out of 536 cities in the state of Georgia, only 138 cities are designated Tree Cities. Mayor Palmer commended the Calhoun Beautification Committee who helps to provide trees annually to the community. This year 4,500 trees were given away at no charge. In the past five years there have been over 20,000 trees given away to the community to help beautify our City.**
- 6. Public Hearings and Comments: None**

**7. Old Business:**

- A. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a beer package license request by Laiba Noor Corporation DBA: LN Foodmart at a location of 549 Hwy 53 SE. The proposed manager is Arif Shekh. The public hearing will be on April 14, 2014.

**8. New Business:**

- A. Mayor Palmer read a road closure request for the Calhoun Chick-Fil-A Connect Race Series to include a 10K, 5K, and 1 mile race. Proceeds will benefit the Voluntary Action Center. Mayor Palmer stated that there has been a tremendous response from the community and local businesses to support the fundraising effort of the race event. The VAC hopes to receive significant financial help to go towards their food assistance programs for Gordon County residents. Mayor Palmer stated that the VAC is a great organization and provides a lot of services for the community. The race request would occur Saturday May 10, 2014 beginning at 8:00am. The one mile race will be hosted by the Calhoun Recreation Department on their walking trail. The 5K race begins at the Recreation Department and follows Recreation Drive, left on McDaniel Station Road, turn right on Hwy 53, right on Maplewood Drive, left onto Greenbriar Circle, continue on Forest Heights Drive, right on Hwy 53 spur, and ending at the Recreation Department. The 10K race runs the same 5K route and continues down Hwy 53 spur, left on McConnell Road, right onto W. Line Street, right onto S. River Street, and turn right onto Recreation Drive. Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the road closure request. Councilman Hammond gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. Mayor Palmer thanked the Calhoun Police Department for working closely with the event planners to determine the race route.
- B. Mayor Palmer conducted the first reading of an ordinance change to amend Article X: Sign Ordinance. Changes include clarification for treatment of "bench" structures and to establish a Highway Interstate Exchange (HIE) zone at Hwy 53, exit 312 and Hwy 156, exit 315. Attorney Govignon briefed the Council on the need for the revisions to the sign ordinance. Councilman Hammond made a motion to set the public hearing for April 14<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- C. Mayor Palmer read a request for the City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract for the dismantling and disposal of two decommissioned water tanks in Resaca and Sugar Valley. Calhoun Utilities has been approached by RCW Inc. to dismantle and salvage the referenced steel stand pipe water tanks. These facilities have been idle for many years and are in need of disposal. In the past, approximately 2012, proposals were received for this purpose which resulted in dismantling costs to be borne by the City of Calhoun and Calhoun Utilities. The tentative arrangement is for RCW Inc. to produce a contract for disposal, provide for appropriate insurance, pay Calhoun a portion of the salvage steel sales, and leave the sites in safe usable condition. The request is that the Council approve the Mayor's signing of a subsequent contract with RCW Inc. pending acceptance and review by Jerry Crawford, managing staff, and the City Attorney. Councilman Hammond asked about the companies credentials. Mr. Crawford stated that RCW

Inc. recently demolished some tanks for Walker County and did a good job and they also do contract work for Amerigas. Councilman Hammond made a motion to declare the two water tanks as surplus equipment and allow the Mayor to sign the contract pending the review of appropriate staff and the City Attorney. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

**9. Other written items not on the agenda: None**

**10. Work Reports:**


A. Administrator Eddie Peterson

- Administrator Peterson reviewed the monthly General Government cash report.

**11.** Councilman Hammond stated that the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission met last Thursday and took the recommendation to add phosphorus removal/nutrient trading as one of the items for the regional commission's priority list.

**12.** Councilman Barton made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Crowley with all voting aye, motion approved.

Approved:



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James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



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Paul Worley, City Clerk