

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
OCTOBER 22, 2001 - 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
John D. Shelton, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem
Ray M. Denmon, Councilman
Lorene Potts, Councilwoman

ABSENT: Ronald H. Woods, Councilman

ALSO: Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities
Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works
Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Councilman Denmon led the group in the invocation.
2. Councilman Denmon led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.
3. Minutes of the October 8, 2001 regular City Council meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Palmer reminded the public of Halloween, which would be celebrated on October 31, 2001. He stated Trick-or-Treat would be reserved for children age 12 and under, between the hours of 5:30 and 9:00 P.M. He asked the public to be extremely careful and watchful for the "little ghosts and goblins" and to drive carefully.
 - b. Mayor Palmer introduced Tom Gehl of Georgia Municipal Association, who has an award for Representative Thomas E. Shanahan. Mr. Gehl recognized the excellent work provided during the past year by Representative Thomas E. Shanahan, who serves on several committees, but primarily who has been most helpful with cities and counties as it regards construction contracts relating to House Bill 1079 and also for his work on the hazardous waste study committee. He presented Representative Shanahan with an award on behalf of his outstanding service to not only his local community but to the state at large. Mayor Palmer confirmed the award to Representative Shanahan and also stated the community was very proud of Tom Shanahan.
 - c. Mayor Palmer reminded the public of the Mayors' Motorcade to the Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital on December 4, 2001. He stated anyone wishing to donate gifts for the patients at the hospital may drop those off at City Hall prior to December 4. He also encouraged others to accompany him on the trip on December 4.
 - d. Mayor Palmer reminded the public of one additional public hearing that would be held regarding the increased school tax millage on October 29 at 6:30 P.M. at the Depot Community Room. He also asked the Council to consider passing a motion to set a special Council Meeting on October 29, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. to officially set the

millage following the public hearing by the school. Following review, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion to set the special meeting on October 29, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of setting a tax millage for both the city school system and the City of Calhoun. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Potts, with Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilwoman Potts and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- e. Mayor Palmer reminded the public of the city general election on November 6, 2001 at the recreation department from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. He stated there are two positions that have opposition; one being school board post 1, in which Amy Atkinson and Tony Swink are opponents; and school board post 3, in which Marc Ethridge and Alan Holcomb are opponents. He encouraged everyone to vote and those that are not able to go to the polls and who qualified may obtain absentee ballots at City Hall during regular business hours.
 - f. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council of the beer and wine pouring license hearing on November 12, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. regarding Gary Spritzer's request for the location at 455 Belwood Road in the Outlet Mall.
 - g. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and public of zoning hearings scheduled for November 12, 2001:
 - 1) A request by J. Lane Bearden, Administrator of the estate of Bethel Gilreath, for zoning of R-1A (under guidelines of new ordinance) and annexation of property located at 1131 Dews Pond Road, a lot 100 by 200 feet.
 - 2) A request for zoning of R-1 and annexation by Michael Clark for 111 Shadowood Drive in the Amakanata area.
 - 3) A request by Tom Griffith for a 10-foot zoning variance to build a garage at his home at 502 College Street.
 - 4) A request for rezoning from C-2 to Ind-G by Gary S. Spritzer for 4.58 acres on Executive Drive.
 - h. Mayor Palmer reminded the public of the city's surplus property sale on November 3, 2001 at 10:00 A.M. at the street department shop on Kirby Drive.
5. Public Hearings and comments:
- a. Mayor Palmer recognized Dave Ronningen, the administrator for the innovative grant, which allowed the city to rebuild the downtown building on Court Street presently occupied by the Crowe's Nest Restaurant.
 - 1) Mr. Ronningen opened the public hearing in which he reviewed the activity of the grant, which was approved in May 1999. He stated the final award was \$254,250.00, of which \$240,000.00 was for actual construction and \$14,000.00 was used for administrative fees. He stated local resources, which included \$105,000.00 from the lessee and some \$33,000.00 from the City of Calhoun was put into the project. He stated the project required continuations due to design problems, contractor problems and budget problems. He stated the original project outlined 20 new jobs to be created, of which 14 would be low to moderate income level. However, in actuality, there were 31 jobs created, with 22 being low to moderate income jobs, with a 70% low to moderate percentage. He made the statement that the project, although it moved slowly, it had a lot of in-kind input by employees of the city and a great deal of input from Beve Ryberg, the Main Street Director. Dave Ronningen distributed fair housing fliers for the general public, which is a requirement of the grant program. He inquired if there were any questions regarding the grant or grant activities.

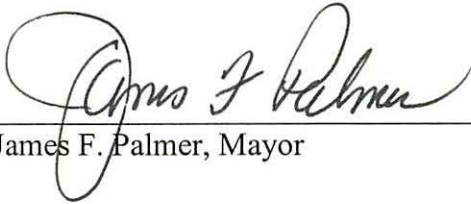
- 2) There were none and Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing.
 - 3) Councilwoman Potts stated the City of Calhoun had received notification from the Board of Directors of the Georgia Downtown Association on the 2001 annual Downtown Awards. She stated the City of Calhoun and the Downtown Development Authority for the City of Calhoun had received two awards: one was the Organizational Volunteer in which Ken Primmer received the volunteer award for his valuable assistance to the Main Street Partnership; the second award was for economic development for the best Downtown Development project. This award is being made to the City of Calhoun, the Calhoun Downtown Development Authority and to Steve Crowe, the lessee of the renovated building known as Crowe's Nest Restaurant. Councilwoman Potts commended Beve Ryberg for her service to the downtown area and for her excellent leadership in this area. Mayor Palmer also commended the Downtown Development Authority and Beve Ryberg, as the Main Street Director.
- b. A second reading was given of the proposed amendment to the business license occupation tax regulations regarding Insurance companies, amending the annual fee from \$50.00 to \$75.00, effective January 2002.
- 1) A public hearing was opened. Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments regarding the proposed legislation. There were none and the public hearing was closed. Councilwoman Potts made a motion to waive the third and fourth reading and to approve the amendment to the business license occupation tax regulations authorizing the increase of fees from \$50.00 to \$75.00, effective January 2002. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilwoman Potts, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
6. Old Business:
- a. A second reading was given of the pawn license request of Cash Store, Inc, Kent Popham, owner, at 1108 South Wall Street, Suite 3. Mayor Palmer reported the police report was clear and asked if there were any comments. There were none. Councilwoman Potts made a motion to approve the request, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
7. New Business:
- a. Mayor Palmer stated a manager change request had been filed for Golden Gallon GA, LLC from Douglas Morse to Karen Aldridge. He stated the police report is clear and the applicant meets the residency and age requirements. Following discussion, Councilwoman Potts made a motion to confirm the manager change, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilwoman Potts, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
8. Other written items not on the agenda: **none.**
9. Work Reports:
- a. Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities: Mr. Cornwell inquired if the Mayor and Council had received copies of the proposed intergovernmental agreement regarding sewer services with the City of Resaca from Attorney Bailey. Mayor Palmer stated all had received copies. However, they had not had sufficient time to review the

agreement. Following discussion, Mayor Palmer stated the item would be held until the next regular Council meeting.

- b. Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works: Peterson stated the steel bridge for River Park would be arriving in the community on Tuesday, October 23, 2001 and would be installed as part of the pedestrian trail project.
10. Mayor Palmer inquired if there was any need to move to executive session. The response was negative.
11. Councilwoman Potts made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:

Submitted:



James F. Palmer, Mayor



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

**CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA
CITY SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING ON *AD VALOREM* TAX INCREASE
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
OCTOBER 22, 2001 – 5:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

PRESENT: **George Crowley, Chairman, City School Board
Amy Atkinson, City School Board
Al Edwards, City School Board**

ALSO PRESENT: **Judy Neal, City School Superintendent
Donald Hood, City School Finance Officer
Cathy Harrison, City Administrator**

1. Chairman George Crowley called the meeting to order, opened the public hearing and noted there were no members from the media or the general public in attendance. He stated a PowerPoint presentation was available and ready for presentation to anyone who wished to attend.

2. The Board held the public hearing open until 5:10, at which time Chairman Crowley closed the hearing.

Approved:

Submitted:



George Crowley, Chairman
City School Board



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

**CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA
CITY SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING ON *AD VALOREM* TAX INCREASE
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
OCTOBER 22, 2001 – 10:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

PRESENT: **George Crowley, Chairman, City School Board
Amy Atkinson, Calhoun City School Board
Al Edwards, Calhoun City School Board
James F Palmer, Mayor, City of Calhoun**


ALSO PRESENT: **Judy Neal, City School Superintendent
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1. Chairman George Crowley opened the public hearing. There was no one from the media or the general public in attendance. Mr. Crowley stated a presentation had been prepared on PowerPoint and was ready for any member of the public that wished to review the needs associated with an increase for the year 2001 taxes.

2. The public hearing was closed at 10:20 A.M.

Approved:

Submitted:



George Crowley, Chairman
City School Board



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator