

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
NOVEMBER 11, 2002, 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

**PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor
John D. Shelton, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem
Ronald H. Woods, Councilman
Ray M. 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 meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
 - a. Mayor Pro Tem Shelton gave the invocation.
2. The Georgia National Guard posted the flags in observance of Veterans Day.
 - a. Councilman Denmon led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Minutes of the October 28, 2002 regular City Council meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's comments:
 - a. Mayor Palmer stated November 11 was Veterans Day and he expressed appreciation to all those who have served to make America free and to allow us the extensive freedoms that we have today.
 - b. Mayor Palmer reminded everyone of the opportunity to join in the Mayors' Motorcade on December 10, presenting Christmas gifts to the patients at Northwest Regional Hospital. He said those who could not attend could bring gifts by City Hall before December 9.
 - c. Mayor Palmer congratulated those candidates who were elected on November 5, 2002 and stated he looked forward to continuing the progress that has been made in the last few years in our community.
 - d. Mayor Palmer reminded the Council of the hearing on the Tim Bockholt on the beer package license application on December 9, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.
 - e. Mayor Palmer stated the recreation department has almost completed its football year with a successful lineup. He stated on November 16, the Calhoun and Gordon County recreation departments' All Star teams will compete in Calhoun. He stated on November 9, there was a group from all over the state that attended a soccer tournament in Calhoun, which was very eventful and some of our soccer teams will be going to state. Basketball participation is beginning and the lineup appears to be an increase from the prior year.

5. Council Comments:

a. Mayor Pro Tem Shelton stated:

- 1) During the month of October 2002, the police department made 579 cases with anticipated fines of \$132,850.00 from the cases made. There were 11 DUI cases. They issued 143 speeding citations and 326 warning tickets and they collected \$90,004.00 in fines against previous cases. Officers worked 63 highway accidents with 3 injuries, 40 private property accidents with no injuries, provided 96 escorts and responded to 152 alarms. They logged 48,738 miles on patrol during the month of October.
- 2) The fire department responded to 64 calls for service with estimated fire damages of \$93,000.00. They responded to 22 accidents with 10 injuries and one fatality. They responded to 13 false alarms, 2 single-family, 2 healthcare, 4 industry, 2 vehicle fires, 1 grass fire, 1 trash fire, 4 mutual aid, 4 hazardous materials, 6 live wires and 3 other miscellaneous calls. The fire inspector conducted 38 inspections. They also had a total of 1883 children participating in safety education classes during October.

b. Councilman Woods stated:

- 1) The electric department continued with construction projects including line addition and transformer installation at the Shaw plant; line addition and transformer installation at Gordon Hospital; projects in engineering and design; new customer and three-phase power on Oak Street; line addition from College Street to Curtis Parkway on Redbud Road; system protection and reliability study and equipment requisition; and new services for the Calhoun Elementary School. The electric department also continued to work on security lighting as a result of the May storm with 65 work orders processed. There were 42 new work orders for new businesses and maintenance and 6 after-hour callouts.
- 2) Telecommunications installed an internet T-1 connection for Mannington and finished testing and created new VPN (Virtual Private Network) tunnels for the Blue Ridge Professional Services. They started hosting e-mail for Foremost Construction.
- 3) The generator operated for 12 hours in October, producing 260,000 kWh at an average price of 7.25¢ per kWh.
- 4) During the month of October, the electric department issued 23 permits, provided 45 inspections and set 20 meters. They purchased and resold 31,811,472 kWh of electricity.

c. Councilman Denmon stated:

- 1) The waste treatment plant treated a daily average of 8.176 million gallons per day (MGD.) The average BOD effluent was 10, the average suspended effluent was 19 and the average COD effluent was 93.
- 2) The water treatment plant treated a daily average of 11.523 MGD of raw water during the month.
- 3) The water and sewer construction department made 94 water taps in the month and 8 sewer taps. They installed 600 feet of 6-inch water line, 2 fire hydrants along Jolly Road east of the railroad tracks and began installation of a 6-inch water line along Stendal Drive. They also installed fire hydrants on Highpoint Drive and Henderson Bend Road. There were 55 water leaks and 12 meters repaired and 5 meters were changed out.

- 4) The building inspector issued 53 permits during the month for total construction of \$848,550.00. They provided a total of 159 inspections.

d. Councilwoman Potts stated:

- 1) The street sweeper cleaned 35 miles of curb and gutter. They hauled 73 loads of stone, put up 14 new street signs and completed 28 shop work orders. Progress continues on the new downtown park. The sidewalk around the park is finished except for one section. The gazebo is under construction and the storm drains and piping have been installed. The clock has been delivered and is ready for installation. The paving crews have completed paving for the city streets: Travelers Pathway, Green Row, Adair Street, Colbert Cemetery Road and the Armory Road. Paving at the soccer field parking lot will be scheduled as weather permits. Construction continues on the second phase of the sidewalk on Dews Pond Road and Line Street. The final 1200 feet is in with over 160 feet of 8-inch pipe, which has been installed and covered with chert. The street department also worked with the motor grader on the Plainville water tank area. They also ran their storm water maintenance plan, checking all pipes and storm water drains on the 30th of September.
- 2) The sanitation department ran their commercial trash routes and they serviced and washed vehicles. They gained one 4-yard dumpster account, one 6-yard account and one 8-yard dumpster account.
- 3) The parks department personnel provided routine maintenance on city property, water tank sites and right-of-ways. The maintenance crew also completed work on new offices at the electric department, worked on various maintenance jobs at City Hall, the Depot and the water plant. They finished construction on a 40 by 50 foot concrete parking lot at the Fain Cemetery shop area.
- 4) The cemetery department marked and supervised opening and closing of 9 grave sites, sold 7 grave spaces and supervised the installation of eight new monuments. They performed routine maintenance at both Fain and Chandler Cemetery.
- 5) The safety department noted four workers' comp accidents and 4 vehicle accidents during the month. They also provided an inspection of the sewer treatment plant.
- 6) The animal control department housed 15 dogs and 21 cats. They issued one 1st warning and two 2nd warnings for leash law violations and responded to 53 customer inquiries.

6. Public Hearings and Comments:

- a. Mayor Palmer stated at this time, public hearings on zoning matters would be held. The public would have the opportunity to make pro and con comments with a ten-minute maximum time limit for each side of the matter. Each person speaking would be required to have filed a Financial Disclosure Statement five days prior to the hearing, and each person would be required to give their name and address before speaking. An inquiry was made to determine if any of the elected officials had filed a disclosure statement regarding ownership or special interest in the agenda items. The response was negative.

STANDARDS GOVERNING THE EXERCISE OF ZONING POWER

- (1) Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.
- (2) Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.
- (3) Whether the property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned.
- (4) Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities or schools.
- (5) Whether there will be capital costs for capital improvements to serve the area. Capital costs shall include water mains, sewer mains, new street pavement or widening, new fire stations or equipment, new police stations or equipment, and other like costs.
- (6) Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan.
- (7) Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for their approval; or disapproval of the zoning proposal.
- (8) Whether there are other factors relevant to balancing the interest in promoting the public health, safety, morality or general welfare against the right to the unrestricted use of property.

VARIANCE CONSIDERATIONS (ONE OR MORE)

- (a) There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property in question because of its size, shape or topography.
- (b) The application of this ordinance to the particular piece of property would create an unnecessary hardship.
- (c) Such conditions are peculiar to the particular piece of property involved.
- (d) Relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purposes and intent of this ordinance, provided, however, that no variance may be granted for a use of land or building or structure that is prohibited by this ordinance.

- 1) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a zoning variance request by the Calhoun First Presbyterian Church at 829 Red Bud Road to allow location of a 49 x 14 foot modular classroom for youth programs.
 - a) A public hearing was opened.
 - b) Harrison reported that notification to adjoining property owners had been completed, signs had been placed on the property and notices had been published in the local legal organ.
 - c) Councilwoman Potts stated the Zoning Advisory Board met on this matter on November 7, 2002 at 4:30 P.M. She stated the unit will be used for youth programs and will be needed until a permanent building addition can be erected. The minister, Jack Foley, understands the permit would be for 12 months with an opportunity for no more than one 12-month renewal. She stated the Zoning Advisory Board recommended approval of the variance request based on this understanding.
 - d) Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments by the applicant.

- e) Jack Foley stated he felt the application spoke for itself. However, he was available to answer any questions.
- f) There were no questions and the public hearing was closed.
- g) Councilwoman Potts made a motion to approve the variance request based on the following criteria:

- (a) There are no extraordinary or exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular piece of property in question.
- (b) The strict application of this ordinance would create an unnecessary hardship.
- (c) N/A.
- (d) Relief, if granted, will not cause any substantial detriment to the public good or impair the purposes or intents of the ordinance.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Woods, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- 2) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a request for zoning of C-2 and annexation by Emory E. Cantrell for property on Highway 53 adjoining the east side of Belmont Baptist Church.
 - a) A public hearing was opened.
 - b) Harrison reported that notification to adjoining property owners had been completed, signs had been placed on the property and notices had been published in the local legal organ.
 - c) Councilwoman Potts stated the Zoning Advisory Board met on this matter on November 7, 2002 at 4:30 P.M. The request is for a mini-mall to be constructed on both the lot in question and the adjoining lot, which is already in the city limits. The structure would be 172 by 60 feet and there would be sufficient parking, as per the ordinance. The board felt it would also close another gap in the city limit area. Councilwoman Potts stated based on this information, the Zoning Advisory Board had recommended approval of the zoning of C-2 and annexation.
 - d) Mayor Palmer inquired if there were any comments by the applicant or the public.
 - e) Mr. Cantrell stated he had no other comments. The matter was covered at the Zoning Advisory Board hearing.
 - f) There were no other comments and the hearing was closed.
 - g) Councilwoman Potts made a motion to waive the third and fourth reading and to approve zoning of C-2 and annexation of the lot adjoining Belmont Baptist Church property and based on the following criteria:

- (1) The zoning requested will permit a use that is suited to the surrounding area.
- (2) The zoning request will not adversely affect existing or nearby property.
- (3) The property is currently vacant.

- (4) The proposed request will stress the existing streets. However, the existing street is a state route and is currently in a stressed condition and is awaiting improvements by the Department of Transportation.
- (5) The water and sewer infrastructure is located within the area. Widening of the street would be needed whether the current project is developed or not.
- (6) The proposed use is in conformance with the intent of the long range land use plan of the city.
- (7) N/A
- (8) The development will not impact or harm the public health, safety or general welfare of the public.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Woods, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- 3) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a request for a zoning change from C-N to R-2 for property at 806 Court Street by Frank Gentry, Jr.
 - a) A public hearing was opened.
 - b) Harrison reported that notification to adjoining property owners had been completed, signs had been placed on the property and notices had been published in the local legal organ.
 - c) Councilwoman Potts stated the Zoning Advisory Board met on this matter on November 7, 2002 at 4:30 P.M. Based on information presented by the neighborhood and by the Zoning Review Committee, the area was made up of older single-family housing for the most part and it would be the findings of the Zoning Advisory Board that this precedent should continue and the thought of changing the neighborhood commercial zoning to R-2 to allow apartment complexes to be built would be detrimental to the longstanding use of the property.
 - d) Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments from the applicant.
 - e) Mr. Gentry stated the area was in a bad state of repair and his project would improve the property. He would provide monthly rentals for the apartments that would be built.
 - f) Mayor Palmer asked if there were any other comments.
 - g) Mr. Lawrence Garigan stated that rather than hear all the persons who were registered to speak, he felt it would be more appropriate if Ms. Laura Pulliam summed up the comments for the group.
 - h) Ms. Pulliam stated she had read a recent article in the Calhoun Times regarding what makes Calhoun special. She stated among those items listed, it was community interest, the testing of time, and she and the neighborhood felt that the tradition of single-family dwellings in the area needed to continue. Even with these, there are still problems that need to be addressed, such as congestion, littering and drug trafficking, and apartments would add to these currently existing problems. She asked that the Mayor and Council support the findings of the Zoning Advisory Board to

deny construction of apartments at 806 Court Street and keep the single-family housing in place in the area.

- i) Mayor Palmer read a letter from Gail Brown, Executive Director of the Housing Authority, which supported the community's stand and also asked that apartments not be allowed to be constructed in the immediate area.
- j) There were no other comments and the hearing was closed.
- k) Councilwoman Potts made a motion to deny the request for the zoning change from C-N to R-2, based upon the following findings:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) The proposed zoning would not be suitable in view of the use and development of the adjoining and nearby property.(2) The zoning request would adversely affect existing use and usability of nearby property.(3) The property, as currently zoned, may still have a reasonable economic use.(4) The proposed use could be burdensome to existing streets.(5) N/A(6) The proposed use would conform to the intent of the land use plan of the city.(7) N/A(8) There are no factors that would promote public health, safety or morality for the area but would serve as a hindrance. |
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The motion was seconded by both Councilman Woods and Councilman Denmon, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- 4) Mayor Palmer stated the application by MTD, Inc. for a zoning variance for rebuilding of a damaged sign at the Gordon Hills Shopping Center on South Wall Street would be held until November 25 to allow completion of the notification to the adjoining property owners.
- 5) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading to a request for zoning of PRD and annexation of approximately 22.36 acres on Highway 53 and the Old Fairmount Highway by Jack Lamar Perry. Mayor Palmer stated the applicant had indicated he and his developers understood the Zoning Advisory Board was a closed meeting and they apologized for not attending and presenting their proposed project. He asked that the matter be tabled to allow them to appear at the next Zoning Advisory Board meeting. Councilman Denmon made a motion to table the matter until the next Zoning Advisory Board meeting, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilman Denmon, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilman Woods and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - a) Attorney Bailey stated that on both of these last two matters (MTD, Inc. and Jack Lamar Perry,) no one had been registered to speak, so no one's rights were impacted in terms of being heard on either matter.

- 6) Mayor Palmer gave a second reading of a request for zoning of R1-B and annexation of approximately 24.4 acres on Dews Pond Road by Ray Reece and Buddy Stansel as agents for Mary Ruth Taylor.
- a) A public hearing was opened.
 - b) Harrison reported that notification to adjoining property owners had been completed, signs had been placed on the property and notices had been published in the local legal organ.
 - c) Councilwoman Potts stated the Zoning Advisory Board met on this matter on November 7, 2002 at 4:30 P.M. They found that the proposed single-family housing would be a good addition to the City of Calhoun and it would add approximately 70 homes. They would be medium priced and would be for sale rather than rent. This would fill in an area within the city limits. Based upon these findings, the Zoning Advisory Board had recommended zoning of R-1B and annexation.
 - d) Mayor Palmer asked if there were any comments by the applicant.
 - e) Ms. Kim Sellers, an attorney speaking on behalf of Ray Reece and Buddy Stansel, who resides at 901 Elmwood Drive in Canton, Georgia, stated the developers desire to build a nice addition to the Calhoun area.
 - f) There were no other comments and the hearing was closed.
 - g) Councilwoman Potts made a motion to waive the third and fourth reading and to approve zoning of R-1B and annexation for the 24.4 acres currently owned by Mary Ruth Taylor, based upon the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) It would be suitable to the adjacent and nearby property.(2) It would not adversely affect the adjacent and nearby property.(3) The property is currently in the county.(4) The development would add to the stress on the existing streets.(5) The capital improvement costs for water and sewer mains and street improvements would be at the expense of the developer.(6) The proposed use would meet the city's long-range land use plan.(7) The surrounding area is developing and is near the interstate area and a single-family housing area would be more preferable than other types of development.(8) The application would not adversely affect the general welfare of the area. |
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The motion was seconded by Councilman Woods, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- 7) Mayor Palmer stated the request for zoning of C-2 and annexation of approximately 4.4 acres at 924 South Wall Street by Brian Wright had been withdrawn.
- b. Other Hearings:

- 1) Mayor Palmer inquired if David Mowry was present and wished to speak regarding the Fernandez Meat Company. Mr. Mowry was not in attendance.
 - 2) A public hearing was opened on the Emory Cantrell Revolving Loan Fund application for \$500,000.00 for ten years at 5% interest. Approximately 30 jobs would be created, with at least 51% being low to moderate income jobs. The funding will assist with construction of a mini-mall on West Belmont, also known as Highway 53. Additional funding would be provided by the developer and by Georgia Bank & Trust. Councilman Woods stated the Loan Advisory Commission met on this matter and following review of all the financial information and construction plans, the Loan Advisory Commission had recommended approval of the loan application. The group had also recommended the Council consider requiring that the city obtain a first mortgage when the city is the primary lender on any project. He also stated the commission had recommended that the terms of two of the members, Larry Roye and Gloria Brown, which expired on June 30, 2002, be extended for an additional 6-year period.
 - a) Councilman Woods made a motion to amend the lending policy by the City of Calhoun to require a first mortgage by the city when it is the primary lender on a project. Based upon this policy, he made a motion to approve the loan to Mr. Emory Cantrell in the amount of \$500,000.00 for 10 years at 5%. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon, Councilwoman Potts and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - b) Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the 6-year renewal terms for Larry Roye and Gloria Brown on the Loan Advisory Commission, second by everyone.
7. Old business: **none.**
8. New business:
- a. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a request for new zoning of R-1B and annexation by Margaret Ruth Whitfield for a house and lot 16 in the Cherokee Acres Subdivision. He stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be December 9, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing at that date and time, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton with Councilman Denmon, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilman Woods and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - b. A first reading was given of a request by Brian Dulaney for an 11-foot variance in order to replace canopies damaged by the May 1, 2002 storm at a car wash at 102 Fair Street. Mayor Palmer stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be December 9, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing at that date and time, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilman Denmon, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilman Woods and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - c. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a request by Alex Feagin for a zoning change from R-2 to C-2 for lot numbers 163, 164, 165, 166, 181, 182, 183, 184

and 185 in the David Addition to Calhoun on the Old Dixie Highway. He stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be December 9, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. Councilwoman Potts made a motion to set the public hearing at that date and time, second by Councilman Woods, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- d. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a request for a zoning change from Industrial-G to C-2 of property at 101 Mauldin Road by Greyfield Properties, Haley Stephens, President. He stated the earliest date for a public hearing would be December 9, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Denmon made a motion to set the public hearing at that date and time, second by Councilman Woods, with Councilman Denmon, Councilman Woods, Councilwoman Potts and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- e. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of a wine license request for Golden Gallon at 702 Highway 53 East. The license would accompany an existing beer package license for the applicant. He stated the application includes a request to allow the public hearing to be held on December 9, 2002, which is slightly under the 30-day minimum based on extenuating circumstances. Attorney Bailey stated the Mayor and Council had the prerogative to set the hearing a couple of days early based upon those extenuating circumstances and upon the fact that this is a complementary wine license to a currently existing beer package license. Councilman Woods made a motion to set the public hearing for the matter on December 9, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. 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.
- f. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of the following beer, wine and liquor license renewals for 2003, stating a second reading can be scheduled for November 25, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

Alcohol	Business Name	Manager	License Type
	53 Package Shop	Allan Conway	Beer Package
	ABC Liquor	Johnny Bryant	Wine/Liquor Package
	American Legion Post 47	C. L. Rutledge	Beer Pkg/Pour & Liquor Pour
	Arch City Package	Patricia DeFoor	Beer Package
	B&L Liquor, Inc	Lindsey Lewis	Liquor/Wine Package
	B&W Line Street Wine and Spirits	Karen Lynn Wofford	Liquor/Wine Package
	China Cook	Linh Buu Quan	Beer/Wine Pouring
	Dixie Beverage Shop	Barbara Bishop	Beer Package
	El Pueblito Mexican Rest.	Juana Naranjo	Beer/Liquor Pouring
	El Rayos	Gerardo Herrera	Beer Pouring
	Golden Gallon GA, LLC	Karen L. Aldridge	Beer Package
	Great Wall Chinese Restaurant	Kitty Leung	Beer Pouring
	J & P	Patsy Colleps	Beer/Wine Package
	J J's Package Store	Raymond J. Brown	Beer Package
	Jimmy's Package	Alton DeFoor	Beer Package
	Lizzi's Deli & Grill	Shadi J. Ibrahim	Beer Pouring
	Los Reyes Mexican Rest.	William T. Howard	BWL Pouring
	Mukhi, Inc. - Calhoun Liquor	Mukesh S. Patel	Liquor/Wine Package
	Red Bud Liquor Store, Inc.	Champ Kelly	Liquor/Wine Package
	South 41 Package	Roy Thomas Aaron	Beer/Wine Package
	Troy's	Shirley Dixon	Beer Package
	West Mart	Larry Manasreh	Beer Package
	Renis Barrett Memorial Home, Inc.	Edna Talley*	B&L Pouring

* A request for a manager change is currently being processed.

- g. Mayor Palmer gave a first reading of the following pawn license renewals for 2003, stating a second reading can be scheduled for November 25, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

Business Name	Owner	License Type
Cash Express	Cal Rountree	Pawn
Coast to Coast/Otasco	Jimmy M. Payne	Pawn
D&S Pawn	Nancy P. Long	Pawn
National Title Pawn of Calhoun	Jennifer Ann Quinn	Pawn
Park Avenue Pawn & Jewelry	Douglas Driscoll	Pawn
This & That Pawn Shop	Clyde E. McEntyre	Pawn

- h. Mayor Palmer stated at this time no taxi license renewal requests had been received.
9. Other written items not on the agenda:
- a. Mayor Palmer stated the Chamber of Commerce had asked that the Mayor and Council consider a Christmas Parade change for the date that had originally been approved for December 6 until December 12. This would allow several of the participants to participate in the state tournament football game. The police department stated the date of December 12 would be easier regarding traffic control. Based on these recommendations, Councilwoman Potts made a motion to amend the Christmas parade date to December 12 pending approval by the Department of Transportation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Woods and Councilman Denmon, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - b. Mayor Palmer stated the county had requested the City of Calhoun to consider paying for one of the four new 911 operators that will be hired due to the increased number of calls that are coming through the 911 service. Mayor Palmer stated the police calls have increased by over 4000, up from slightly over 300 calls per month. Police Chief Therrell Goswick stated that for the past month, even those calls have increased to 6,050 for the city police department. Based upon this information, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton made a motion to authorize the City to pay for one of the new dispatchers of the four which the county will hire. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilman Denmon, Councilman Woods and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
10. Work Reports:
- a. Kelly Cornwell, Director of Utilities stated the city had been in negotiations with the Georgia Public Web for several months regarding two items:
 - 1) A co-location of equipment, to be located in the City of Calhoun and the rate of the monthly rental, which had been established at \$250.00 per month.
 - 2) The second item was for a fiber maintenance agreement, which would result in a net single payment to the City of Calhoun in the amount of \$42,650.10. He stated he, Larry Vickery and Brad Carrick had reviewed


these contracts and also Attorney Bailey had reviewed the contract regarding legal content. He would recommend approval of both.

- 3) Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the co-location of equipment agreement, which would result in \$250.00 per month rental to the City of Calhoun. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon, Councilwoman Potts and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - 4) Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the fiber maintenance agreement with Georgia Public Web, which would result in a net single payment to the City of Calhoun in the amount of \$42,650.10. The motion was seconded by Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon, Councilwoman Potts and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works: **none**.

11. Attorney Bailey stated it was not necessary to move to executive session at this time.

12. Councilman Woods made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilwoman Potts and Councilman Denmon, with Councilman Woods, Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator