

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
MARCH 24, 2003, 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor  
John D. Shelton, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem  
Ray M. Denmon, Councilman  
Lorene Potts, Councilwoman**

**ABSENT: Ronald H. Woods, Councilman**

**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 and welcomed everyone in attendance. He gave a special welcome to Mrs. Linda Crawford, a member of the Leadership Group.
  - a. Councilman Denmon led the group in the Lord's Prayer following a moment of silent meditation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Minutes of the March 10, 2003 regular City Council meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's comments:
  - a. Mayor Palmer asked each one to be thinking of our national leaders and military personnel.
  - b. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council of budget work sessions that will begin April 14, 2003, following the City Council meeting and will continue April 15 and 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m., as needed.
  - c. Mayor Palmer asked Councilwoman Potts to review the zoning matters scheduled for April 14, 2003. Councilwoman Potts reviewed those items as follows:
    - 1) A request by Jeff Erwin as agent for Haley Stephens for zoning C-2 and annexation of a lot that would be utilized for a car wash off of Warrior Path.
    - 2) A rezoning request by Randy and Robin Freeman as agents for Jerry Phillips for property located at 307 Henderson Bend Road. The request is to rezone from C-2 to R-2 to expand apartments adjoining the property.
    - 3) A request for zoning of R-1B and annexation of a house and lot at 108 Daisy Street by Buren Max Gregory.
    - 4) A request for R-1B zoning and annexation of a house and lot at 107 Daisy Street by Earl and Mary Lou Hilley.
    - 5) A zoning variance request for Tires, Inc. for an extension of one year (first renewal request) for a construction trailer on site at 301 Wellco Lane.

- 6) A request by William L. Eubanks, Sr. and Jack L. Anderson, Sr. for a 45-foot fire code variance for lots 5 and 8 and a 30-foot fire code variance for lots 6 and 7 of the property at 145 Marine Drive, for a new development. Councilwoman Potts stated this item was held over to allow notices to be mailed to adjoining property owners.

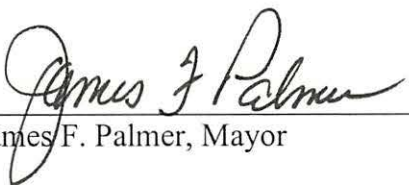
5. Public Hearings and Comments:

- a. Mayor Palmer opened a public hearing on the pawn shop application for Cash One Payday Advance and Title Pawn at 374 South Piedmont Street and 1108 Red Bud Road with Delia Machel Rhymer as manager of both branches.
  - 1) Mayor Palmer stated the police report showed no felony convictions.
  - 2) There were no comments and the hearing was closed.
  - 3) Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the application for both locations, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilman Denmon, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. A public hearing was opened on the fee ordinance schedule regarding fire prevention violations in Municipal Court.
  - 1) Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works, stated the schedule would allow violations to be heard in Municipal Court with the proper fine schedule.
  - 2) Mayor Palmer asked if there were any additional comments. There were none and the hearing was closed.
  - 3) Councilwoman Potts made a motion to waive the third and fourth reading and approve, second by Councilman Denmon with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Marcie Porter of the Arts Council reviewed the results of the contract that the Arts Council has with the City of Calhoun regarding their work providing entrance-free art festivals for youngsters in the City of Calhoun. She stated the contract called for administering these services for a minimum of 500 young people. During the prior year, over 3,500 children, age 3 through 6, were provided several opportunities for art festivals at the Arts Center. She reviewed the other items that were held at very minimal prices for young people through the Arts Council. Ms. Porter also asked the Mayor and Council to consider a special event that they have been asked to host for the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra for a date in August. She stated the board had worked very hard to develop a budget that would allow the event to be affordable for students, seniors and the general public. She stated it would be beneficial if the city could help with a one-time donation to this special event. Mayor Palmer stated he would recommend to the Council that the special event be handled in a similar manner to other special events in the downtown area, funded through the Main Street program, with a donation of \$1,500.00 for a one-time special presentation by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Following discussion and questions asked of Ms. Porter, Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the one-time special expense through the Main Street program for \$1,500.00, second by Councilwoman Potts, with Councilman Denmon, Councilwoman Potts and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

6. Old business:
  - a. Mayor Palmer reviewed an amendment to the school bond resolution of February 27, 2002, in which the custodian of the funds on the first issue was Wachovia. Following a bidding process of all the banking institutions within the city, the award was made to BB&T, with the resolution reflecting the custodian for the \$5,000,000.00 will be BB&T. Following discussion, Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the amendment to the resolution, authorizing BB&T to be the custodian of funds for the \$5,000,000.00 school bond issue, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilman Denmon, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
  
7. New business:
  - a. A first reading was given of a taxi cab license application of Fidel Aguirra Ramos with a business address of 112 Riverview Drive. Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be April 14, 2003 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 and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
  
8. Other written items not on the agenda: **none.**
  
9. Work Reports:
  - a. Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities: **no report.**
  - b. Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works: **no report.**
  
10. Mayor Palmer stated it was not necessary to move to executive session.
  
11. Councilwoman Potts made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:

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James F. Palmer, Mayor

  
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Cathy Harrison, City Administrator