

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
AUGUST 27, 2001 - 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Ronald H. Woods, Councilman

ALSO: William P. Bailey, City Attorney
Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities
Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works
Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

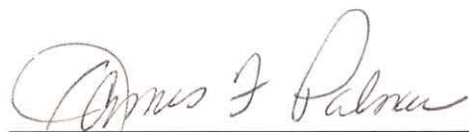
1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Councilwoman Potts gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.
3. Minutes of the August 13, 2001 Regular City Council meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Palmer stated that on behalf of himself, the City Council and staff, he wished to express sympathy to the family of Mr. Frank M. Dickinson, who served as former Mayor of the City of Calhoun from January 1962 through December 1973. He commended Mr. Dickinson for his many years of public service and for his love and dedication to the City of Calhoun.
 - b. Mayor Palmer requested Councilwoman Potts to review the special event called "Celebration of the 50's." Councilwoman Potts stated several thousand citizens came to the downtown area for a night of relaxation, fun and enjoyment. She commended various departments of the city, such as the street department, the police department, the parks department, the electric department, along with Beve Ryberg and Eddie Fox, who assisted in making the evening a success. Mayor Palmer then stated he wished to also express appreciation for the cooperation of the various areas of the city that helped to make it such a successful evening.
 - c. Mayor Palmer requested a motion to appoint a voting delegate and an alternate to the National League of Cities meeting in Atlanta in December. His recommendation was for Mayor Pro Tem Shelton to be the voting delegate and Councilman Woods to be the voting alternate. Following review, Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve Mayor Pro Tem Shelton as voting delegate and Councilman Woods as voting alternate. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Potts, with Councilman Denmon, Councilwoman Potts and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - d. Mayor Palmer reminded the public of the city and county school referendum to be held on September 18, 2001.

- e. Mayor Palmer reviewed a Literacy Proclamation, recognizing September 2001 as literacy month in Georgia. Following review of the proposed proclamation, Councilwoman Potts made a motion to adopt, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilwoman Potts, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - f. Mayor Palmer reminded the council members of a hearing on September 10, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. on a request for a zoning change from A-1 to C-2 by Joe E. Moore for 1.829 acres in the northwest corner of a parcel lying east of Highway 41 south of Union Grove Road, and to rezone 18.277 acres lying east of Highway 41 and joining the above parcel from A-1 to Industrial-H.
5. Public Hearings and comments:
- a. Mayor Palmer stated the hearing on a request by Terry Langley, Emory Cantrell, et al, for a revolving loan, had been requested to be held until September 10 while the applicants investigate the pros and cons of issuing industrial revenue bonds.
 - b. Tom Greeson requested permission to address the City Council. Mr. Greeson stated he felt it was important both the public and the Council recognize former Council Member Paul McEntire for his dedicated public service and also to request that a plaque be installed recognizing him for his significant work on the Depot. Mayor Palmer, speaking on behalf of the Council that was in office at the time Mr. McEntire served, stated he agreed with Mr. Greeson that Mr. McEntire should be recognized for his effort on a project that was supported by the Mayor and Council in office at the time. Mayor Palmer stated he certainly felt it would be appropriate for a plaque to be installed indicating not only Paul McEntire, but all those in office at the time, with Mr. McEntire being listed as the project manager.
 - c. Mr. William Worley of Resaca had requested to address the Council regarding a minimum bill for a 2-inch residential water meter. Mr. Worley stated he had been informed it would be to his benefit to have a 2-inch line to his house in Resaca, which is elevated, in order to insure proper flow and pressure. He stated he not only installed a 2-inch line but also a 2-inch meter. He found himself using no more water than that of a household with a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch or 1-inch tap. However, his minimum bill was \$21.00, as compared to a minimum bill for a 1-inch tap of \$11.50. Mayor Palmer explained that a 2-inch tap, until three or four years ago, had been over \$40.00 as a minimum. At that time, the Council amended the minimum rate by lowering it to \$21.00 for a residential 2-inch tap. This was a lowering across the board. He also stated the 2-inch meter had the capacity of using four times as much water as the $\frac{3}{4}$ inch tap and that was the reason for the higher minimum bill. He stated that should Mr. Worley desire to have a lower minimum bill, he could avail himself of the city's offer to install a 1-inch meter at no additional cost, and thereby lower his minimum bill. Following discussion, Mayor Palmer asked Mr. Worley to discuss this matter further with Jerry Crawford and Kelly Cornwell.
6. Old Business: **none.**
7. New Business:
- a. Mayor Palmer requested a motion to allow him to sign a replacement contract and note for GEFA Account #93-07-SW, which had a percentage error in the original documents, as discovered in a recent audit. Following review, Councilwoman Potts made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the replacement documents, second by

- Councilman Denmon, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Mayor Palmer stated the city had received two traditional parade application requests. The first was for the Cherokee Capital Fair on September 8, 2001 at 11:00 A.M. on the traditional route. The other was for the Community Christmas Parade on December 7, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. on the traditional route. Following discussion, Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve both, subject to DOT approval, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilman Denmon, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - c. Mayor Palmer stated a request had been made for a beer and wine pouring license in the name of Libby Sanders for a new restaurant at 455 Belwood Road, a new location in the Prime Outlet Mall. The earliest date for a public hearing would be October 8, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. Following review, Councilwoman Potts made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time, 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 stated the city had received a consent order from the Department of Natural Resources, in which they outlined provisions for the city to continue to operate well #3 until December 2002, while the city is in process of installing final filtration for the well system. Mr. Cornwell stated he had worked with the Department of Natural Resources in outlining the consent order, which did not include any fines but which would allow continued operations under conditions that met the safe drinking water requirements. Following discussion, Councilwoman Potts made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the consent order and to return to the Department of Natural Resources. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - b. Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works: **no report**.
10. Mayor Palmer inquired if it was necessary to move to Executive Session. The response was negative.
11. Councilwoman Potts made a motion to adjourn, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilwoman Potts, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:

Submitted:



James F. Palmer, Mayor



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator