

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING ST
FEBRUARY 28, 2011 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

**PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Al Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem
George Crowley, Councilman
David Hammond, Councilman
Matt Barton, Councilman**

**ALSO: Eddie Peterson, City Administrator
Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities
Jerry Crawford, Water and Sewer Director
Major Larry Gilbert, Calhoun Police Dept.**

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 Hammond made a motion to approve the agenda, Councilman Crowley second the motion, with the addition of a report on the RLF, all voted aye, motion approved.
4. Mayor Palmer ask that the Executive Session minutes reflect a discussion on possible policy changes on sexual harassment and drug testing criteria and penalties. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the regular minutes of the February 14, 2011, and the Executive Session minutes of Feb. 14, 2011 with the additional request by Mayor Palmer. Councilman Hammond seconded the motion, and all voted aye, motion carried.
5. **Mayor's Comments:**
 - A. Mayor Palmer reported that a SPLOST meeting would be held on March 1, 2011 at the Gordon County Administration Office. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a possible SPLOST 2011 referendum. The meeting has been advertised as required.
 - B. Councilman Crowley reported on a Revolving Loan Advisory Committee held on February 11, 2011. A request by Peggy Carroll and Steven Faulkenberry for the purchase of Rampy Cleaners, located at 486 Red Bud Road, Calhoun, Georgia. The RLA Committee felt that the existing dry cleaning equipment was not acceptable as marketable collateral and the applicants did not show that they met the 25% equity requirement stated under Section 34-37 (d) of the Calhoun Code of Ordinances. The RLA Committee voted to deny the \$20,000 loan request. (Copy attached). Councilman

Crowley made a motion to deny the RLF request by Peggy Carroll and Steven Faulkenberry, Councilman Barton seconded the motion, all voted affirmatively, motion approved.

6. Public Hearings: None

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business:

- A. The Mayor read a request from the Police Department to spend \$700.00 of the Asset Seizure Fund to purchase a "HOTDOG" (a temperature monitoring alert system). Councilman Edwards made the motion to approve the request, Councilman Barton seconded the motion, all vote affirmatively, motion approved.
- B. Mayor Palmer read the first reading of beer pouring and liquor by the drink license request by Pablo T. Rodriguez, manager, for a location of 447 Ga. Hwy. 53 East, unit 170, D/B/A Los Pablos Mexican Restaurant III, Inc. Councilman Crowley made the motion to set the public hearing for March 28, 2011, Councilman Barton seconded the motion, all voted affirmatively, motion approved.
- C. Councilman Hammond made a motion to table the Lighting Agreement for I-75 @ CR 65/Union Grove Road Interchange (Exit 310). Councilman Crowley seconded the motion.
- D. Mayor Palmer read the second reading of a Taxi Cab license renewal request from Maria Depaz, D/B/A Taxi El Priunfo, at a location of 248 Richardson Road. Second reading and final reading will be March 14, 2011. This is a late license renewal request.

9. Other written items not on the agenda: None

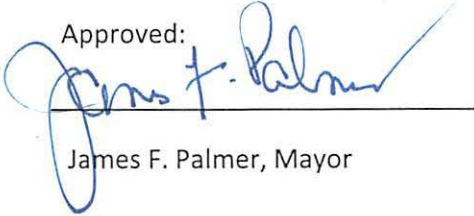
10. Work Reports:

- A. Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities
 - a) Mr. Cornwell reported on changing one of the chemicals used in the water treatment process at Mauldin Road. The use of chlorine will be discontinued and the replacement will be sodium hypochlorite. The primary reason for the change are safety related issues with the use of chlorine. There will also be a monetary savings due to processing at night which will allow the purchase of lower cost electricity. Councilman Barton made the motion to allow the change, Councilman Crowley seconded the motion, all vote affirmatively, motion approved.
- B. Eddie Peterson, City Administrator
 - a) Mr. Peterson reported that the property tax collections are at 80% as of February 28, 2011, which was the final day before late penalties are imposed.

11. Mayor Palmer recognized the Youth Calhoun/Gordon County Leadership group and the two individuals representing the Adult Leadership. Mayor Palmer expressed his thanks for their time and effort on learning more about the community.

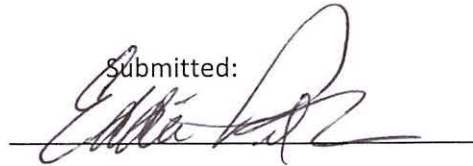
12. Councilman Hammond made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barton, with all voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Eddie Peterson, City Administrator