

**CITY OF CALHOUN
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
226 SOUTH WALL STREET
AUGUST 29, 2003, 10:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

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

**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 special meeting to order and stated he appreciated everyone's attendance.
2. Mayor Palmer asked Attorney Bailey to review the proposed operating agreement and the amended sewer agreement in reference to the extension and construction of the Sonoraville sewer line.
 - a. Attorney Bailey reviewed the proposed operating agreement page-by-page.
 - b. The group requested the following changes:
 - 1) The number of years on page 2 should be changed from fifty to twenty years, the period of the GEFA loan, and the wording "from the date of this agreement" should be changed to "from the completion of the project."
 2. On page 3, the second full sentence should be amended to add the following to the beginning of the sentence: "For twenty years from completion of said project, the city shall collect . . ."
 3. On page 3, item 6A, amend the first sentence to the following: "The city shall be responsible for reading all water meters which are connected to the project and any extension in accordance with the usual and customary procedures for reading water meters."
 - d. Attorney Bailey stated the county attorney had made the changes to the original sewer agreement as per the request of both parties. Following the discussion of both documents, Mayor Palmer stated he was ready to accept motions on the documents.
 - e. Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the proposed operating agreement with the changes as discussed, subject to the approval of the County Commission, and to authorize the Mayor to make any non-material changes without Council approval and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon, Councilwoman Potts and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - f. Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the original sewer agreement with changes as per the agreement of both parties and to authorize the Mayor to make any additional non-material changes without Council approval and to authorize

the Mayor to sign, subject to approval by the County Commission. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.

3. Harrison reviewed the 2003 Tax Digest numbers from the Tax Assessor and the resulting millage that would be necessary, as per the M&O and school budgets adopted in June 2003. Harrison also reviewed the timed legal ads required for the five-year histories and for a resulting tax increase for the school.
4. Mayor Palmer stated the federal TE funding for DOT Streetscape projects had been approved. He asked the Council to consider an application for Phase II of \$1 million, with a required 20% local match for an area beginning at the Hicks Street and Wall Street intersection and going north as far as possible. He stated the current architects for Phase I, Yeager & Company, had expressed willingness to file the application for Phase II at no charge and would provide the detailed plans for a price to be determined and approved later. Mayor Palmer stated the most logical place to provide the 20% local match would be from the city's share of the SPLOST funds for streets. Following discussion, Councilwoman Potts made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of a \$1 million application for Phase II, as discussed, and to authorize the Mayor to sign all documents. The motion included the authorized filing by Yeager & Company. However, the cost for plans would be determined, reviewed and approved later. The motion was seconded by Councilman Woods, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
5. Councilwoman Potts stated Christmas lighting for the Downtown Park is estimated to cost \$3,000.00. However, the cost was not included in the 2003-2004 budget. Following discussion, Councilman Woods made a motion to authorize the necessary funds up to \$3,000.00 by transferred from the Mayor's Contingency Fund to the recreation department, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
6. Harrison stated the August 25, 2003 street closing request by Tony Spears had been withdrawn. The applicant and the Calhoun Housing Authority had determined there was sufficient area without using the street and an off-duty police officer would be hired to make sure the children were not in the street.
7. Councilman Woods made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon, Councilwoman Potts and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:20 a.m.

Approved:

Submitted:



James F. Palmer, Mayor



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator