

JULY 11, 1983 - 7:30 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WITH MAYOR W. C. BURDETTE,
ALD. LEWIS, ALD. KING, ALD. BENNETT AND ALD. MEADOWS IN ATTENDANCE

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the June 20, 1983, regular meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments:
 - (a) Mayor Burdette announced the approval of an \$8,000.00 Beautification grant, with 20% matching money to be paid by the City. He announced the filing of an application of the CDBG on June 30, 1983 by Sweitzer and Peoples, Inc; the filing of an EDA (Jobs Training) grant by Hensley-Schmidt on June 24, 1983 and the forwarding of the UDAG (Carriage Carpets) grant to Washington on July 1, 1983.
 - (b) Mayor Burdette acknowledged a letter from James Burgess, new executive director of GMA, expressing his desire to work with the Mayor and Aldermen of Calhoun. The Mayor also acknowledged a note of appreciation from Susan Weddle for the ad the City placed in the Miss Georgia Magazine; and a note of appreciation from the Stroke Club, Joyce Lee and O. E. Henderson, for the handicapped parking spaces recently designated in the downtown area.
4. Aldermen's Comments: None
5. Public Comments:
 - (a) A public hearing was held on the Terry Smith rezoning request for the former South Calhoun Baptist Church property on Oothcaloga Street from R-3 to C-2. There were no public comments; the legal ad and the on site property signs had been as per ordinance requirements. Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve the request, 2nd by Ald. King with Ald. Meadows and Ald. Bennett voting affirmatively also.
 - (b) A public hearing was held on the Robert Chattam beer license request for the American Legion Post 555 Club. A clear police report was given and legal ads had been advertised as per the ordinance. There were no public comments. Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve the license, 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. King and Ald. Bennett voting affirmatively also. Mayor Burdette asked that his opposition to the license be recorded.
6. Old Business:
 - (a) A discussion was held on the proposed amendment to the beer/wine/liquor ordinance to allow the sale of wine by the drink. Mayor Burdette made an appeal to the Council to withdraw the amendment. There was no motion. The City Attorney stated the Council would need a motion to set the fees to become a part of the proposed amendment. The proposed fees were discussed but no motion was made.
 - (b) A first reading was given to the amendment to the ordinance governing fund raising solicitations by road blocks or canvasses of vehicles upon city streets. The amendment would disallow any road blocks or canvass of vehicles upon city streets effective Jan. 1, 1984.
 - (c) City Supt. Hobgood reported on the first phase of the Waste Treatment Plant construction. The Engineer, Hensley-Schmidt had requested the inspector be hired by the City direct for the project. The Council agreed. Supt. Hobgood reported 50 water taps and 5 sewer taps for June, 1983. He stated the Water/Sewer Construction Department had been spending a good bit of time on leaks and line repairs in addition to line extension. The Street Dept. has been assisting the Water/Sewer Depts. with clean up work on county roads; dressing up the airport since the D.O.T. new runway extension contract is complete. Sewer Plant is continuing to clean and paint facility. The Electric Department has spend the past few weeks in making line and transformer changes at various industrial sites.

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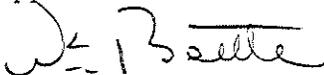
- (d) Ald. King made a motion to amend the 1983-84 budget to reflect a 3% water and electric rate increase for a total additional income of \$171,483.00; 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. Bennett and Ald. Lewis voting affirmatively also.

7. New Business:

- (a) A sign variance request was made by Starlite Grocery, F.A. Hale, on Highway 53 East, South side for a proposed store sign 8 ft. behind the right-of-way and a proposed mobil sign 8 ft. behind the right of way. Building Inspector Bowman stated he saw no traffic problem with the request and stated the set back request was similar to others in the area. Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve the request, 2nd by Ald. King with Ald. Bennett and Ald. Meadows voting affirmatively also.
(Beer license)
- (b) An application was presented from Sue Couey for the new building at 901 N. Wall Street, owned by Wallace Properties a Georgia partnership. After discussion with the City Attorney, the Council stated the application was not in proper order as per the ordinance requirements. The application was not accepted.
- (c) Ald. King made a motion to adopt a resolution for acquisition and clearance of right-of-ways, D.O.T. contract, for paving at the Calhoun High School parking lots, 2nd by Ald. Bennett with Ald. Meadows and Ald. Lewis voting affirmatively also.
- (d) Ald. King made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the maintenance agreement and paving contract on the above D.O.T. project, 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. Bennett and Ald. Lewis voting affirmatively also.
- (e) Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve the the city/county jail contract amendment increasing the prisoner cost per day to \$15.00; but he asked that a letter of protest accompany the contract. The protest being in reference to the rate applied to the City being the same as other counties to Gordon County since residents of the City pay county taxes for jail maintenance, upkeep, and prisoner expense; therefore the City's charge should reflect a lower rate as compared to county/county rates where this situation does not exist. The motion was 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. King and Ald. Bennett voting affirmatively also.
- (f) Clerk Harrison presented an update on property insurance from Jimmy Silvers of Starr-Mathews. Since the bid was on a five year coverage with three years used, if the Council approved, the agent could switch the coverage to another carrier, with the same insurance rating, at approximately the same price as last year which included the schools increased coverage. Ald. Meadows made a motion to allow the switch in carriers without a break in the five year original period, with the increased coverage. 2nd by Ald. Bennett with Ald. King and Ald. Lewis voting affirmatively also.
- (g) Mayor Burdette presented a request from Ken Smallwood for a flashing light to be erected on W. Line Street for Line Street School. Supt. Hobgood stated the D.O.T. permit had been received and the flasher had been ordered.
- (h) The Mayor read another request regarding the width of Peters Street and the street markings. Supt. Hobgood stated he had talked with D.O.T. about the narrow street, and a possible contract. No response at this time.

- 8. Ald. Meadows made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ald. Lewis with Ald. King and Ald. Bennett voting affirmatively also.

Approved:



W. C. Burdette,
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,
City Clerk