

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM  
109 SOUTH KING ST  
NOVEMBER 28, 2016 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** James F. Palmer, Mayor  
Al Edwards, Councilman  
Matt Barton, Councilman  
Jackie Palazzolo, Councilwoman

**ABSENT:** David Hammond, Mayor Pro Tem (absent due to previously scheduled appointment out of state)

**ALSO:** Eddie Peterson, City Administrator; Larry Vickery, Utilities General Manager; George Govignon, City Attorney; Paul Worley, City Clerk; Garry Moss, Police Chief; Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief; Jerry Crawford, Water and Sewer Director; Jeff Defoor, Director of Electric Utilities; Ben Hall, Water Treatment Assistant Superintendent; Neal Russell, Ordinance Officer

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
  - A. Mayor Palmer gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the proposed agenda. Councilwoman Palazzolo seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion approved.
4. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2016 City Council Meeting. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
5. **Mayor's Comments:**
  - A. Mayor Palmer stated that at the last City Council meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> the minutes reflect an action and approval concerning the reorganizational structure for the City. Mayor Palmer stated that he vetoed this ordinance on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, which meets the guidelines and then gave a response in writing on Friday. Attorney Govignon stated that after reviewing the Charter, which is not very directive, it was his understanding from his research that the written response to the Council for the veto was due on or before close of business on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Then there was the question of how to return it to the Council and if that meant to return it to the City Clerk and have him deliver it to the Council or have it submitted at tonight's Council meeting and with that being the case, it will be eligible for a vote to override the veto at the next meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Palmer stated that he did have the response and wanted to point out that a lot of discussion has occurred in the previous meetings and the response is very short, but will be available on the City's website and the previous discussions are available in the minutes and reported word for word by the Calhoun

Times. Mayor Palmer stated he would appreciate anyone with questions or comments, in which there has already been a lot, to call him at City Hall, at home, or his cell phone and he will be available to answer any questions. Mayor Palmer then read the following statement, "It is with great concern that I have come to the conclusion that I must veto an action of the Calhoun City Council. My love for the City and the hope for its future requires that I take this action. I do not take this action lightly, as I am not aware of any other veto occurring. I know that I have never taken this action. The Council, by a 3 to 1 vote, has taken action to reorganize City government and eliminate the position of General Manager of Utilities. I see nothing to be gained and much to lose with the proposed structure. Calhoun Utilities is and has been well managed with skilled and technically competent leadership with revenues in excess of \$62,000,000.00. The financial stability is dependent on continuously monitoring the wholesale billing, the efficient management of assets, and stable practices that maintain our excellent financial position. The utility assets and infrastructure are the community's economic engine, now and into the future. The loss of professional leadership and the loss of a system that is proven to work will not help retain existing industry or attract new industry. This loss would be harmful to economic development. To say that uncertain and unproven changes are 'to modernize' or 'to streamline' an already successful and well recognized organization does not answer the question as why the changes are specifically good for our community, citizens and customers. There are many other reasons not listed here and after careful consideration of all I hereby veto the ordinance approved by the City Council on November 14, 2016." Attorney Govignon stated in his legal opinion this will constitute the return of the written statement to the Council, which will make the next available vote for override to be at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting of December 12<sup>th</sup> and that would need to be placed on the next agenda should such be desired by the Council.

**6. Public Hearings and Comments: None**

**7. Old Business:**

- A. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of an annexation and zoning request of C-2 for 0.46 acres at a location of 106 Erwin Street by GAH Properties, LLC. (Ronnie Holbrook). The Zoning Advisory Board is scheduled for December 8, 2016. The public hearing will be on December 12, 2016.
- B. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a beer and wine pouring license request by Jose L. Estrada D/B/A: El Sol Restaurant at a location of 188 W. C. Bryant Parkway. The public hearing will be on December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a beer and wine package license request by Krupal Patel D/B/A: Any Salvage Groc & Tobacco at a location of 637 Oothcalooga Street. The public hearing will be on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Attorney Govignon stated that there could be an issue after reviewing the statute that there is a question of property line to property line of 100 feet in regards to public housing. The number of units is the question and Attorney Govignon will be reviewing this matter before the next meeting to provide an opinion to the Council.
- D. Mayor Palmer stated that the City had an opportunity to approve the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Project Agreement containing the specific terms of the

grant, and a Resolution accepting the terms of the grant. Administrator Peterson stated that his project has a total value of \$250,000 for purchase of property on McDaniel Station Road of approximately 20 acres. The purchased land will be converted into green space and trails. The grant fund amount is \$100,000 and this will be used to purchase the property from the Industrial Development Authority and in turn they will help install trails, drainage, and improvements. The 20 acre parcel is valued at \$12,500 per acre due to it being in the flood plain. The City has been working on the project for almost a year and have been awarded the grant through the U. S. Department of the Interior and through the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Mayor Palmer stated that this was a good opportunity for the City. If you go back to the original 58 acre park where the new ball fields have been built, this LWCF grant is how the City obtained the 58 acres to get it started about 15 years ago. The land was purchased from the Industrial Development Authority since it was also in the flood plain and they didn't have use for it. With the help of the SPLOST funding it has grown over the years into what we have today and hopefully it will continue to grow. Councilman Barton stated that the Calhoun Park Master Plan already has the 20 acres built into it, so we already have the usage for the property mapped out. Mayor Palmer stated that there will need to be a motion to approve the Project Agreement and Resolution. Mayor Palmer completed the reading of the Resolution. Councilman Edwards made a motion to allow the Mayor to execute the Project Agreement and Resolution. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. (Resolution attached)

- E. Mayor Palmer stated that the City had an opportunity for a proposed resolution regarding recognition of employer/employee relationship between the Northwest Georgia Regional Library System and the Calhoun-Gordon County Library. Attorney Govignon stated that he discussed the matter with the NGRL today and the person who needed to review the resolution for them recently had a death in the family. They have asked that we wait until Wednesday so they could look over it. Attorney Govignon told them that would be fine and if the Council needed a special session before the next meeting to address the issue, then that could be done. The City also needs the Gordon County Commission to sign off on the resolution. Attorney Govignon stated that it looks like everything is in accord, but we just need more time to make sure everyone will be able to sign off on it. Councilman Barton made a motion to table the item until the next Council meeting or have a special called meeting before then if necessary. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

#### 8. New Business:

- A. Mayor Palmer read a recommendation of award for the Mauldin Road Water Treatment Plant handrails project. General Manager Vickery stated there were two bids for the project coming from Thompson Fabrication, LLC. and Liverett Fabricating, Co. Inc. The low bid was from Thompson Fabrication, LLC. with a bid of \$66,172. This project was actually in the original project, but was too high and taken out at the time so it could be rebid at a later time to bring the price back down. Originally the price was \$146,000. The staff recommends awarding the project to Thompson Fabricating, LLC for the contract price of \$66,172. Thompson Fabricating, LLC. has supplied handrails for two other projects in the past. The budget for the handrail project was originally set at \$110,000, so this will help realize some savings that could be applied elsewhere for similar projects. Councilman Barton made a motion to award the bid to Thompson

Fabricating, LLC. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. (bid sheet attached)

B. Mayor Palmer conducted the following Annual Business License renewal readings.

**Beer, Wine, and Liquor Package**

- Liquor Mart
- Party Liquor
- Warehouse Liquor Store
- Red Bud Road Liquor
- ABC Liquor
- Calhoun Liquor

**Beer and Wine Package**

- Circle K Stores - 702 E Hwy 53 SE
- Circle K Stores – 1310 Hwy 41 N
- Kroger
- Wal-Mart
- Ingles
- ABC Convenience
- Aldi Inc
- Rite Aid – 910 S Wall St
- Rite Aid – 1101 Red Bud Rd
- CVS Pharmacy Inc
- Food Outlet, IGA
- R & R Grocery
- Food Lion
- A Knight's #2
- Racetrac
- Sam's Mart

**Beer & Liquor Pouring**

- El Rayos

**Beer and Wine Pouring**

- Dub's High on the Hog BBQ Inc
- Wall Street Catering

**Beer, Wine & Liquor Pouring**

- Ruby Tuesday
- Longhorn
- El Nopal Calhoun, Inc
- Applebee's

- Wall Street Grille
- El Pueblito Mexican Restaurant

Beer Package

- LN Food Mart
- N Wall BP
- Calhoun Food & Tobacco
- J J's Package Store
- A Knight Hi Tech
- El Sol Hispanic Grocery
- MEGA Petroleum, Inc
- Little Giant

Beer and Wine Pouring Theatre

- Calhoun Gordon Arts Council

Combination Beer Package/Pouring and Liquor Pouring at a Private Club

- American Legion Post 47

After the reading of the alcohol license renewals, Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the renewal requests. Councilman Edwards gave a second. Mayor Palmer called for a vote. Councilman Barton and Councilman Edwards voted yes. Councilwoman Palazzolo abstained. Motion approved.

Pawn

- Corner Pawn
- Titlemax of Georgia Inc
- National Title Pawn of Calhoun
- D & S Pawn
- Instant Cash Loans on Car Titles
- Title Exchange & Pawn of Calhoun Inc
- Check into Cash of Georgia
- Pete's Music & Pawn

After the reading of the pawn license renewals, Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the renewal requests. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

Taxi

- Taxi Express
- Boricua Taxi Cab
- Taxi Edwin

- Taxi Tacana
- Taxi Sigi
- Taxi Chapin
- Taxi Max

After the reading of the taxi license renewals, Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the renewal requests. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

**9. Other written items not on the agenda:**

**10. Work Reports:**

**A. Administrator Eddie Peterson**

- Administrator Peterson reviewed the General Government monthly cash report with the general fund in a good cash position and we were in a similarly good position at this time last year. The City's reserves continue to allow for three months total operations, which is consistent with the Financial Policy. The City property taxes are starting to come in. The 2011 SPLOST account currently shows a balance of \$2.3 million and in a good position with the Recreation Project basically complete and paid for and now transitioning into the construction of phase one on Peters Street. Everything looks solid from the cash standpoint.

**B. General Manager Larry Vickery**

- General Manager Vickery stated that the Utility monthly cash report showed total operating funds of about \$4 million dollars, total saving and reserves of about \$4.8 million, and a grand total of \$8.78 million. Also, there is about \$16 million in other investments that includes bond reserves and cash on hand. Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the cash reports. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

11. City Attorney Govignon stated that there was a need to go into executive session with the grounds being attorney/client privilege due to possible litigation [O.C.G.A. 50-14-2] concerning the Red Bud Road interchange lighting. Councilman Barton made a motion to go into executive session. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.


12. Councilman Barton made a motion to adjourn the executive session. Councilwoman Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

13. Councilman Barton made a motion to return to regular session. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. Attorney Govignon asked for a motion to allow the City Attorney to send notice to North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation to disconnect power within 10 business days at the Red Bud Road I-75 Interchange, so the City of Calhoun can assume the service of power. Councilman Barton made the stated motion. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

14. Councilman Barton made a motion to adjourn the regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Palazzolo with all voting aye, motion approved.

Approved:

Submitted:



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James F. Palmer, Mayor



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Paul Worley, City Clerk

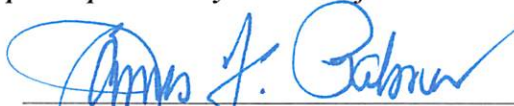
**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF GORDON  
CITY OF CALHOUN  
AFFIDAVIT REGARDING CLOSURE OF OPEN MEETINGS**

Personally appeared before the undersigned officer, duly authorized under the laws of the State of Georgia to administer oaths, James F. Palmer, Mayor, who in his capacity as Chairperson or the person presiding over a City Council meeting of the City of Calhoun and after being first duly sworn, certifies under oath and states to the best of his knowledge and belief the following:

At its meeting held on 11-28-16 the Council's Executive Session voted to go into closed session and exclude the public from all or a portion of its meeting. The legal exceptions applicable to the exempt matters addressed during such closed meeting are as follows (Check or initial, as appropriate:)

- Discussing or deliberating upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action, dismissal, periodic evaluation or rating of a government officer or employee. [O.C.G.A §50-14-3(6)]
- Privileged consultation with legal counsel pertaining to pending or threatened litigation, claims, administrative proceedings or settlements. [O.C.G.A §50-14-2]
- Discussing the future acquisition of real estate, authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property. [O.C.G.A §50-14-3(b)]
- Staff meetings for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law. [O.C.G.A §50-14-3(1)]
- Tax matters made confidential by state law. [O.C.G.A §50-14-2]
- Inspection of physical facilities under the jurisdiction of the City Council. [O.C.G.A §50-14-1(a)(2)]
- Meeting with a governing body, officer, agent or employee of another agency at a location outside the geographical jurisdiction of the City Council at which no final action is taken. [O.C.G.A §50-14-1(a)(2)]
- Other (Explanation and citation to statutory authority required:)

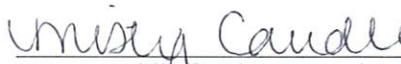
*I certify that the subject matter of the closed meeting or the closed portion of this meeting was devoted to matters of official business or policy within the exceptions provided by law as set forth above.*

  
James F. Palmer, Mayor

  
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Witness

Sworn to and subscribed to before  
me this 28 day of  
November, 2016.



  
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Notary Public for the State of Georgia

## RESOLUTION

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF GORDON

CITY OF CALHOUN

WHEREAS, at the regular meeting of the City Council, the City of Calhoun, of Gordon County, Georgia, held on November 28, 2016, a motion was made and duly seconded that the City of Calhoun agrees to the terms of the contract for a state grant between the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the City of Calhoun for a grant of financial assistance to acquire 20+/- acres of land adjacent to Calhoun Park in the City of Calhoun, Gordon County, Georgia by the City of Calhoun, for public outdoor recreation, authorize Mayor James F. Palmer to execute said contract on behalf of the City of Calhoun, and accept the grant provided for in said contract in the amount of \$100,000.

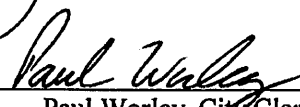
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Calhoun of Gordon County, Georgia that the terms and conditions of the contract between the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the City of Calhoun are hereby agreed to, that the Mayor is authorized and empowered to execute said contract and any subsequent amendments thereto on behalf of the City of Calhoun, and the grant provided for in said contract in the amount of \$100,000 is hereby accepted to be used under the terms and conditions of said contract, and that sufficient funds have been designated to assure the acquisition and/or development, operation and maintenance of the facilities and/or delivery of services as identified in said contract.

Read and unanimously adopted in the regular meeting of the City Council, the City of Calhoun held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

PROJECT SPONSOR: City of Calhoun, Georgia

BY:  \_\_\_\_\_

James F. Balmer, Mayor

ATTEST:  \_\_\_\_\_

Paul Worley, City Clerk

(seal)

Certification

I do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by the Council on the date so stated in the Resolution.

I further certify that I am the Clerk of the Council and that said resolution has been entered in the official records of said Council and remains in full force and effect the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

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Paul Worley, City Clerk

Federal Employers Identification#58-6000530

**City of Calhoun**  
**Budget Amendment- 4th Quarter Fiscal 2016**

		Original Budget	Revised Budget	Budget Amendment	Amended Budget
<b>Budget Amendment #1</b>					
<b>General Fund</b>					
Transfer Out-Golf	1101511-611005	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 216,885	\$ 216,885
Other Charges Intergovernmental	1101511-571000	-	-	74,303	74,303
Postage	1101540-523220	1,000	1,000	675	1,675
Legal & Auditing	1102650-521201	22,000	22,000	84,440	106,440
Interdepartmental Services	1106181-522200	2,000	2,000	2,728	4,728
Cell Phone/Radio	1107220-523205	1,350	1,350	1,020	2,370
Interdepartmental Services	1107550-522200	7,000	7,000	3,474	10,474
Regular Employees	1107563-511100	128,391	128,391	2,807	131,198
Worker's Comp Insurance	1353520-512700	25,608	28,721	18,859	47,580
Safety/Protective Supplies-GSAR	1353520-531104-158	-	-	21,892	21,892
Legal & Auditing	1404950-521201	1,000	1,000	5,545	6,545
General Property Taxes	1000000-311000	(1,314,000)	(1,314,000)	(42,280)	(1,356,280)
General Property Taxes-Prior Year	1000000-311001	(45,000)	(45,000)	(27,225)	(72,225)
Title Ad Valorem Tax	1000000-311311	(210,000)	(210,000)	(1,166)	(211,166)
County Excise Tax	1000000-313101	(140,000)	(140,000)	(21,570)	(161,570)
Beer Tax	1000000-314200	(281,000)	(281,000)	(13,490)	(294,490)
Business Occupation Tax	1000000-316100	(400,000)	(400,000)	(5,560)	(405,560)
Insurance Premium Tax	1000000-316200	(835,000)	(835,000)	(125,483)	(960,483)
Building Permits	1000000-322111	(45,000)	(45,000)	(34,108)	(79,108)
In Lieu of Taxes-Housing Authority	1000000-337000	(35,000)	(35,000)	(11,080)	(46,080)
Maint.-Special Services-Depts.	1000000-343928	(25,000)	(25,000)	(15,654)	(40,654)
Cemetery Lot Sales	1000000-349100	(11,000)	(11,000)	(7,550)	(18,550)
Unrealized Gain or Loss Investments	1000000-363000	-	-	(105,570)	(105,570)
GSAR	1000000-334100-158	(20,000)	(20,000)	(21,892)	(41,892)

*Budget Amendment #1 is to account for a transfer to the Golf Fund per the Mayor and Council, legal representation to Municipal Court for the on-going Walker Case and legal expertise in the establishment of the Cemetery Trust investments, postage for Human Resource Dept., cell phone charges for Building Inspection, repairs to caboose for the Depot, technical support for sound and interdepartmental electric work performed for the Harvest Festival. The Airport wages had to be adjusted due to cost of living increase and the Fire Department had a worker's comp case that had to be addressed with this amendment. All of these were paid for with revenue overages. Lastly, the Fire Dept. had additional grant revenues to pay for additional GSAR expenses.*

**Budget Amendment #2**  
**Confiscated Assets**

Superior Court Awards	2103200-351110	(3,500)	(3,500)	(895)	(4,395)
Federal Government Grants	2103200-331000	-	-	(1,521)	(1,521)
Sale of Assets	2103200-392101	(2,700)	(2,700)	(1,323)	(4,023)
Fund Balance	2103200-399000	-	-	(23,245)	(23,245)
Police-PEPI	2103200-531705	-	-	2,684	2,684
Machinery>5000	2103200-542100	-	-	8,500	8,500
Small Equipment<\$5000	2103200-531600	-	-	15,800	15,800

*Amendment #2 is to buy a K-9 Dog and a vehicle with funds provided by confiscated assets. In addition, confiscated assets made drug buys in an added effort to fight drugs within the City.*

**Budget Amendment #3  
SPLOST 2005**

Site Improvements	3220000-541200-166	-	-	72,307	72,307
Fund Balance	3220000-399000	(270,500)	(270,500)	<u>(72,307)</u>	(342,807)

*Amendment #3 is to provide for site improvements to Station #2 and the purchase of a vehicle by Fire Department.*

**Budget Amendment #4  
SPLOST 2011**

Appropriation of Fund Balance	3240000-399000	-	-	(98,646)	(98,646)
Transfers In - General Fund	3240000-391101	-	-	(99,768)	(99,768)
Site Improvements	3240000-541200-224	-	-	1,480,420	1,480,420
Infrastructure-Peter Street	3240000-541400-183	1,500,000	1,500,000	<u>(1,282,006)</u>	217,994

*Amendment #4 is to account for the recreation expansion project, as well as the reduction of expenditures for Peters Street.*

**Budget Amendment #5  
School Bond Debt Service**

Federal Government Grants	4300000-331000	(929,943)	(929,943)	(1,600)	(931,543)
Fiscal Agent's Fees	4300000-583000	-	-	<u>1,600</u>	1,600

*Amendment #5 is to account for the agent fees for bonds with additional revenues from the School Debt Service Fund.*

**Budget Amendment #6  
School SPLOST Fund**

Transfer In-School Debt Service	3230000-391110	-	-	(877,204)	(877,204)
Land Easements & Rows	3230000-541100	-	-	170,300	170,300
Site Improvements	3230000-541200	-	-	658,478	658,478
Buildings	3230000-541200	-	-	<u>48,426</u>	48,426

*Amendment #6 is to account for the purchase of land and capital improvement with revenues from the School Debt Service account.*

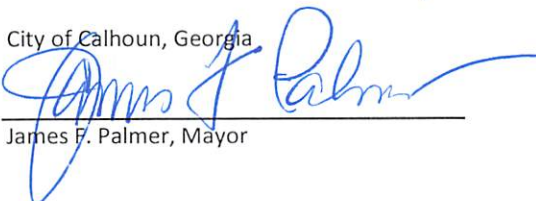
**Budget Amendment #7  
Hotel/Motel Tax Fund**

H/M Revenue	2750000-314100	(580,000)	(580,000)	(136,650)	(716,650)
H/M Industrial Development Authority	2757520-571002	145,000	145,000	34,161	179,161
H/M Downtown Development Authority	2757520-572035	36,250	36,250	8,541	44,791
H/M Chamber of Commerce	2757540-572020	253,750	253,750	59,785	313,535
Transfer-Out - Calhoun Recreation	2757540-611201	72,500	72,500	17,081	89,581
Transfer-Out - City of Calhoun	2757540-611202	36,250	36,250	8,541	44,791
Transfer-Out - City of Calhoun	2757520-611202	36,250	36,250	<u>8,541</u>	44,791

*Amendment #7 is to account for an increase in revenue collected and paid out of the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund.*

ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016

City of Calhoun, Georgia

  
James F. Palmer, Mayor

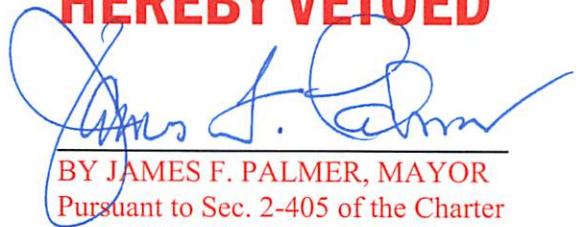
Attest:

  
Eddie Peterson, City Administrator

if any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase shall be declared unconstitutional, or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases herein.

SO ADOPTED and ENACTED this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

**HEREBY VETOED**



BY JAMES F. PALMER, MAYOR  
Pursuant to Sec. 2-405 of the Charter  
of the City of Calhoun, Georgia, as  
approved by local act of the Georgia  
General Assembly on April 8, 1983  
(Ga. L. 1983, p. 4710)

This the 22 day of November, 2016.

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JAMES F. PALMER, MAYOR  
CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

ATTEST:

Original attestation on separate document  
PAUL WORLEY, CITY CLERK

Date of First Reading: 10-24-16

Date of Second Reading: 11-14-16

Date of Public Reading: \_\_\_\_\_



# City of Calhoun, Georgia

*Site of New Echota in the Land of the Cherokee*

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Sincerely,

James F. Palmer



*Calhoun Utilities*  
700 West Line Street  
Calhoun, GA 30701  
"Excellence in Service"

RECOMENDATION OF AWARD  
MAULDIN ROAD WATER TREATMENT PLANT HANDRAILS  
NOVEMBER 25, 2016

Bids were received on November 25, 2016. There were two bidders and the bids are as follows:

Thompson Fabrication, L.L.C.	\$66,172.00
Liverett Fabricating, Co. Inc.	\$98,915.00

The staff recommends awarding the project to Thompson Fabricating, L.L.C. for the contract price of \$66,172.00. Thompson Fabricating, L.L.C. has supplied handrails for two other projects in the past.

The budget for the handrails was set at \$110,000.

Thank you,

Jerry W. Crawford, Water & Wastewater Director, City of Calhoun