

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the December 12, 1983 regular meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments:
 - (a) Mayor Burdette reported on the annual Christmas visit to the Northwest Regional Hospital. He stated the area participation was better in 1983 than any year since the inception.
 - (b) Mayor Burdette announced the GMA Mayor's Legislative Conference scheduled in Atlanta on January 15th and 16th.
4. Aldermen's Comments: None
5. Public Comments:
 - (a) A second reading was given to the Virginia Barrett Howard annexation ordinance request for approximately three acres on Barrett Road for R-2 zoning. John Reese and John Gunnels from the Devonwood Subdivision directly east of the above mentioned property expressed concern for the type of construction. Jerry Gaines and others from Hunt's Subdivision expressed concern for the additional traffic on Barrett Road. The developer stated the structures would be of the Williamsburg design. The Council discussed a possible solution of acquiring more right of way from developers to add an additional lane to Barrett Road. No action was taken on the request.
 - (b) Haley Stephens presented a deed for approximately two acres in the southeast corner off Derby Lane from Mrs. Mary Will Stephens as a gift to the City. The deed contained restrictions regarding mineral rights, designated the area strictly for a recreation park but did not mention an easement for access off Derby Lane. After discussions, the grantor agreed to withdraw the mineral rights except to those as listed in the subdivision covenant, to designate the area as a park, and to add an easement access off Derby Lane. Ald. Meadows made a motion to accept the deed with the changes, 2nd by Ald. Bennett with Ald. Lewis and Ald. King voting affirmatively also, motion carried.
6. Old Business:
 - (a) A second reading was given to two amusement license requests for prior approved locations, but management changes. Ald. Bennett made a motion to approve James J. Smith for 806 Court Street, and Paul F. Jones for Martin Theatre after clear police reports, 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. Lewis and Ald. King voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - (b) Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve renewal beer pouring licenses for Pizza Hut of America, Inc., Highway 53, East, Charles Tschinkle, Italian Kitchen, and Greta Hayes, Holiday Inn Restaurant after a 2nd reading. The motion was 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. Bennett and Ald. King voting affirmatively, Mayor Burdette stated his opposition, motion carried.
 - (c) City Superintendent Hobgood stated there was continuing water problems on the east side of the system. A leak had been located which eased the situation before the onset of cold weather. A leak at Fairmount and others had caused serious problems in retaining the proper level of water. He asked the Council's permission to accelerate plans to put in an additional pumping station. He was asked to consult the engineer regarding FmHA funds and to report at the January 9, 1984 meeting.
7. New Business:
 - (a) Ald. King made a motion to grant renewals for the following amusement licensees: Billy Lambert, Fun City Highway 41, South; Smitty's of Calhoun, Clifford Smith, King Street; Ray J. Moore, Games People Play, former Dipper Dan Building; and Flemon A. Hale, Starlite Minit Market, Highway 53, East, 2nd by Ald. Bennett with Ald. Lewis and Ald. Meadows voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - (b) Ald. Bennett made a motion to grant renewal pawn shop license to: Marvin Blalock, The Gun Doctor, West Belmont; Jimmy Gee, Calhoun Trophy & Sportings Goods, downtown area; Kenneth McEntyre, Cannonball's Bait & Pawn, on Highway 41, South; and R.L. Payne, Otasco Pawn Shop in the downtown area. 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. King and Ald. Lewis voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- (c) Ald. Meadows made a motion to grant a 24 ft. variance for Reese's Clothing Shop for a sign to be erected on the building premise; 2nd by Ald. Lewis with Ald. King and Ald. Bennett voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - (d) A first reading was given to the ordinance amendment regarding fees for insurance agents from financial institutions under the business license ordinance.
 - (e) Discussion was held on the buffer needed for any property adjoining R-1 zoned property. The Council decided to review similar legislation from other cities as presented.
 - (f) Ald. King made a motion to accept a deed from Raymond King for dedication of a portion of South Industrial Blvd. 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. Lewis and Ald. Bennett voting affirmatively, motion approved.
 - (g) Ald. Meadows made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the applications of recreation grants through the Dept. of Natural Resources for tennis courts and additional practice & playing fields, 2nd by Ald. Bennett with Ald. Lewis and Ald. King voting affirmatively, motion carried. Ald. Meadows also made a motion to adopt a resolution agreeing to comply with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act as outlined in the Dept. of Natural Resources manual in regards to the above mentioned grants, 2nd by Ald. King with Ald. Lewis and Ald. Bennett voting affirmative, motion carried.
 - (h) Ald. Bennett made a motion to appoint Jean Overby to the Library Board for a three year term, 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. Lewis and Ald. King voting affirmative, motion carried.
 - (i) Discussion was held on the Interstate Sign Ordinance. Clerk Harrison reported that City Attorney Thomas E. Shanahan had notified her on December 13, 1983 that the Council's attempt to rescind the Interstate Sign Ordinance was not valid, since no ordinance had been properly read rescinding the ordinance. He furnished an ordinance to be read at least twice to rescind the Interstate Sign Ordinance. Several motel operators and owners and sign owners were in attendance to express their views. After a lengthy discussion, the Council took no action to rescind the ordinance, but asked Supt. Hobgood to review proposed changes in the height and size of signs with the Dept. of Transportation and report back on January 9, 1984.
 - (j) Bids were opened for full insurance coverage of Worker's Compensation for city employees. GMA, Self Insurance Program bid \$45,570.00; Home Insurance Company, Starr-Mathews, agent bid \$38,840.00; and Calhoun Insurance Agency, Rockwood Insurance Company bid \$52,183.00. Ald. Lewis made a motion to accept the low bid of \$38,840.00 from Starr-Mathews, Home Insurance Company and to use the City's current Self Insurance Fund solely to pay premiums, 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. King and Ald. Bennett voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - (k) The Council requested a Public Hearing be set for January 23, 1984 for J.L. Harkins Downtown Development project to build a new Auto Parts Store.
 - (l) Ald. Bennett made a motion to accept sealed bids for the triangle portion of city property north of Meadowbrook Dairy on Highway 41 North. The bids to be opened on January 23, 1984 after being advertised for two weeks with the City reserving the right to refuse any or all bids. 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. King and Ald. Lewis voting affirmatively, motion carried.
8. Ald. King made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ald. Bennett with Ald. Lewis and Ald. Meadows voting affirmative, motion carried.

Approved:

W.C. Burdette,
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:

(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,
City Clerk - Treasurer