

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DECEMBER 17, 2001, 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

**ALSO: Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities
Cathy Harrison, City Administrator**

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. He especially welcomed Mayor Pro Tem Shelton back to the meetings following his recovery from an accident. Councilman Woods provided the invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Following review, minutes of the December 10, 2001 regular City Council meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's comments:
 - a. Mayor Palmer stated the Main Street Partnership and Downtown Development Authority had Breakfast With Santa, sponsored by BB&T, on Saturday, December 15, 2001. Councilwoman Potts stated the affair was very well attended, with over 450 children registered and making the trip to see Santa. She stated it was a delightful time for all and they were very pleased with the attendance.
 - b. Mayor Palmer reminded everyone of the GMA Mayor's Day Legislative Meeting in Atlanta January 27-28, 2002. Due to that meeting, it has been necessary to change the date for the second meeting in January from the 28th to January 21, 2002.
 - c. Mayor Palmer stated the police department had made a request to transfer \$3,551.79 from the asset seizure fund for capital expenditures related to their drug programs. Following review, Councilwoman Potts made a motion to approve the request as stated, second by Councilman Woods, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - d. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council and public of the public hearings scheduled for January 14, 2002 on two alcohol license requests as follows:
 - 1) A new beer and liquor pouring license request for Gerardo Herrera, alcohol manager, for El Rayos Restaurant at 360 Piedmont Street. The

restaurant currently has a beer pouring license in another manager's name, who is moving out of Gordon County.

- 2) A new beer package license request for Buford Allan Conway, d/b/a Highway 53 Package at 767 Highway 53 East. The store currently has a license under the name of Michael Watters.
- e. Mayor Palmer stated on behalf of himself and the members of the City Council, he would like to extend wishes for a very happy holiday season and a very merry Christmas to everyone.

5. Public Hearings and comments:

- a. Mayor Palmer opened a public hearing on the request for a liquor and wine package license by Augustus Rawson King, IV, for the ABC Liquor Package Store on Highway 53 East. He stated the police report was clear. Mayor Palmer stated the location is a previous location that has met the qualifying requirements of the ordinance. He asked if there were any comments. There were none and the public hearing was closed. Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the request for a liquor and wine package license for the ABC Liquor Package Store on Highway 53 East in the name of Augustus Rawson King, IV, for the remainder of 2001 and the year 2002. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Potts, with Councilman Woods, Councilwoman Potts, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Mayor Palmer opened a public hearing on the utility rate resolution, which contains a new industrial electric rate and hourly energy rate rider, and clarifies the power cost rider.
 - 1) Kelly Cornwell stated the new proposed rate will allow large industry to improve their efficiency and their load factor, thereby assisting the entire city system to lower its wholesale cost and these savings will be passed along to the large industrial users who can qualify for the rate. He also stated the new rate would be an additional step in making sure we remain competitive in our electric rate system.
 - 2) Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any questions or comments regarding the proposed addition to the rate resolution. There were none and the hearing was closed.
 - 3) Councilman Woods made a motion to waive the third and fourth reading and to approve, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

6. Old business:

- a. Mayor Palmer gave a reading of the late beer, wine and liquor license renewal requests from establishments that have complied with the alcohol ordinance, as follows:


B&L Liquor, Inc.	Lindsey Lewis	Liquor/Wine Package
Los Reyes	William T. Howard	BWL Pouring
Gondolier's Pizza	Alexis Prasinis	Beer Pouring
J & P	Patsy Colleps	Beer & Wine Pkg
Crowe's Nest	Randy Lee Thomas	BWL Pouring
Trico VII Petroleum #978	Kim Sanders	Beer & Wine Pkg

Following review, Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the renewals for 2002, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.


- b. Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a very late taxi license request for 2002 for Taxi Latino, Mr. Ofelio Lara, owner. Following review, Councilwoman Potts made a motion to approve, subject to proof of proper insurance, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton and Councilman Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.
7. New business:
 - a. Mayor Palmer stated the first reading of a new ordinance regarding fire hydrants had been held and would be considered on January 14, 2002.
 8. Other written items not on the agenda:
 - a. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a proposed ordinance amendment regarding codes, such as the Standard Building Code, the Gas Code, Mechanical Codes, etc. He stated these would be the latest editions available from the state, to be enforced by the inspection departments of the city. He stated the earliest possible date for a hearing would be January 14, 2002 at 7:00 P.M.. Following review, Councilman Woods made a motion to set the public hearing at that date and time, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon, Councilwoman Potts and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 9. Work Reports:
 - a. Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities: **no report.**
 - b. Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works: **no report.**
 10. Mayor Palmer stated it was not necessary to move to executive session.
 11. Councilman Woods made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilwoman Potts, with Councilman Woods, Councilwoman Potts, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:

Submitted:



James F. Palmer, Mayor



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator