

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
OCTOBER 29, 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: Therrell Goswick, Police Chief  
Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works  
Cathy Harrison, City Administrator  
George Crowley, Chairman, City School Board  
Amy Atkinson, City School Board  
Al Edwards, City School Board  
Judy Neal, City School Superintendent  
Donald Hood, City School Finance Officer  
Sammy White**

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
2. Mayor Palmer asked for a recommendation from the school board regarding school taxes.
3. School Board Chairman George Crowley stated it was the board's recommendation that the school millage be set at 14.45 mills for the tax year 2001.
4. Mayor Palmer stated based upon the budget adopted by the Mayor and Council in June, the proposed tax millage of 1.58 mills for the city M&O operations would bring the net tax millage to 16.03 mills for the year 2001. He asked if there was a motion regarding this matter by the Council. Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the city and school millage at a net of 16.03 mills for the year 2001, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilman Denmon, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
5. Mayor Palmer stated the street department had one additional item they desired to have declared as surplus property, a 1987 Ford 6610 tractor with a Motrim 16-foot boom mower with 10,000 man hours. Eddie Peterson stated the item is indeed surplus property and made a recommendation to have it declared as such. Councilwoman Potts made a motion to declare the item surplus property, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

6. Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Approved:

Submitted:

  
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James F. Palmer, Mayor

  
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Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

**CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA  
CITY SCHOOL BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING ON *AD VALOREM* TAX INCREASE  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM  
OCTOBER 29, 2001 – 6:30 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  
James F Palmer, Mayor  
John D. Shelton, Mayor Pro Tem  
Ray M. Denmon, Councilman  
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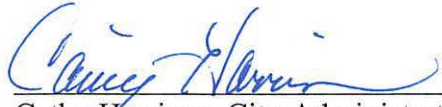
1. Chairman George Crowley called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. A public hearing was opened and Mr. Crowley presented a slide presentation regarding the need for increasing the school millage. Chairman Crowley stated 78% of their budget goes toward instruction, 9% toward general administration, 2% toward school administration and the remaining toward transportation and maintenance. He stated the board had worked diligently during the past year to eliminate any extra positions and also to eliminate some existing positions. He stated he felt the board had presented the best budget addressing the school needs very little estimating in the budget. They were able to secure relatively good information to develop their budget. He stated the primary reasons for increasing the millage would be to increase pay supplements paid to teachers. He stated in his 15 years of service on the school board, this item had not been addressed but was very much needed. This was the major monetary reason for increasing the budget. Other reasons included the increase in dental insurance for all employees; a need to increase utilities due to a 60% increase in natural gas prices; as well as growth in the schools in terms of number of students, which increases the number of teachers required. He also stated the mandated pay increases of 4.5% for teachers and 3.5% for uncertified personnel was not fully funded by the state and was required to be funded at the local level. These were the primary reasons for the increase.
2. Sammy White asked questions regarding the percentage of the budget that went toward teacher and actual student usage.
3. Don Hood stated this figure is approximately 85%.
4. There were questions regarding recreational activities and how they are funded.

5. Judy Neal stated the coaches are full-time teachers and therefore their base pay comes from local tax funds, as well as state funding. Their coaching supplements are paid through the local level. She stated the state will not pay for any recreational activities. Booster clubs, gate fees and concession fees help to address the need for uniforms and other items needed for athletic programs.
6. George Crowley stated the newly mandated education reform has also caused class size to be reduced and this has had an effect on the local budget and has forced the local system to add many mobile units to all sites in order to be able to meet these guidelines. These units are primarily covered through local taxes.
7. Following a second review of the taped presentation, the public hearing was closed at 7:00 P.M.

Approved:

Submitted:

  
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George Crowley, Chairman  
City School Board

  
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Cathy Harrison, City Administrator