



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 22, 2024- 7:00 PM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM**

MINUTES

PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
Ed Moyer, Mayor Pro Tem
Ray Denmon, Councilmember
Jackie Palazzolo, Councilmember
Al Edwards, Councilmember

ALSO: Paul Worley, City Administrator; Kyle Ellis, Utilities Administrator; Erik Henson, Director of Water and Sewer, Sharon Nelson, City Clerk; George Govignon, City Attorney; Ken Carson, Police Department; Lenny Nesbitt, Fire Chief; Donny Morgan, Water Distribution.

1. **Council Meeting Called to Order**

Welcome

Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Invocation

Councilmember Edwards gave the invocation.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

3. **Amendment or Approval of Proposed Agenda**

Councilmember Edwards made a motion to amend the April 22, 2024 agenda to include a request from Calhoun Utilities under Item C of Old Business. This item was tabled during the April 8th meeting, and to amend the agenda to include a request for an opportunity to make comments from Stanley Brooks. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

4. **Amendment or Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of April 8, 2024. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

5. **Mayor's Comments**

- A. Mayor Palmer reminded those present at the meeting that the first public hearing on the City's Annual Operating Budget and Capital Plan for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 will be held on May 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. A copy of the proposed budget can be viewed by the public at www.cityofcalhoun-ga.com.

6. **Zoning Hearings and Comments**

7. **Other Public Hearings**

- A. Public hearing of an ordinance to amend, strike or change certain sections of Part II – Code of Ordinances, Appendix A – Zoning, Section 10.7 – Freestanding signs; to repeal all conflicting ordinances; to fix an effective date; and for other purposes.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments.
- There being none, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning the ordinance change.
- Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to approve the ordinance change. Councilmember Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

- B. Public hearing of a beer and wine package license request, at a location of 198 Peters Street, by Omar Food Mart, LLC (Mohsin Khan) d/b/a Mexican Mart. Asif Khan will serve as the store manager.

- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
- City Administrator Worley gave the report on legal requirements and notices stating that all had been met.
- Mayor Palmer opened the floor for comments, beginning with the applicant.
- There being none, Mayor Palmer closed the public hearing and called for a motion concerning the alcohol request.
- Mayor Pro Tem Moyer made a motion to approve the alcohol request. Councilmember Denmon gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

8. **Old Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of an annexation and zoning request from County A-1 to PRD for 40.15 acres, located on Peters Street and being parcels 040-

- 026A, 040-026B, and 040-099, by Brent Stepp Construction Company. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for May 9th and the public hearing for May 13th.
- B. Mayor Palmer gave the second reading of a zoning change request from Ind-G to C-2, located on Mauldin Road and being parcel C20-017, by Tejashkumar Patel. The Zoning Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for May 9th and the public hearing for May 13th.
 - C. Mayor Palmer stated that a motion was needed for a tabled request from Calhoun Utilities for approval to serve sanitary sewer to parcel 041-002B, located in unincorporated Gordon County and is ineligible for annexation. Mayor Palmer stated that this item would was tabled at the April 8th meeting in order to gather additional information on the property. Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to remove the item from the table. Councilmember Edwards gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved. Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve sanitary sewer as requested. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

9. **New Business**

- A. Mayor Palmer read GMA's proposed slate of District 1 Officers for FY 2024-2025. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the proposed slate of District 1 Officers. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.

10. **Work Reports**

- A. Paul Worley, City Administrator gave a review of March 2024 general cash and hotel motel reports. (copy attached) Councilmember Denmon made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
- B. Kyle Ellis, Utilities Administrator
 - a. Utilities Administrator Ellis gave a review of the March 2024 utilities cash report. (copy attached) Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the report as presented. Councilmember Palazzolo gave a second with all voting aye. Motion approved.
 - b. Utilities Administrator Ellis gave the floor to Erik Henson for a current PFAS update. (copy attached)
 - c. Mr. Henson gave the floor to Bryan Pate with Insite Engineering to speak concerning the status of our plants and provide additional information on PFAS, Bryan is the CEO of Insite Engineering and one of the Southeast's leading experts on PFAS. Insite Engineering is the firm that Calhoun Utilities selected to evaluate, design, and help implement permanent plant modifications focused on removing PFAS from our drinking water.
- C. George Govignon, City Attorney, had nothing to report.

12. **Motion to move to Executive Session, if needed**

13. **Motion to return to General Session**

14. **Other written items not on the agenda**

A. Stanley Brooks of 1503 Pine Chapel Road NE, and Kim Chapman of 402 Thor Avenue, addressed those present pertaining to a website they have created pertaining to PFAS.

15. **Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Palazzolo made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Moyer gave a second with all voting aye. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Approved:


James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:


Sharon Nelson, City Clerk

