

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING ST
MARCH 9, 2015 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; Larry Vickery, Utilities General Manager; George Govignon, City Attorney; Paul Worley, City Clerk; Garry Moss, Police Chief; Jeff Defoor, Director of Electric Utilities; Jerry Crawford, Water and Sewer Director; Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief

- 1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
A. Councilman Crowley gave the invocation.**
- 2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.**
- 3. Mayor Palmer stated that there was one item to add to the agenda concerning an appointment to the Industrial Development Authority as item E under New Business. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and Councilman Crowley seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion approved.**
- 4. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2015 City Council meeting. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.**
- 5. Mayor's Comments:**
- 6. Council Comments:**

A. Mayor Pro Tem Edwards gave the February report as follows:

1) Electric Department

- o The Bad Pole Replacement program continues on South Industrial Blvd. and South River Street**
- o Construction continues on Harbin Clinic, J.W. Plaza Drive and Gordon County Parking Deck**
- o Electrical engineering continues on Lenox subdivision phase # 2 and Quality Mat expansion**
- o The City of Calhoun's Electrical load for February was 35,509,000 kWh.**

Work orders in process or completed

- o Newly created- 62**
- o Completed and closed- 45**

Consisting of:

- Capital construction- 6
- Street and security lighting-31
- Distribution Maintenance-15
- Electric Locate Tickets- 163

2) Telecommunications Departments:

- Installed one new internet connection.
- Upgraded three existing internet customers to new network.
- Finished construction on moving customer to new location.
- Added 10 Meg of internet to existing customer.
- Negotiated agreement with Georgia Cumberland Academy to take over internet support for 16 staff homes.
- Successfully spot checked E911 implementation for school system phone numbers.
- Filed annual Customer Proprietary Network Information form with the FCC.
- Completed and filed FCC mandatory data collection on dedicated services provided by CALNET.
- Updated financial server operation system and finance software program for taxes and data clean up.
- Created new server for GIS and City websites.
- Opened 22 and closed 29 work orders.

3) Geographic Information Systems:

- Continue water system connection review and data cleanup.
- Created new GIS data layer for storm water.
- Trained Electric GIS user on data updates.
- Updated zoning parcel data.
- Updated pre-fire plans and fire hydrant mapping for Fire Department.
- Updated fiber mapping and added fiber tracing feature for Telecom Department.
- Updated addresses from changes in billing account data.
- Created new format for city website.
- Updated GIS website.

4) Downtown Development Authority

- BBQ, Boogie, and Blues will be on April 24th and 25th in Downtown Calhoun. KCBS sanctioned BBQ competition, live entertainment, fashion runway show, food and arts and crafts vendors, kids zone, Amazing Race contest, and benefit bicycle ride. Also, Destination America will be on site filming an episode of "BBQ Pit Wars!"

B. Councilman Barton gave the February report as follows:

1) Water, Sewer, and Engineering

- The Brittany Drive Expansion Project- The project is complete and start up is scheduled for March 16th.

- Clarifier Mechanism Replacement Project- The new mechanisms and troughs are on site. Installation has begun and is approximately 75% complete.
- I-75 & Red Bud Road utility relocate- The project is currently being delayed by Atlanta Gas Light and, but should be completed as soon as AGL relocates their gas main this week.
- The 2" galvanized line replacement project is underway on the first project area off Newtown Road and the second project area in the Hunts Subdivision is scheduled to begin in April.
- Flocculation and sedimentation control project at the Mauldin Road Water Treatment Plant: Work began on August 13th on the large basin and currently the project is four to six weeks behind schedule, but progress is being made. Basin number four is scheduled to be completed in March barring any additional bad weather.
- Water System Modeling project is on schedule and should be completed in the next few weeks.
- SR 225 Water Main Relocation (GDOT Bridge @ New Echota)- The DOT has begun construction for this project. GDOT has made revisions which now will require that approximately 750 feet of water main be relocated.
- Streetscape phase IV water and sewer relocation and upgrades- Engineering is complete and ready for bidding.
- Hwy 53 Floyd County Connection- Design is complete and materials are on order.

2) Water Treatment Plant Facility

- Total gallons withdrawn: 268,510,000
- Daily average: 9,589,642
- Wells: 123,480,000
- Big Springs: 0
- Percent produced by Brittany Drive: 45.9
- Rainfall- 3.64"

3) Waste Water Treatment Plant Facility

- Treated a daily average of 4.923 MGD, with an average BOD effluent of 8, average suspended effluent of 9, and an average COD of 50.

4) Water Distribution

- 3 Water connections, 28 water service leaks repaired, 17 water main leaks repaired, 72 meters changed, 88 meters pulled for no usage, 35 investigated leaks, 14 meter cut-off valves changed, 3 yards or roadway edges repaired due to previous work, 25 utility locates called in for work orders, 310 utility locates responded to, and 61 misc. calls
- Completed changing water connections to new line in Fairmount in area of new sidewalk.
- Began relocating 8" water line along Hwy 225 for new bridge construction.

5) Waste Water Collection

- 1,650' Sanitary Sewer Services TV inspected, 245 utility locates completed, 2 lift station repairs completed, 6,400' sanitary sewer lines cleaned, 65 manholes opened and inspected, 2 new sewer connections installed, 4 sanitary sewer services repaired

6) Building Inspection Department

- Issued 27 permits for an estimated cost of \$690,900, collected \$4,164 in permit fees. This included 5 new residential, 2 residential remodeling, 2 commercial remodeling, 3 residential plumbing, 3 new residential and 2 commercial HVAC, 3 residential electrical, 1 commercial electric, 5 sign, 1 grading, and 81 total inspections.

7) Recreation Department

- Youth Basketball – GRPA District tournaments were played February 21 through February 28. There were six teams representing Calhoun Recreation Department. Our Agency hosted the 7-8 Girls tournament with 10 teams participating. The economic impact for this 4 day tournament was \$24,960.00 with teams visiting Calhoun from Fannin Co., Trion, Summerville, Gilmer Co., Pickens Co., Murray Co., Rockmart, and Bremen.
- We hosted the Calhoun Recreation – United Way All-Star Warm-Up tournament February 12-14 with 18 teams participating. The estimated economic impact for this 3 day event was \$34,320.00.
- Soccer – The Spring soccer season has begun. A total of 374 boys and girls ages 4 through 14 are participating in our spring soccer program.
- Youth Baseball/Softball – The spring baseball and softball registration/draft/practices are in progress.
- Website Usage – total visits 3,611

C. Councilman Crowley gave the February report as follows:

1) Police Department

- Made 327 cases with 6 DUI's
- Fines collected by Municipal Court - \$76,590
- Issued 411 warnings
- Investigated 66 highway accidents, 29 private property accidents
- Provided 59 escorts
- 1,027 incident reports
- Responded to 250 alarms
- Miles patrolled: 44,770
- Responded to 3,837 calls for service by E-911

2) Municipal Court and Probation

- Total Court cases- 355
- Court cases dropped- 75
- Number of Bond forfeitures- 207
- Number of Probation cases- 35

- Probation Payments- \$37,155
- Probation Revocations- 14
- Failure to appear- 22
- Prisoner transports- 21
- Subpoenas served- 17

3) Fire Department- Suppression

- Responded to 159 calls for service for the suppression division, 2 fire incidents for damages. (\$4,400 in estimated fire damage)
- Responded to 112 medical service calls
- Responded to 11 hazardous conditions incidents
- Responded to 14 false alarms or false calls, 14 good intent

Training Division

- Department completed 581 hours of training.
- Training consisted of: Infectious Apparatus pump training, treatment for burn patients, SCBA air consumption drills, and required core skills.

4) Fire Inspection Department

- 85 total reported activities/inspections which included 27 annual inspections, 4 new business inspections, 38 requested inspections, 17 follow-up or re-inspections, and 32 consultations
- Inspectors conducted Fire Safety and Prevention Program for Catoosa Senior Village.
- Inspectors attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting.

D. Councilman Hammond gave the February report as follows:

1) Street Department

- Councilman Hammond thanked the General Government and Calhoun Utilities for their hard work and job well done with removing snow from City streets. Public Works and Water Construction crews worked hard to keep the streets in good shape to travel. Also, the Parks Department worked to shovel snow in Downtown Calhoun.
- Completed 19 shop and 11 street department work orders.
- Placed 6 new street signs.
- Inspected and maintained 103 miles of streets and storm drainage.
- Completed storm drain work on East May Street laying 400 feet of 18" pipe, 600 feet of 15" pipe and built six catch basins. Sidewalk installation will come next.
- Spread salt and cleared snow from City streets after a winter storm.
- Cut and removed a tree on Piedmont Street.
- Continued work on the Animal Control Building addition.

2) Cemetery Department

- Performed routine maintenance on Fain and Chandler Cemetery.
- Supervised the opening and closing of 15 grave sites.
- Sold 10 new grave spaces.

- Worked 0 grave sites.

3) Animal Control

- Housed 30 dogs and 14 cats
- Number of dogs adopted: 4
- Number of cats adopted: 2
- Number of dogs rescued: 10
- Number of dogs reclaimed by owner: 7
- Number of dogs euthanized: 2
- Number of cats euthanized: 6
- Number of warnings given: 25
- Number of bite cases: 0
- Citations issues: 0
- Number of inquiries: 62
- With the current leadership, Animal Control is working hard and doing a tremendous job to be a low kill shelter and with the community's help we can greatly reduce the euthanization of animals. For more information you can find us on Facebook at City of Calhoun Animal Control for adoption and volunteer opportunities.

4) Parks Department

- The Parks Department grounds crew picked up litter, hauled garbage to the dump, books from the library and maintained records at records room.
- Mowed and weedeated approximately 19 miles of sidewalk, 29 islands, and 42 other designated places in the City.
- The building and maintenance crew performed routine maintenance on designed city buildings and all fountains.
- Decorated Downtown Calhoun for Christmas.

5) Safety Committee

- Safety topic- Hearing protection
- Safety Inspection- Library and Utilities Administration
- Vehicle Accidents: 0
- Workers Compensation: 7- 5 Fire, 1 Police, and 1 Water Plant

6) Northwest Georgia Regional Commission

- Councilman Hammond discussed that the Regional Commission (RC) oversees 15 counties and 51 cities in Northwest Georgia that helps to reallocate federal dollars to various programs that benefit the citizens such as the Area on Aging, planning services for new business development, transportation planning, workforce training, and community planning.
- Councilman Hammond discussed that Northwest Georgia has been designated as one of the first 8 areas through the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership Program. The communities identified will be eligible for a total of \$1.3 billion available in federal economic development assistance. The RC is launching the Northwest

Georgia Center for Sustainable Floor Covering Innovation and Advanced Workforce Readiness, which will anchor the region's business development and innovation in the floor covering industry, attracting resources from around the state to support industry growth. During the Great Recession starting in 2007-2008, 16,240 jobs were lost in Northwest Georgia. Right now there are 4,600 jobs going unfulfilled in the 15 county NWGA region. NWGA accounts for 47% of the nation's flooring exports. Also, 85% of carpet produced in the United States comes from this region. Therefore, we have tremendous opportunities to expand and improve in this area and others for economic and job stability for the community.

- The work force investment provides a dislocation list by county and city, which identifies industries that have closed. Calhoun and Gordon County have had 52% of the losses in the region for September. Calhoun will be losing 120 jobs at Kobelco this year. Also, Quality Finishers closed with 36 jobs lost, and Bentley Dye reported 17 job losses. Hopefully, with the current jobs going unfulfilled there will be job opportunities going forward. Currently the top 10 employers hiring in Gordon County are Mohawk Industries, Adventist Health Care, Georgia National Guard, Shaw Industries, Surya Rugs, US Express, Dollar General, Surya, Gordon Hospital, and Western Express.

7) Tom B. David Airport

- The airport is the 7th largest permanent based aircraft airport in the state of Georgia. The airport has a 6,000 foot runway and is home to the Life Force helicopter.

7. Public Hearings and Comments:

A. Mayor Palmer opened a public hearing for a beer package request by Pankajkumar Patel DBA: Quick Stop at a location of 461 Harris Beamer Road.

- Mr. Peterson stated that all signs and advertising requirements have been met.
- Mayor Palmer asked for public comments.
- There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.
- Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the beer package request. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

- A. Mayor Palmer stated that they had an opportunity to appoint a new member to the Calhoun/Gordon County Library Board. Mayor Palmer thanked Ed Weldon for his 12 years of service to the Library Board. Mr. Weldon was a very important part of the renovations and new construction on the Library. Mr. Weldon worked closely with Joe Forsee and Momon Construction during the SPLOST project to ensure the project was a success. Mayor Palmer said that there was a recommendation to appoint Susan Bennett, who is an ESOL teacher at Calhoun Primary School. Councilman Hammond made a motion to appoint Susan Bennett to the Library Board. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. Mayor Palmer stated that Mrs. Bennett will be an outstanding member of the Library Board and appreciated her willingness to serve.
- B. Mayor Palmer conducted the first reading of a beer and wine package request by Hardik Patel DBA: ABC Convenience at a location of 703 Oothcalooga Street. Councilman Crowley made a motion to set the public hearing on April 13th. Councilman Hammond gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- C. Mayor Palmer read a beer, wine, liquor pouring manager change request for Ruby Tuesday at a location of 731 Hwy 53 SE. The prior manager was Jackie Alvarado and the proposed manager is Megan Rhodes. Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the manager change request. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- D. Attorney Govignon discussed a need for a motion to approve the execution of a quit claim deed by the Mayor releasing any interest that the City might otherwise possess in a "water easement" noted on a survey plat recorded at Book 36, Page 185 in favor of Melissa J Miller and Clark K Miller in the County. The easement is not necessary for the City as the water/sewer service would be in the road right of way on Azalea Drive. The property is shown on the GIS mapping as Map/Parcel No. 046A/108. The continued presence of the easement prevents additional residential construction on the property. Councilman Hammond made a motion to move forward with the quit claim deed and allow the Mayor to execute the document. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. (Quit Claim Deed attached)
- E. Mayor Palmer stated that there was a recommendation from the Industrial Development Authority to reappoint Larry Vickery for a four year term as a member of the Board of Directors. Councilman Edwards made a motion to appoint Larry Vickery to another four year term. Councilman Crowley gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

10. Other written items not on the agenda: None

11. Work Reports:

- A. City Administrator Peterson

B. General Manager Vickery

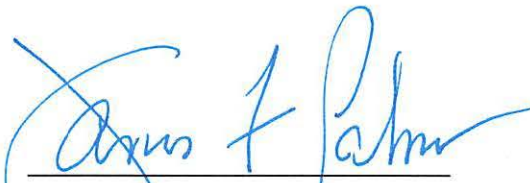
- Mr. Vickery stated that Calhoun Utilities has received bids for the purchase of bar screens and conveyor system for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. There was a recommendation to award the low bidder, Vulcan Industries, Inc., at a price of \$176,848. This is a budgeted item and the low bid is around \$30,000 under budget. Councilman Crowley made a motion to award the bid to Vulcan Industries. Councilman Hammond gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

C. City Attorney Govignon


12. Councilman Hammond made a motion to adjourn the regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Crowley with all voting aye, motion approved.

Approved:

Submitted:



James F. Palmer, Mayor



Paul Worley, City Clerk



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

March 5, 2015

Jerry W. Crawford
Water & Sewer Director
City of Calhoun

Re: Recommendation of Award
Purchase of Bar Screens & Conveyor System for the WWTP
Bid Opening – February 19, 2015

Dear Mr. Crawford:

Tabulated below are the results of the opening for the above referenced bid:

Bidder	Total Bid
Vulcan Industries, Inc.	\$176,848.00
Franklin Miller, Inc.	\$199,800.00
Fairfield Service Company of Indiana, LLC	\$204,000.00
Hydro-Dyne Engineering, Inc.	\$243,350.00

We have visited a nearby installation of the recommended bar screens and called several other references. Nothing in our investigation would prevent the apparent low bidder from being awarded the bid. We, therefore, recommend the award of the Purchase of Bar Screens & Conveyor System for the WWTP to Vulcan Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$176,848.00.

Yours truly,

David M. Burnett

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Engineering Manager