

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM  
109 SOUTH KING STREET  
MAY 26, 2003, 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT: Ronald H. Woods, Councilman  
Ray M. Denmon, Councilman**

**ALSO: Cathy Harrison, City Administrator**

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. In lieu of an invocation, he asked each one to bow their head for a word of silent prayer and reflection on Memorial Day.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Minutes of the May 12, 2003 regular City Council meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's comments:
  - a. Mayor Palmer expressed appreciation of those who had made the supreme sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy today.
  - b. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council members of the final 2003-2004 budget hearing scheduled for June 9, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.
  - c. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council of the zoning matters scheduled for June 9, 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 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.
  - d. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council of a public hearing on June 16, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. on a beer package license application by Sidney Collins for an existing location at 767 Highway 53 East.
5. Public Hearings and Comments:
  - a. Mayor Palmer opened a public hearing on an application for a liquor and wine package license for a new location at 2261 Highway 41 North, by Ghulam Akbar Khan. Mayor Palmer stated the police report was clear. The location report provided by surveyor's certificate indicated there were no churches or schools

within 600 feet of the location. Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments regarding the application. There were none and the hearing was closed. Councilwoman Potts made a motion to approve the request, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilwoman Potts, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton and Mayor Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- b. Mayor Palmer opened a public hearing on the ordinance amendment regarding the Charter by Home Rule relating to Municipal Court. Mayor Palmer stated the City Attorney had reviewed the proposed amendment indicating the Chief Judge would have the power to punish for contempt by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment not to exceed 30 days or both at the discretion of the presiding judge. He stated it would also allow the Municipal Court the authority to appoint a city marshal and deputy marshals, as needed for operation of the court. These would be a result of moving the court to general administration and removing it from the jurisdiction of the police department. Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments regarding the proposed amendment. There were none. Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion to approve the ordinance regarding amending the Charter by Home Rule, second by Councilwoman Potts, with Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilwoman Potts and Mayor Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.

6. Old business:

- a. Mayor Palmer stated the Echota Van Shrine Club wished to amend their June 7, 2003 parade permit to allow the parade to begin at 1:00 p.m. instead of 11:00 a.m. as previously requested. Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion to approve the change in time for the Shrine parade permit from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on June 7, 2003, subject to DOT approval, second by Councilwoman Potts with Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilwoman Potts and Mayor Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Mayor Palmer asked for a motion to confirm the execution of the right-of-way documents associated with the downtown drainage project for DOT, and to authorized the Mayor to sign the contract and other documents required for the project as they arrive. Following consideration, Councilwoman Potts made a motion to approve the right-of-way documents and to authorize the Mayor to sign all documents relating to the downtown drainage project, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilwoman Potts, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton and Mayor Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.

7. New business: **none.**

8. Other written items not on the agenda: **none.**

9. Work Reports:

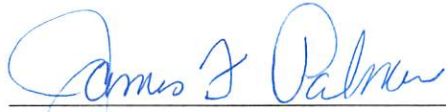
- a. Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities: **none.**
- b. Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works: **none**

10. Mayor Palmer stated there was no need to move to executive session.

11. Councilwoman Potts made a motion to adjourn, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilwoman Potts, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton and Mayor Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.


Approved:

Submitted:



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James F. Palmer, Mayor



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Cathy Harrison, City Administrator