

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
MAY 14, 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: 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, welcomed everyone in attendance and gave the Invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Following review, the minutes of the April 23, 2001 regular City Council meeting, Mayor Palmer stated if there were no amendments, the minutes would stand approved as written.
4. Mayor's comments:
 - a. Mayor Palmer expressed sympathy to the family of Larry Phillips on behalf of the Council and staff of the City of Calhoun. He stated that Mr. Phillips was a 28 year veteran of the city fire department and had been promoted to the rank of Captain. He stated Mr. Phillips had a unique work ethic and was well liked by his fellow employees.
 - b. Mayor Palmer reminded the public that the preliminary design map for the Highway 53 improvements, which include additional lanes and a raised median, as presented at recent Department of Transportation public hearing, is on display at the Director's office at 700 West Line Street, for anyone who wishes to review the map.
 - c. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council of the Georgia Municipal Association district meeting at Barnsley Gardens at the Bier Garten on May 22, 2001 at 6:30 P.M.
 - d. Mayor Palmer requested the Council to consider moving the regular May 28 meeting to May 21 in order to observe Memorial Day. Following review, Councilman Woods made a motion to amend the meeting date from May 28 to May 21, 2001, second by Councilwoman Potts, with Councilman Woods, Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- e. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council of the need to have a specially called meeting on June 4, 2001 regarding the Water and Sewer Re-funding Bonds. Following review, Councilwoman Potts made a motion to set a special called meeting on June 4, 2001 at 7:00 P.M., with a budget work session to follow. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

5. Council Comments:

- a. Mayor Pro Tem Shelton stated:

- 1) The police department made 676 cases during the month of April 2001, with anticipated fines to be collected of \$114,860.00. Thirteen of the cases were for DUI and 454 warning tickets were issued. The department collected \$104,067.00 in fines from previous cases. The officers and investigators worked 431 incidents, investigated 81 accidents with 30 injuries and 1 fatality. There were 33 property investigations. They provided 63 escorts and responded to 112 burglar alarms. They logged 46,494 miles in patrols during the month of April.
- 2) The fire department responded to 72 calls in April, with estimated fire damage of \$18,400.00. They responded to 21 false alarms and provided 23 fire inspections during the month. The fire department conducted a safety class at the Senior Center, maintained equipment and provided a training seminar for firefighters on site.

- c. Mayor Pro Tem Shelton read a proposed proclamation declaring May 13-17, 2001 as National Police Week and made a motion to adopt the proclamation, second by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Woods and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- b. Councilman Woods stated:

- 1) The electric department construction projects for the month included the Stepp development on Curtis Parkway, the Wright project on Peters Street, and the Dwight Wilson project on Harris Beamer Road. All are in various stages of engineering, construction and design. The Kerry Baking Plant underground service construction is under way and multiple new services have been completed or are in progress, such as Deerfield Subdivision, Maplewood, Summer Trace, and Quail Run, as well as street lighting for these projects. Final plans for the county's New Town Road widening project are complete, with construction to begin in May. The siren project has been escalated in order to meet the June deadline. Eleven poles were placed and 9 sirens are operating, with 2 additional sites to be installed in the county. The department has 42 active projects under way and an additional 12 maintenance projects, including multiple recreation department projects and water and sewer department projects. The golf course building projects are also on the calendar.
- 2) Telecommunications high-speed service continues to draw public attention. The city is also offering E-mail services on a limited basis, as well as long distance services. Additional services for Mohawk, Learning

Labs, the Seventh-day Adventist office and the Benton Law Office are completed. The department has gained new contracts for service to the Calhoun School, Tai-ping Carpet, Merit Underwriters, the Penalty Group, and Marietta Fiber Net on a co-provided service in Calhoun. Additional service for Mohawk is being contracted and the city has been approached with several potential Northwest Georgia partnering propositions, which may prove to be excellent revenue centers.

- 3) The generator is ready for operation, with testing in the first week of May. A bore scope and warranty test was accomplished in April. Final negotiations on the 5-megawatt sale to Acworth are complete and accepted by all parties.
- 4) The telecommunications and electric departments are experiencing a huge surge in growth and ask all their customers to be patient and understand they are working as fast as possible on all of their activities.
- 5) Councilman Woods stated William R. Davis and Tim Bockholt, Supervision Services, Inc., had requested a \$45,000.00 loan to assist with the purchase of a house on Piedmont Street. The loan would result in 3 new full-time jobs and AmSouth would assist in the total loan and would require a first mortgage. The Revolving Loan Fund would have a second mortgage and personal endorsements. Councilman Woods made a motion to set a public hearing for June 11, 2001 at 7:00 P.M., second by Councilwoman Potts, with Councilman Woods, Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

c. Councilman Denmon stated:

- 1) During the month of April 2001, the waste treatment plant treated an average flow of 8.795 million gallons per day (MGD.) The average BOD effluent was 14, the average suspended effluent was 18 and the average COD effluent was 98.
- 2) The water treatment plant pumped 333,029,000 gallons of raw water during the month of April for an average of 11.1 MGD. Well #3 pumped a total of 37,000,000 gallons of finished water during the month, with a daily average of 1.3 million gallons.
- 3) The water and sewer construction department completed 26 water taps during the month of April and 4 sewer taps. They responded to 126 miscellaneous calls and provided 59 new meter installations.

d. Councilwoman Potts stated:

- 1) The street department brush truck picked up 3,280 cubic yards of brush and leaves during the month of April. The street sweeper cleaned 30 miles of curb and gutter. The department hauled 58 loads of stone, installed 22 new street signs and completed 30 shop work orders. The department installed 11 12x42-inch metal posts and poured 6 yards of concrete at the new soccer building to guard against traffic hitting pedestrians or the building. They poured 1 yard of concrete on Highway 411 Fairmount to repair a water cut. They patched cuts on Mauldin Road, South King Street, Richardson Road, Victory Court and Victory Drive, using 65.54 tons of asphalt. They built a storm water box and installed 20 feet of 12-

inch pipe on Windsor Drive. They installed 40 feet of 48-inch pipe and hauled dirt to cover on Harlan Street for the pedestrian trail. They took out several large sections of road that had failed, dug out to a 10-inch depth, hauled stone and compacted on Richardson Road and Saddle Mountain Loop. They dug out 140x10-foot bank for a poured wall that will run along the side of the new sidewalk on East Line Street. They removed old wood chips and put in new plastic and spread approximately 25 tons of new wood chips at the Calhoun Pre-K playground.

- 2) The sanitation department ran their regular commercial trash route, serviced their vehicles and gained one 4-yard dumpster account and purchased a new 40-yard Volvo front-loader trash truck for their commercial operations.
- 3) The parks department cut grass, trimmed, raked and picked up trash at city departments, right-of-way, and water tank sites. They performed various maintenance jobs at City Hall, the Depot, water plant, police department and golf course. They built forms for a poured wall on Piedmont Street.
- 4) The cemetery department marked and supervised the opening and closing of 18 gravesites, performed routine maintenance at Fain and Chandler cemeteries and sold 6 gravesites during the month.
- 5) The safety department reported there was one workers' comp accident, 1 vehicle accident and 2 damage to city property accidents during the month. The safety committee inspected the water plant.
- 6) Animal control housed 18 dogs and 8 cats during the month, issued 1 first warning for leash law violations and responded to 36 customer inquiries.

6. Public Hearings.

- a. Mayor Palmer stated there were no zoning matters to come before the Council during the month of May.
- b. Public Comments: Mayor Palmer stated at this time, the Council would hear a hardship request by Robert and Vessie Sirburkis regarding a sewer connection for 106-D Ripps Road. Mrs. Sirburkis stated the lot known as 106-D Ripps Road, or better known as Lot 45 of the Black Oaks Subdivision has failed two additional perk tests since the Council had previously turned down their request for a sewer connection. Mrs. Sirburkis stated they had invested an additional \$3,500.00 in the lot for cleanup efforts. They have added topsoil in order for grass to be planted. She stated they made every effort to provide sewer with a septic system. However, the health department had turned down all of their requests. She stated they desired to place a mobile unit on the lot, which would provide approximately 2000 square feet of living space for she and her husband and one child, plus two disabled parents. She stated the mobile unit will be new and will be of excellent quality. In discussion, it was determined that the lot was not eligible for annexation. Mayor Palmer explained the city's current policy, which has been in force for a number of years regarding sewer connections that are located outside the City of Calhoun. He stated those are for property on which a current housing unit is located and which has a current failed system. Those units must also be located within 200 feet of existing sewer. He stated while this lot is located within 200 feet of an existing sewer, it is not an established housing unit and is at

this time, an undeveloped lot. Mrs. Sirburkis asked if they established a special septic system and it does not work, would the property be eligible for a sewer connection at that time. Attorney Bailey stated no, they would not. They have been warned prior to development of the lot that it is not eligible for a sewer connection based on current policy. Following discussion, Councilman Woods made a motion to deny the request based upon the city's current policy and based upon the fact that the prior owner in the 1980's had the opportunity to acquire a sewer connection at the time the grant program provided sewer to the area. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Potts, with Councilman Woods, Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

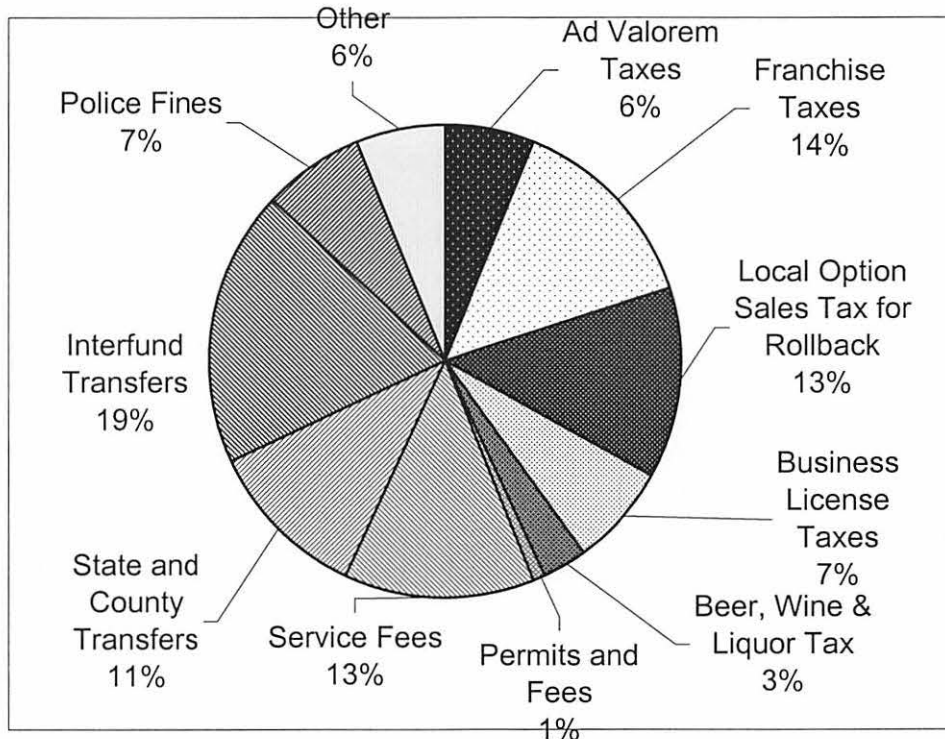
c. Other hearings:

- 1) Councilman Woods gave a second reading of a proposed parking ordinance.
 - a) A public hearing was opened.
 - b) Councilman Woods stated the ordinance would regulate parking for specific areas for all days except Sundays and holidays. It would provide 2-hour parking and define penalties and a \$5.00 fine. The parking regulation would be handled by a special person with tact and ability to address people regarding parking in a cordial manner.
 - c) Mayor Palmer inquired if there were other comments from the audience.
 - d) Eddie Bass, Chairman of the Downtown Development Authority encouraged the Mayor and Council to move forward with the adoption of the parking ordinance. He stated there were many free parking spaces outside the regulated area. He stated after reviewing the complete area, he has estimated 516 spaces outside the regulated area of 174 spaces. He stated that should be sufficient spaces for those who are concerned about parking regulation.
 - e) Tim Haney stated as a downtown retail merchant, he was very appreciative that the Council had pulled the original request for a parking ordinance off the shelf and made adjustments and were moving forward. However, he stated he felt all should be treated fairly and in the same manner. He stated he did not agree with the large number of spaces to remain outside the regulated area.
 - f) John Meadows stated that earlier in the morning, shortly after 8:00 A.M., on today's date, May 14, 2001, there was no parking in the immediate downtown area near the Courthouse, due to Court being in session. He asked how this occurrence will be handled under the new ordinance.
 - g) Councilman Woods stated at this time the ordinance does not address this matter and the city has made no final decision on how to address court parking.
 - h) Jeff Bishop inquired if you could be fined for more than one offense per day.

- i) Councilman Woods stated you could be fined up to a total of \$20.00 per day.
 - j) Police Chief Therrell Goswick stated he believes there is a current state law, which may add teeth to the parking ordinance.
 - k) Following discussion, Mayor Palmer stated he wanted to make sure all parties are heard on this matter and he would hold the parking ordinance for a second hearing to be held on May 21, 2001 at 7:00 P.M.
- 2) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a proposed ordinance regarding loitering and related conduct.
- a) A public hearing was opened.
 - b) Mayor Palmer stated this ordinance had been reviewed at length at the previous Council meeting and inquired if there were any additional questions or comments by any of the Council members.
 - c) There were none and the public hearing was closed.
 - d) Councilman Woods made a motion to waive the third and fourth reading and approve as written, second by Councilwoman Potts, with Councilman Woods, Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- 3) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of the soil and sedimentation ordinance amendment.
- a) A public hearing was opened.
 - b) Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments or questions by the Council since the previous meeting.
 - c) Councilman Woods stated he had reviewed the ordinance and had found builders and developers in the area should be able to work within the framework of the soil and sedimentation ordinance amendment.
 - d) There were no other comments and the hearing was closed.
 - e) Councilman Woods made a motion to waive the third and fourth reading and to approve the amended ordinance, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- 4) Mayor Palmer opened a public hearing on the city's proposed budget for July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002.
- a) City Administrator Harrison gave a review of the proposed budget, stating it was the work of the management staff of the city and of department heads, with review by the Mayor and Council. The proposed budget is one to address extensive growth in the community and to improve infrastructure. She reviewed the revenue and expense in each fund and outlined those areas where the budget was increased and the purpose for the increase, as follows:

**City of Calhoun
Budget Summary
July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002**

General Fund Revenue Projections	\$ 12,052,459.00
* Ad Valorem Taxes	6%
Franchise Taxes	14%
* Local Option Sales Tax for Rollback	13%
* Business License Taxes	7%
Beer, Wine & Liquor Tax	3%
* Permits and Fees	1%
Service Fees	13%
State and County Transfers	11%
Interfund Transfers	19%
Police Fines	7%
Other	6%



* Note: Net city M&O *ad valorem* taxes are projected to remain at the same dollar level for 2001-2002; Business licenses are projected to increase due to growth (no rate increase;) Local option sales taxes will increase due to growth. Building inspection fees are projected to increase for multi-family construction to a level relative to the surrounding area.

General Fund Expenses

1. General Administration Expense:\$4,401,108.00

Includes finance, purchasing, tax collection, customer service, utility billing, meter reading, tellers, engineering, Main Street, human resources, and management.

Budget increases include:

- a. Additional personnel: One additional management person, one and one-half additional employees for finance; one new engineer; three part time library employees and one new full-time library employee. It also includes the elimination of one full-time position in purchasing.
- b. Includes an increased allotment for the library to fund increased operating costs based on increased utilization of the library.

Note: Creation of an engineering department saved \$330,000.00 in outside engineering fees in 2000-2001.

2. Public Safety\$5,038,756.00

➤ Police.....\$2,820,091.00

Budget increases include:

- a. Six additional staff positions, two of which were filled mid-year.
- b. Lease of vehicle fleet vs. purchase of a few cars per year. This will result in a new program designed to extend the life of vehicles, and reducing response time by patrol officers.

Note: Additional patrol efforts have reduced speeding by motorists, which has reduced the level of accidents.

➤ Fire.....\$2,218,665.00

Budget increases include:

- a. Three additional firefighters.
- b. Replacement of breathing gear for firefighters.
- c. Additional equipment to improve response activity for fire calls.

3. Public Works:\$2,612,595.00

Budget increases include:

- a. Local paving provided by the county.....\$280,000.00
- b. Sidewalk, curb and gutter\$145,000.00

➤ Sewer Fund:

Revenue:\$6,553,734.00

Expenses:\$6,553,734.00

Projected increase in fees by 20¢ per 1,000 gallons of water consumption for new debt service for interceptor project and plant renovation. First year increase during construction will pay for engineering of project. Also includes connection fee increases to the level of surrounding areas.

➤ Water Fund:

Revenue:\$8,835,238.00

Expenses:\$8,835,238.00

Projected increase of 5% in fees for water sales. Increase will provide 1/3 of the cost for Phase I of the water plant renovations designed to increase river withdrawal limits. Projected increases in the connection fees to the level of surrounding areas.

➤ Electric Fund:

Revenue:\$23,937,050.00
Expenses:\$23,937,050.00
Projected increase of 3% to fund a projected wholesale increase of 3%.

➤ Telecommunications Fund:

➤ Revenue:\$645,136.00
Expenses:\$645,136.00
Turning point for services-fees vs. operations almost a break-even this year in revenue and expenses. The following year should allow repayment of a small portion of the original start-up costs, which were funded from reserves.

➤ Recreation:

Revenue:\$598,586.00
Expenses:\$598,586.00
Increased operating costs for increased growth in programs, plus accepting the soccer program from the soccer volunteers. An additional 58.5 acres have been purchased and plans will be developed for improvements.

➤ Municipal Court:

Revenue:\$1,261,500.00
Expenses:\$1,261,500.00
Increased fines due to increased patrol efforts designed to provide safety.

➤ Solid Waste:

Revenue:\$940,363.00
Expenses:\$940,363.00
Projects maintaining residential pickups with outside contractor, commercial service by city staff.

➤ Golf:

Revenue:\$1,145,006.00
Expenses:\$1,145,006.00
Projections for realistic number of rounds with a \$83,087.00 transfer to the General Fund as a partial payment on the long-term debt expense.

➤ Water Revenue Bond Debt Fund:

Revenue:\$780,945.00
Expenses:\$780,945.00
These numbers will be amended before the next public hearing due to a current refunding bond effort, which also changes debt expense in the water department regarding GEFA loans. The net result will be an annual debt reduction of approximately \$20,000.00.

➤ General Obligation Debt Fund:

Revenue:\$368,075.00
 Expenses\$368,075.00

As mentioned earlier, the golf operating revenues will provide \$83,087.00 for debt service payments.

➤ Special Projects Funds:\$9,931,805.00

Hotel-Motel Tax Funds	Funding for Industrial Development and tourism	\$225,000.00
River Park Project	Bridge for connectivity to pedestrian trail	75,000.00
Downtown Park	Phase I of development of new park in downtown area	250,000.00
North Industrial Sewer Interceptor	Replacement of line at capacity and aging	4,491,050.00
Mill Village - Phase II	Water, sewer & street infrastructure improvements	493,970.00
Street Scape Project	Design & plans for Street Scape grant project	93,000.00
Kerry Infrastructure Project	Water, sewer & rail infrastructure grant projects	253,785.00
Sewer Plant Expansion	Renovate the original portion of the plant by state loan funds at 3%	4,000,000.00
Revolving Loan Program (Revenue)	Revenue to return to loan pool	50,000.00
TOTAL		\$9,931,805.00

TOTAL BUDGET (Excluding School Budget).....\$67,049,897.00

- b) Harrison stated the budget was a work-in-progress and since several matters are ongoing at this time, there will be changes in the proposed budget prior to the second public hearing scheduled for June 11, 2001.
- c) Mayor Palmer commended the department heads and management staff of the city regarding the budget. He also commended the Council for their diligence in work sessions to review the proposed budget thoroughly. He stated he would entertain a motion for a public hearing on June 11, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. and an additional budget work session for June 4, 2001 at 7:30 P.M.
- d) Following discussion, Councilman Woods made a motion to set the budget work session for June 4, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. and a public hearing for the budget on June 11, 2001 at 7:00 P.M., both to be held at the Depot. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

7. Old business:

- a. Mayor Palmer read a resolution regarding closing of the loan agreement with the Georgia Environmental Authority under the state Revolving Loan Program for the sewer interceptor project, up to a maximum of \$5.3 million, with the anticipated construction to begin in July 2001. Following discussion, Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the proposed resolution, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilman Denmon, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilman Woods and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Jennifer Beason and John Meadows, insurance agents for the City of Calhoun reviewed the group health insurance renewal process and the proposed rates from the current carrier, as well as other plans. Ms. Beason gave a review of the history of the city's rates for the prior years, stating the city had enjoyed very low family rates for several years. However, the current number of employees and their claims currently dictate the level of the city's insurance rate. She stated, for the past year, those claims have been tremendous and the city is now facing a very large rate increase. She stated she and Mr. Meadows had worked diligently to provide a healthcare program that would be suitable for the city employees. Ms. Beason stated the original proposal from the current carrier, Alliant, had been for a 45.5% increase. However, after getting additional claim experience in for the month of March, they increased that rate increase to 53% and with continued efforts by the agents for the carrier to review their claims for the prior month and to determine that most of those were for one-time claims, they were able to get the rates to a lower level, with the understanding that they would raise some of the exemptions, such as inpatient co-pay to \$300.00, which presently was \$0. They increased the emergency room cost from \$50.00 to \$100.00 and the primary care visits from \$10.00 to \$15.00 and specialists to \$20.00, with the major change being in the use of the drug card, which is presently \$5.00 for generic and \$10.00 for regular drugs to a \$10.00/\$20.00/\$40.00 policy. They were able to lower rates into the 30% range. Ms. Beason reviewed four plans from Alliant, two proposals from Blue Cross-Blue Shield, and two proposals from New England Life. She stated the lowest percentage of increase on the plans was a 31.6% increase from Alliant, which also included a \$200.00 outpatient co-pay requirement, which they felt were more than enough changes to the plan and stated they would recommend the Alliant 1 plan, which would increase rates at 34.1%. Ms. Beason stated that in reviewing the city's insurance program and due to the change of the city's financial software within the past year, they would now be able to implement a Section 125 plan, which would allow insurance premiums paid by employees to be pre-tax premiums, which would reduce the employee's federal and state taxes and would therefore increase their net pay, making the increase in insurance easier for the employee to handle. The 125 program would also allow accident insurance and other insurance carried by the employee, with the exception of life insurance, to be pre-tax and add to their net pay. Ms. Beason stated the number of networks available in the North Georgia area prevents many of the large companies that serve the Atlanta area from bidding on insurance in our community. She stated these are firms such as Aetna, U.S. Healthcare, Kaiser, and Cigna. She stated there were several companies that do bid in this area but which had declined to bid, such as Pacific Life, United Healthcare, and Principle,

which stated their rates would be far in excess of the rates proposed by Alliant and therefore, they declined to bid. Following review of the information they had provided regarding the insurance coverage, Jennifer Beason made a recommendation from John Meadows and herself that the city accept the Alliant 1 plan. She stated they had discussed with Alliant the possibility of remaining on the current rate schedule until July 1, with a firm commitment by the city at this time to accept the rates for the Alliant 1 plan, effective July 1. She stated this would allow the city to get back on a fiscal year insurance program, which had lapsed earlier due to the fact that the former carrier discontinued insurance one month prior to the end of their contract. Following discussions, Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the Alliant 1 plan, effective July 1, 2001, and to authorize a letter to be forwarded by the city, which would make a firm commitment to accept the Alliant 1 plan for a 12 month period effective July 1, 2001 and continuing until June 30, 2002. The motion also included the authorization for the implementation of a Section 125 plan, which would allow insurance premiums to be pre-tax. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Potts, with Councilman Woods, Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. New business:

- a. Mayor Palmer read a traditional parade permit request from the Calhoun High School for a Homecoming parade on October 19, 2001 at 3:30 P.M. Mayor Palmer stated that if the proposal is approved, it would be subject to DOT approval. Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion to approve the request, second by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Woods and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. A first reading was given of a beer package license request by Patricia DeFoor for Arch City Package Store at 962 North Wall Street for a "Mom & Pop" store previously in her husband's name. Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be June 18, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. Councilwoman Potts made a motion to set the public hearing for June 18, 2001 at 7:00 P.M., second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilwoman Potts, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilman Woods and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Mayor Palmer stated he had received a request by the Oakman Alumni Community Center, Inc. for price consideration for a 1-inch tap for the Oakman School building being renovated for community use. He stated he would recommend the tap be made on a material cost basis only, in order to assist the Oakman Alumni Community Center. Following review, Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the water tap on a material cost only basis, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon, Councilwoman Potts and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. A first reading was given of a zoning variance request by Robin and Tracey Gentry for a lot at 151 Twin Oaks Drive. The request is for a 1.6-foot setback variance on the side of the property. The earliest possible date for a hearing

would be June 11, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilman Denmon, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilman Woods and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- e. A first reading was given of a zoning variance request by Bob and Mary Ann Hodges for 401 Pisgah Way. The request is for a 16-foot variance to allow house to be built closer to the street, in line with other houses on the street. Mayor Palmer stated the earliest possible date for a hearing would be June 11, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the hearing for that date and time, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilman Denmon, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilman Woods and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- f. A first reading was given of a zoning variance request by Dan E. and Melinda L. Phebus to allow owners to build within three feet of their north property line at 207 Sunset Hills. There is a wooded area between properties. Mayor Palmer stated the earliest possible date for a hearing would be June 11, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. Councilwoman Potts made a motion to set the public hearing at that date and time, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- g. A first reading was given of a zoning change and variance request by Jayanth and Ujwala Manay for 210 South King Street. The request is to rezone from Industrial to C-2 and to reduce the required parking spaces from 50 to 22. The proposed use of the property would be for office buildings for lease. Mayor Palmer stated the earliest possible date for a hearing would be June 11, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilman Denmon, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilman Woods and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- h. Mayor Palmer requested approval of a contract for service with Municipal Tax Consulting and Management for tax recovery services. The tax recovery would be for a variety of federal excise taxes charged by vendors, which are not always broken out on invoices. The contract would cover three years of paid invoices and would be for one-third of the amount recovered, after actual recovery. Mayor Palmer stated that references on the firm had been checked and found to be excellent. Following discussion, Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the contract and to authorize the Mayor to sign, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilman Denmon, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilman Woods and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- i. Mayor Palmer read a request of Calhoun City Board of Education for a zoning variance to locate a mobile classroom unit at the back of the elementary school and one mobile classroom unit at the back of Calhoun High School. He stated the earliest possible date for a hearing would be June 11, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. Councilwoman Potts made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

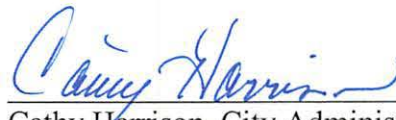
- j. Mayor Palmer stated there was a request by the Main Street Partnership for permission to close King Street from the corner of Oothcalooga Street north 160 feet to the edge of Hardee's entrance on June 8, 2001 from 4:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M., for Sunny Beach Street IV. Following discussion, Councilwoman Potts made a motion to approve the request, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Woods and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
9. Other written items not on the agenda: **none.**
10. Work reports:
- a. Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities: **no report.**
 - b. Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works, stated he had a meeting on Wednesday with Joe Forsee from the Dalton Regional Library to discuss a possible grant for the Calhoun Library.
11. Mayor Palmer inquired if it was necessary to move to executive session. The response was negative.
12. Councilman Woods made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilwoman Potts, with Councilman Woods, 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**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the North Interceptor sewer line currently in place is over 30 years old, is in poor condition and is operating at near capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) has approved a preliminary application for state revolving loan funds to replace the North Industrial Interceptor, which will provide potential growth capacity; and


WHEREAS, the city engineering staff has completed 95% of the required engineering; and

WHEREAS, the required additional right-of-way is being procured by city engineering staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun that a final application up to a maximum of \$5,300,000.00 be submitted to GEFA, at an interest rate of 3% per annum, with a 2% closing fee, be filed, with the Mayor being authorized to sign all documents regarding the final application and the resulting loan.

ADOPTED this the 14th day of May 2001.

City of Calhoun, Georgia



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Attest:



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator/Clerk

PROCLAMATION

National Police Week 2001

WHEREAS, The congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of the city of Calhoun, Georgia play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the City of Calhoun; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, Responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property , by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the law enforcement agency of the City of Calhoun Georgia unceasingly provide a vital public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor of Calhoun, Georgia, call upon all citizens of the City of Calhoun, Georgia and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 13 -17, 2001, as "**Police Week**" with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all or our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves and enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I FURTHER CALL upon all citizens of Calhoun, Georgia to observe Tuesday, May 15, as Peace Officer's Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.


IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of City of Calhoun to be affixed.

City of Calhoun, Georgia



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Attest:



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator/Clerk