

**CITY OF CALHOUN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM
109 SOUTH KING STREET
AUGUST 26, 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
Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works
Cathy Harrison, City Administrator**

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order, gave the invocation and welcomed everyone in attendance.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Following review, minutes of the August 12, 2002 regular City Council meeting were approved with one correction: the name of William P. Bailey, City Attorney was removed from those present.
4. Mayor's comments:
 - a. Mayor Palmer stated the city had a German camera crew visiting the area for the next three days. The crew was introduced. Chief Goswick stated the crew plus federal and state emergency personnel would be in the area for extensive hazardous materials training. The local city and county public safety departments plus the emergency management team for Gordon County would participate in the training. Mayor Palmer welcomed the operation. He stated the German film crew would be reviewing American and German training for comparison.
 - b. Mayor Palmer stated the City of Calhoun will have one vote, based upon population, for the National League of Cities annual meeting. He stated he would be willing to serve as the voting delegate and would request a motion for that position, as well as two others to serve as alternate voting delegates at the December 2002 conference. Following discussion, Councilman Woods made a motion to appoint Mayor Palmer as the voting delegate, with Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts as alternates. 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.
 - c. Mayor Palmer stated the United Way group had successfully had another Unity Run on August 22, 2002. According to United Way Executive Director McBrayer, this had been the best run in a number of years.
 - d. Councilwoman Potts reminded the public of the brick sales that are currently being held. The bricks will be placed in memorial or in honor of various citizens at the new Community Park currently being developed at the corner of Wall Street and

Line Street. The bricks will be on sale until November 1, 2002. She stated applications for the bricks are available at the Depot, City Hall or the City Annex.

- e. Mayor Palmer reminded everyone of the solid waste hearing on September 3, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.
 - f. Mayor Palmer reminded everyone of the zoning hearings scheduled for September 9, 2002:
 - 1) A request by Roy and Jean Chastain for zoning of R-1A and annexation of a house and lot at 102 West Drive.
 - 2) A zoning variance request by Luke Lovingood for construction of a 12 x 40 foot awning on the front of his business at 836 North Wall Street.
 - 3) A request by Flipper McDaniel to rezone property at 802 South Wall Street from R-1 to C-2.
5. Public Hearings and Comments: **none.**
6. Old business: **none.**
7. New business:
- a. Mayor Palmer announced the city has received the tax digest numbers and is publishing the five year history for both the city and city school system. He stated no tax millage increase is needed for the city M&O taxes. However, a slight .11 mill increase is needed for the school. He stated hearings are scheduled for September 9 at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and on September 23, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. Harrison explained that the tax digest came in lower this year than last year's total figures and this was due to the loss of inventory for major industry. Even though there was growth in development of real property, it did not overcome the deficit for inventories. This resulted in the need for the millage to be raised for city school tax in order to bring in the dollars they need for their budget, even though those dollars are slightly below those needed for the prior year.
 - b. Mayor Palmer stated the City of Calhoun and Coosa Valley Regional Development Center have had a nutrition program contract in place for several years. The program allows meals for senior citizens to be served at the Senior Citizens' Center and to be delivered to those that are unable to leave their homes. He stated the program requires Coosa Valley Regional Development Center to provide a van and insurance, with the city providing a driver, fuel and maintenance. Mayor Palmer announced that the City of Calhoun would be receiving a new van this year due to the tremendous maintenance costs for the past several years on the old van. Following review, Councilman Denmon made a motion to renew the contract for the current fiscal year, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilman Denmon, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilman Woods and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.
8. Other written items not on the agenda: **none.**
9. Work Reports:
- a. Eddie Peterson, Director of Public Safety and Public Works: **none.**
 - b. William P. Bailey, City Attorney: He stated he had been notified by Jerry Crawford, Director of Water and Sewer, that it was necessary for four parcels in the Mill Village to be condemned for permanent easements in order for the project to move forward. He recommended the Council adopt a resolution which would authorize the

construction and maintenance of the easements in order to proceed with the project. He said these easements would be no more than 10 feet in width and no longer than 50 feet in length. He stated those lots were:

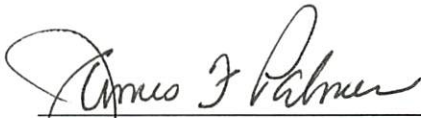
- Lot 10, owned by Catherine and Ethel West;
- Lots 3 and 11, owned by Laura Phillips Bailey; and
- Lot 9, owned by Kenneth Gravitt and Hilda Fowler.

He reviewed the resolution in its entirety and asked the Council to consider adoption. Following discussion, Councilman Woods made a motion to adopt the resolution, second by Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro Tem Shelton, Councilman Denmon and Councilwoman Potts voting affirmatively, motion carried.


10. Mayor Palmer stated there was no need to move to executive session.
11. Councilwoman Potts made a motion to adjourn, second by Councilman Woods, with Councilwoman Potts, Councilman Woods, Councilman Denmon and Mayor Pro Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:

Submitted:



James F. Palmer, Mayor



Cathy Harrison, City Administrator