

**CITY OF CALHOUN  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DEPOT COMMUNITY ROOM  
109 SOUTH KING ST  
August 22, 2011 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT: James F. Palmer, Mayor  
Al Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem  
George Crowley, Councilman  
David Hammond, Councilman  
Matt Barton, Councilman**

**ALSO: Eddie Peterson, City Administrator  
Larry Vickery, General Manager, Utilities  
Bill Bailey, City Attorney  
Paul Worley, Deputy Clerk  
Jerry Crawford, Water and Sewer Director  
Chief Garry Moss, Calhoun Police Department Chief  
Jeff DeFoor, Director of Electric Utilities  
Vickie Spence, United Way Executive Director**

1. Mayor Palmer called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.
  - A. Councilman Edwards gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
3. Mayor Palmer stated he would like to add two items concerning National League of Cities and the United Way Unity Run to the agenda. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Councilman Barton seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion approved.
4. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting on August 8, 2011. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
5. **Mayor's Comments:**
  - A. Mayor Palmer read a proclamation honoring the Calhoun Eastern Star, Worthy Grand Matron Ms. Lynn Marie Jones, and Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Roy Gay. The proclamation commends the organization for its community service.

**6. Public Hearings:**

- A. Mayor Palmer stated that there will be a public hearing for a beer package request from Jose Estrada, owner, D/B/A: El Sol Hispanic Grocery, for a location of 188 W. C. Bryant Parkway.
- Mayor Palmer opened the public hearing.
  - Mayor Palmer asked for any comments from the applicant or public.
  - There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.
  - Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the beer package license. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

**7. Old Business:**

- A. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading for an annexation and zoning change request from AG-1 to C-2 for 0.284 acres at a location of 932 North Wall Street for Stanley Simpson. The ZAB will meet on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The public hearing will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading for a zoning change request from R-2 to C-2 for 0.24 acres at a location of 932 North Wall Street for Stanley Simpson. The ZAB will meet on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The public hearing will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a request for de-annexation at a location of 1066 Sugar Valley Road which is zoned R-1 and contains 5.43 acres for Martha Juanita Treadaway Muse. The ZAB will meet on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The public hearing is set for October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a request for de-annexation at a location of 1060 Sugar Valley Road which is zoned R-1B and contains 0.78 acres for Martha Juanita Treadaway Muse. The ZAB will meet on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The public hearing is set for October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- E. Mayor Palmer conducted the second reading of a request for de-annexation at a location of 1287 McDaniel Station Road for Betty Brock. The tract is 0.69 acres and is zoned A-1. The ZAB will meet on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The public hearing is set for October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- F. Bryce Holcomb, Director of Public Finance with Citi, addressed the Mayor and Council concerning the refinancing of the 2001 bonds and GEFA debt. Mr. Holcomb stated that the City was fortunate in the timing of the refinance and was able to get a much lower rate than originally anticipated. The interest rates for the loans were lowered from an average of 4.249% down to 1.935%. The savings over the life of the loan will be \$420,360 net of costs. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the signing of the bond resolution. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved. Attorney Bailey administered the signing of the water and sewerage revenue bond resolution.

**8. New Business:**

- A. Mayor Palmer read a parade request for the Gordon Central Homecoming Parade to follow the traditional route on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the parade request. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- B. Mayor Palmer read a parade request for the Calhoun High School Homecoming Parade to follow the traditional route on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the parade request. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- C. Mayor Palmer conducted the first reading of a taxicab license request for Lilian Barrera De Valladares, owner, D/B/A: Taxi Los Buenos Amigos Inc. at a location of 711 South Wall Street Suite #5. The public hearing will be on September 26<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Councilman Crowley reviewed the minutes of the Revolving Loan Advisory Committee. Mr. Crowley stated that the Bison Group had withdrawn their application. Mr. Crowley then discussed the application of iWispr, LLC. There were two additional items that were requested from Mr. Jaime Layson, owner, that were submitted. Mr. Crowley stated that the application looked in order, and that the advisory committee recommended the loan request of \$75,000. This loan will help the company create/retain five permanent jobs. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the loan request for iWispr, LLC. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- E. Mayor Palmer read a taxicab license address change request for Andres Hernandez. The request is to move Oasis Taxi from 802 North Wall Street to 203 Richardson Road Suite #90. Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the taxicab license address change. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

**9. Other written items not on the agenda:**

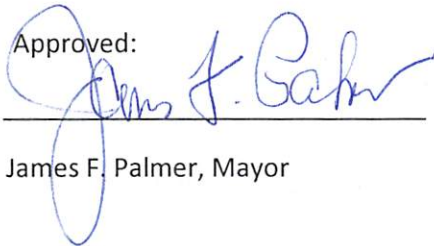
- A. Mayor Palmer read a request by United Way of Gordon County for road closures on September 27, 2011 at 6:30pm for the annual Unity Run. Vickie Spence, Executive Director of United Way of Gordon County, stated that the route will remain the same as last year's route which started at Gordon Central High School and ended in downtown Calhoun at the corner of Park Avenue and Court Street. This will be the 18<sup>th</sup> year for the Unity Run and has been a very successful fund raiser for United Way. Mrs. Spence encouraged everyone to participate in the event and said that there will be a competition between City and Gordon County employees this year. Councilman Barton made a motion to approve the road closures. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- B. Mayor Palmer read a resolution that informs the National League of Cities of the City's intent to participate in the NLC Prescription Discount Card Program. The City will work with NLC and CVS Caremark to implement the program to the benefit of the residents of the City of Calhoun. The discount cards are free and offer an average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of most prescription drugs. Councilman Hammond made a motion to approve the signing of the resolution. Councilman Barton gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.

**10. Work reports:**

- A. Eddie Peterson, City Administrator
- Mr. Peterson reviewed the General Government monthly cash report. Mr. Peterson stated that the general fund and reserve accounts were in good shape for this time of year. Mr. Peterson also stated that with the approval of the iWispr loan the City was back within the Department of Community Affairs guidelines, which states that the Revolving Loan Fund cash balance should not exceed 30 percent of total assets.
  - Councilman Crowley made a motion to approve the financial report. Councilman Edwards gave a second with all voting aye, motion approved.
- B. Larry Vickery, General Manager, Utilities
- None


11. Councilman Barton made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Crowley seconded with all voting aye, motion approved.

Approved:



James F. Palmer, Mayor

Submitted:



Eddie Peterson, City Administrator

**PARTICIPATING RESOLUTION  
CITY OF CALHOUN, GEORGIA**

**National League of Cities Prescription Discount Card Program**

**WHEREAS**, many citizens of the City of Calhoun are among the millions of Americans without health insurance or with limited drug coverage, and;

**WHEREAS**, the National League of Cities, which Calhoun is a member, is sponsoring a program in collaboration with CVS Caremark to provide relief to city residents around the country from the high cost of prescription drugs, and;

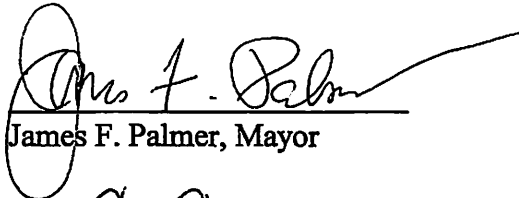
**WHEREAS**, the National League of Cities Discount Card Program will be available to member cities of NLC at no cost to those cities, and;

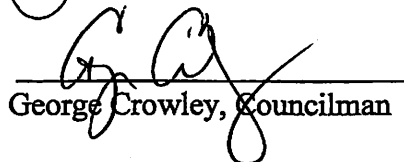
**WHEREAS**, CVS Caremark will provide participating cities with prescription discount cards, marketing materials and customer support, and;


**WHEREAS**, the discount cards offer an average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of most prescription drugs, has no enrollment form or membership fee, no restrictions based on the resident's age or income level, and may be used by city residents and their families any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance;

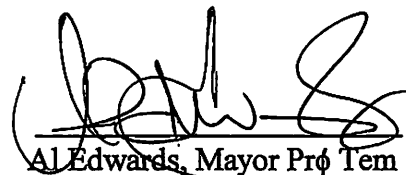
**THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the City Council of Calhoun, Georgia, that the City of Calhoun will inform the National League of Cities of its intent to participate in the NLC Prescription Discount Card Program and will work with NLC and CVS Caremark to implement the program to the benefit of the residents of the City of Calhoun, Georgia.

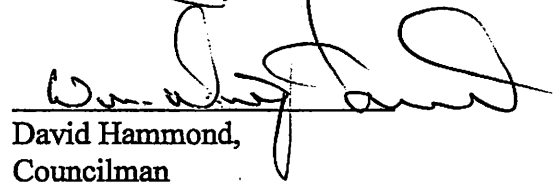
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2011.

  
James F. Palmer, Mayor

  
George Crowley, Councilman

  
Matt Barton, Councilman

  
Al Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem

  
David Hammond,  
Councilman