

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
NOVEMBER 26, 2001 - 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** James F. Palmer, Mayor  
Ronald H. Woods, Councilman  
Ray M. Denmon, Councilman  
Lorene Potts, Councilwoman

**ABSENT:** John D. Shelton, Mayor Pro Tem

**ALSO:** William P. Bailey, City Attorney  
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 introduced Nancy Budzis and the members of Cub Pack #53 each introduced themselves. The Cub Pack let the group in the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.
3. Minutes of the November 12, 2001 regular City Council meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's Comments:
  - a. 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.
  - b. Mayor Palmer asked for an update on Mayor Pro Tem Shelton's condition following his automobile accident on November 6, 2001. Councilman Woods stated he had visited with Mayor Pro Tem Shelton on Sunday afternoon and had found him in good spirits at the Siskin Hospital in Chattanooga. He stated it was his understanding that Mr. Shelton would be arriving home in a few days. However, he was unable to put any weight on the injured leg and hip and the therapy at this point consisted of upper body exercise. He stated Mr. Shelton was concerned about what was happening with the city. He had a long conversation with him.
  - c. Mayor Palmer commended the Calhoun football team, who is in the first round of competition. Councilman Woods stated there would be a tailgate party at the Depot parking lot before the game on Friday, November 30, 2001.
  - d. Mayor Palmer reminded everyone of the GMA Mayors' Day Legislative Meeting in Atlanta on January 27 through 28 and asked anyone who plans to attend to notify Administrator Harrison.
  - e. Mayor Palmer requested a motion to change the second meeting in January from the 28<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of January in 2002, in order to allow elected officials and staff to attend the GMA Mayors' Day Legislative Meeting. Councilman Woods made a motion to amend the meeting dates from January 28 to January 21, 2002, second by

Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- f. Mayor Palmer stated at this time, he would like to recognize four city employees: Shane Ted Dutton, Gene Elrod, Scotty Harmon, and Kenneth Hilley, all who have successfully completed training and passed their GED examinations. Mayor Palmer also recognized their trainer from Coosa Valley Technical College, Sonja Parker, and commended her for her excellent training. Mayor Palmer stated that when the city realized the GED testing would be changed in the year 2002, it gave an opportunity for any city employees to take advantage of training provided by the college, with the option of being tested for the GED. These four individuals had taken advantage of the opportunity and had successfully completed their work.
- g. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and public of zoning hearings scheduled for December 10, 2001:
  - 1) A request for zoning of R-1A and annexation by James F. and Mary Faye Jones for a ¾ acre lot at 2231 Red Bud Road out of a 15 acre tract, adjoining Timberidge Subdivision.
  - 2) A request for Commercial zoning and annexation by William V. Worley for lots at 1112 North Wall Street, adjoining city property owned by Alex Feagan and containing an existing building, with loading docks to be added.
- h. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and public of a request for a liquor and wine package license by Augustus Rawson King, IV, for the ABC Liquor Package Store on Highway 53 East on December 17, 2001. Request for license for remainder of 2001 and for 2002.

5. Public Hearings and comments: **none.**

6. Old Business:

- a. Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of the beer, wine and liquor license renewal requests for 2002 that were filed on time, as follows:

Licensee	Manager	License Type
American Legion Post 47	American Legion	Beer Pkg/Pour & Liquor Pour
Arch City Package	Patricia DeFoor	Beer Package
B&L Beverage	Cindy E. Lewis	Beer Package
B&L Liquor, Inc.	Lindsey Lewis	Liquor/Wine Package
China Cook	Linn Buu Quan	Beer/Wine Pouring
El Pueblito	Juana Naranjo	Beer/Liquor Pouring
Golden Gallon	Karen Aldridge	Beer Package
J J's Package Store	Raymond J. Brown	Beer Package
Jimmy's Package	Alton DeFoor	Beer Package
Lizzi's Deli & Grill	Shadi J. Ibrahim	Beer Pouring
Los Reyes	William T. Howard	BWL Pouring
Mukhi, Inc.	Mukesh S. Patel	Liquor/Wine Package
Oyster Pub	Basem Sam Salame	BWL Pouring
Red Bud Liquor	Champ Kelly	Liquor/Wine Package
Shirley Dixon, d/b/a Troy's	Shirley Dixon	Beer Package
South 41 Package	Roy Thomas Aaron	Beer/Wine Package
VFW	Alesia R. Chester	BWL Pouring

The Mayor and Council heard a report from Police Chief Therrell Goswick, who stated that of the 17, there were only three who had all of their servers and sellers of alcoholic beverages properly registered with the police department. Following

discussion with the city attorney, Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the renewal requests for 2002 for the three who have properly abided by the ordinance and have the manager and all employees properly registered with the police department, as follows:

Licensee	Manager	License Type
Arch City Package	Patricia DeFoor	Beer Package
China Cook	Linn Buu Quan	Beer/Wine Pouring
VFW	Alesia R. Chester	BWL Pouring

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Potts, with Councilman Woods, Councilwoman Potts and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried. Mayor Palmer asked the City Administrator to notify the remaining 14 license holders and remind them that they must conform to the ordinance and have all of their employees and managers properly registered with the police department prior to a review for approval on December 10, 2001.

- b. Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of the pawn license renewal requests for 2002 that were received on time.

Licensee	Manager	License Type
Cash Express	Cal Rountree	Pawn
D&S Pawn	Nancy P. Long	Pawn
Title Exchange and Pawn	Hugh M. Austin	Pawn

Following discussion, Councilman Woods made a motion to approve for their 2002 license, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- c. Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of the on-time taxi license renewal request for 2002 that were received on time.

Licensee	Manager	License Type
Gerardo Ayala	Taxi Mex	Taxi

Councilman Woods made a motion to approve subject to confirmation of all ordinance requirements, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- d. Councilman Woods made a motion to remove the additional street closing request for the Christmas Parade from the tabled motion of November 12, 2001. The motion was seconded Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- e. The Council discussed the road closings that would be needed for December 7, 2001 for the Christmas Parade. Councilwoman Potts stated the closing would need to be effective as of 6:00 P.M. and the proposal would be to close Line Street from River Street to Wall Street and to close a portion of Court Street, in addition to the regular parade route as previously approved by the Council and DOT. Councilwoman Potts made a motion to approve the street closings as outlined, second by Councilman Woods, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Woods and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.

7. New Business:

- a. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a pawn license application for Calhoun Sporting Goods, Inc., Steve Fox, owner, at 1116 South Wall Street. The business was formerly in the name of Roy King and Steve Fox and was known as the Calhoun Trophy & Sporting Goods at 208 South Wall Street. Mayor Palmer stated a second reading with consideration could be held on December 10, 2001 at 7:00 P.M.

- b. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of the late beer, wine and liquor license renewal requests for 2002 as follows:

Licensee	Manager	License Type
Dixie Beverage	Barbara Bishop	Beer Package
Gondolier's Pizza	Evangelos Pateritsas	Beer Pouring
Great Wall	Kitty Leung	Beer Pouring
J & P	Patsy Colleps	Beer & Wine Pkg
James Steven Lingerfelt, Inc., d/b/a ABC Liquor	Walter D. Fowler	Wine & Liquor Pkg
Fast Petroleum	Toni Hope	Beer Package

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- c. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of the late pawn license renewal requests for 2002 as follows.

Licensee	Manager	License Type
Bubba's Pawn	Laurence Mauldin	Pawn
Park Avenue Pawn	Douglas Driscoll	Pawn
This and That Pawn Shop	Clyde E. McEntyre	Pawn
Cash Store, Inc	Kent Popham	Pawn
Calhoun Sporting Goods	Steve Fox	Pawn
Otasco/Coast to Coast	Jimmy M. Payne	Pawn
PCI Capital Corp, d/b/a Pawn Mart	Don Walter	Pawn
Pete's Music City & Pawn	Clifford L. Cochran	Pawn

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- d. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of the late taxi license renewal requests for 2002 as follows:

Licensee	Manager	License Type
City Cab	James Hall	Taxi
Taxi Union	Miguel Bautista	Taxi
Los Buenos Amigos	Sonia Romero	Taxi

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8. Other written items not on the agenda:
- a. Mayor Palmer announced the City of Calhoun had extended its ad valorem tax deadline until January 31, 2002, due to the late date of approval of the tax digests for Calhoun and Gordon County.
9. Work Reports:
- a. Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities: **none**.
  - b. Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works: **none**.
10. Councilman Woods made a motion to move to executive session for a real estate matter and a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Potts, with Councilman Woods, Councilwoman Potts and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.