

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
APRIL 28, 2003, 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor  
Ronald H. Woods, Councilman  
Ray M. Denmon, Councilman  
Lorene Potts, Councilwoman**

**ABSENT: John D. Shelton, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem**

**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. Mayor Palmer gave the invocation. He also announced that Mayor Pro Tem Shelton was currently in the hospital but should be released on Tuesday and should be available to attend the next Council meeting.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Minutes of the April 14, 2003 regular City Council meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's comments:
  - a. Mayor Palmer announced the Airport Authority Board had recommended the reappointment of Philip Beamer for a three year term to the Airport Authority Board. Councilman Denmon made a motion to reappoint Philip Beamer for a three year term to the Airport Authority Board, second by Councilman Woods, with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Woods and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
  - b. Mayor Palmer stated the Industrial Development Authority had recommended reappointment of Jimmy Silvers for a four year term on the Industrial Development Authority. Councilman Woods made a motion to reappoint Jimmy Silvers for a four year term on the Industrial Development Authority and to forward the appointment to the Gordon County Board of Commissioners, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
  - c. Mayor Palmer stated the "Friends of the Gem" Theater had requested permission to extend the street closing that had earlier been granted for the period of May 3, 2003 from 7:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. to include the evening of May 2, 2003 from 5:30 p.m. through until 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. The extra time would allow the committee to set up for the first bazaar for the "Friends of the Gem." Following review, Councilwoman Potts made a motion to approve the request, second by

Councilman Woods, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Woods and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- d. Mayor Palmer stated the Preservation First Development Company, LLC had requested the city to adopt a resolution supporting their application to DCA for funding, which would allow rehabilitation of the 17 units known as the Calhoun Gardens on Richardson Road. Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the resolution as read by Mayor Palmer and to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried. Mayor Palmer introduced Mr. Womack with Preservation First. Mr. Womack expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and Council for their consideration of the project.
- e. Mayor Palmer reminded the group of a budget work session immediately following the Council meeting.
- f. Councilwoman Potts reviewed the zoning matters scheduled for May 12, 2003, as follows:
  - 1) A zoning variance request by Dr. Box and Associates of Northwest Georgia Medical Park, at 400 Timms Road for a 60-inch high by 120-inch wide sign for their business office located on site.
  - 2) A first reading of a request by Paul Lusk for rezoning from Industrial-H to R-2 of property at the corner of Edmond Street and Pine Street, the site of the old medical arts building, for apartments.
  - 3) A request for zoning of PRD and annexation of over 15 lots in the Blackwood Subdivision across from the Outlet Mall, by Russell Owen.
  - 4) A request by L. P. Owens for rezoning from A-1 to Industrial-G of property located on Highway 41 South, 440 feet north of Union Grove Road.
  - 5) A request by Clark Scherer for a zoning variance regarding parking spaces at a new Eckerd Drugs at 200 Curtis Parkway.
  - 6) 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.

5. Public Hearings and Comments:


- a. Mayor Palmer opened a public hearing on the taxi license of Fidel Aguirre Ramos for a business office at 112 Riverview Drive. Mayor Palmer stated the address is in a residential area and the city had been unable to contact Mr. Ramos regarding his lack of a commercial address for his operation. There was no one available for comments for Mr. Ramos and no comments from the public and the public hearing was closed. Councilman Woods made a motion to deny the taxi business license request since the address was not in a commercial area. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Potts, with Councilman Woods, Councilwoman Potts and Councilman Denmon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Mayor Palmer opened a public hearing on the pawn shop application for Cash One/Georgia Money, Inc. at 374 South Piedmont Street and 1108 Red Bud Road with Doug Heir as owner and Jennifer Carol Thomas as the local manager of both branches. Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments by the applicant or public. There were none and the hearing was closed. Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the request for a pawn licenses for both 374 South Piedmont

Street and 1108 Red Bud Road, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- c. Mayor Palmer opened a hearing on a request for a taxi license for Taxi Hispano by Everilda Velasquez and Rony Alonso, with an office at 607 South Wall Street, a commercial area. Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments by the applicant or the public. There were none and the hearing was closed. Councilwoman Potts made a motion to approve the request subject to proof of insurance and other requirements as per the ordinance, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon and Councilman Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.
6. Old business: **none.**
  7. New business:
    - a. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a liquor and wine package license application for a new location at 2261 Highway 41 North, Calhoun, Georgia by Ghulam Akbar Khan. Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be May 26, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Woods made a motion to set the public hearing for that date and time, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
    - b. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a revolving loan application by Preservation First Development Company, LLC, for rehabilitation funds for Calhoun Gardens Apartments in the amount of \$60,000.00. Mayor Palmer stated the application would be forwarded to the Loan Advisory Commission and a hearing set for the next Council meeting.
    - c. Mayor Palmer asked Attorney Bailey to review a proposed ordinance to amend the Charter by "Home Rule" relating to Municipal Court. Attorney Bailey reviewed three areas of change and stated the ordinance would necessitate two public hearings, one on May 12, 2003 and one on May 26, 2003, each at 7:00 p.m.
  8. Other written items not on the agenda: **none.**
  9. Work Reports:
    - a. Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities reviewed the proposed amendments to the line extension policy for the City of Calhoun. Cornwell reviewed those particular areas that were affected by the change. Following review and discussion, Councilman Denmon made a motion to approve the amendments to the line extension policy, second by Councilman Woods with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Woods and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
    - b. Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works stated the McDaniel Station Road project would resume construction shortly. The Downtown Park is nearing completion.
  10. Mayor Palmer inquired if there was a need to move to executive session. There was none.

11. Councilman Woods made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.


Approved:



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James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



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Cathy Harrison, City Administrator

# CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Preservation First Development Company, LLC has notified the City of Calhoun of its desire to apply to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for Low Income Housing Tax Credit or financing through HOME for rehabilitation of 76 units at Calhoun Gardens; and

**WHEREAS**, rehabilitation of the units would include those units for low income families; and


**WHEREAS**, the rehabilitation would be a benefit to the economic development of the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Mayor and Council of the City of Calhoun, Georgia hereby express support for the rehabilitation of the 76 unit complex known as Calhoun Gardens at 110 Richardson Road, Calhoun, Georgia; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Mayor of the City of Calhoun is hereby authorized to issue a letter of support for the project on behalf of the City of Calhoun, Georgia.

**ADOPTED** this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2003.


**City of Calhoun, Georgia**



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James F. Palmer, Mayor

**Attest:**



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Cathy Harrison, City Administrator/Clerk