

MAY 13, 1985 - 7:30 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WITH MAYOR BURDETTE, MAYOR PRO-TEM LEWIS, ALD. KING, ALD. MEADOWS, AND ALD. MCENTIRE IN ATTENDANCE.

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the April 22, 1985 regular meeting and April 26, 1985 special meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments:
  - (a) Mayor Burdette announced a budget work meeting with the City Board of Education scheduled for May 20, 1985 at 7:00 P.M. at the school superintendent's office.
  - (b) Mayor Burdette called for a motion to appoint a voting delegate to the GMA annual conference in June. Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis made a motion to appoint Mayor Burdette as the voting delegate, 2nd by Ald. King with Ald. Meadows and Ald. McEntire voting affirmatively, motion approved.
4. Aldermen's Comments:
  - (a) Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis reported the Fire Dept. responded to 3 residential fires at an approximate damage cost of \$16,300.00; 4 commercial fires at an approximate damage cost of \$8,025.00; 3 vehicle fires at an approximate damage cost of \$525.00; answered 4 brush and grass fires, 1 hazardous material spill; answered 9 false alarms and 1 public assistance calls in April, 1985. The Police Dept. made 91 cases, 12 DUI's, issued 75 warning tickets, with 17 prisoners serving 33 days in jail with \$7,001.00 in fines being collected. They worked 72 incidents, 7 accidents with 25 injuries, provided 94 escorts, 55 answered burglar alarms and assisted 80 motorists in April, 1985.
  - (b) Ald. King stated the Street Dept. had been doing patch work on May Street due to the sewer construction work in the area. They have been doing storm drain work at the recreation dept. The problem area has been in the landfill. The state rescinded verbal approval to move to the new industrial site prior to receiving the permit, and forced the City to move back to the closed landfill and cut a small trench which will last approximately 60 days. The street dept. is leveling the City property near the Waste Treatment facility for use as practice fields by the recreation dept.
  - (c) Ald. Meadows stated the electric dept. sold 12,574,201 KWH of electricity in April, 1985 for \$656,733.61 to 2,868 customers. The water/sewer construction depts. made 31 water taps and 1 sewer tap in April, 1985 and installed ½ mile of water line on Highway 225. The recreation dept. has begun work on the tennis courts and the area at the Waste Treatment facility will provide 6 baseball and football practice fields for the youth at the recreation dept.
  - (d) Ald. McEntire stated the water plant pumped 310,281,000 gallons of raw water; the waste treatment facility treated 203,331,000 gallons of waste with an average daily flow of 6,778,000 in April, 1985. The BOD was 30.53 and suspended solids were 28. They hauled 396 loads of sludge.
5. Public Hearings:
  - (a) A Public hearing was opened on the Don and Mary Richie Downtown Development Authority project for approximately \$180,000.00. Mr. and Mrs. Richie stated the funds would cover the purchase of the existing Chamber building, renovation of the upper level of the Merle Norman building and purchase of a computer and accounting software for Mrs. Richie's office on the second floor of the Merle Norman building. The chamber building when vacated will be available for a retail business. The loan is large enough to consolidate an existing Downtown Development loan if it is necessary. One additional employee will result due to the project. Mr. Richie stated the project would not have been undertaken without the program. There were no comments and the hearing was closed. Ald. Meadows made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the project, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis with Ald. King and Ald. McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- (b) A public hearing was opened on the Impact Furniture, Inc. Downtown Development Authority project for approximately \$50,000.00. Lamar Dean stated the funds would be used to renovate and remodel the 1st and 2nd floor of the furniture store on South Wall Street. Remodeling would include lighting, carpet, addition of a new room, and outside window replacement. Two additional employees will be added due to the project. The project would not have been undertaken at this time without the program. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed. Ald. King made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the project, 2nd by Ald. McEntire with Ald. Meadows and Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (c) A public hearing was opened on the Vincent Bagwell Downtown Development Authority project for approximately \$35,000.00 in order for the business to lower the ceilings, install carpet, purchase a computer and renovate exterior windows according to Vincent Bagwell, owner. Mr. Bagwell stated the building was 108 years old, the oldest commercial building in the downtown area. The project will result in one additional employee and would not have been attempted without the aide of the program. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed. Ald. McEntire made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the project, 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. King and Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (d) A public hearing was re-opened on the Ernest Goforth zoning change request for the lot located directly across from Junior High on River Street. The lot is presently zoned Ind.-G. The change request is for R-2 to allow construction of a home. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed. Ald. McEntire made a motion to approve the change to R-2, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis with Ald. Meadows and Ald. King voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (e) A public hearing was opened on the Reberta M. Eaton annexation ordinance request for a lot on Cherry Street for R-2 zoning. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed. Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings and approve for R-2 zoning, 2nd by Ald. McEntire with Ald. Meadows and Ald. King voting affirmatively, motion carried. (Ord. # 175)
- (f) A public hearing was opened on the proposed budget for the City for the fiscal year 1985-86. The Mayor stated the budget did not include the school budget at this time. It will be incorporated prior to adoption. He stated the budget at this time had a deficit of approximately \$350,000.00. He stated the Council had reduced the initial deficit of \$1,075,000.00 to this level, but could not cut further without cutting equipment which is desperately needed. The Mayor stated he has always been adamantly opposed to the levy of tax millage for operation of the City, but that after review of all present utility rates, possible grant sources, and etc. the Council was faced with little or no alternatives. He stated the Council would meet with the school board next week and the Council would continue to review the budget. Questions were voiced as to the approximate increase in taxes, possible garbage charge fees and method of policing, possible reduction of the number of commercial pickups and etc. Following the questions and answers the hearing was closed. Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis made a motion to include an increase in the county water tap cost to \$250.00, 2nd by Ald. King with Ald. Meadows and Ald. McEntire voting affirmatively and approved. A 2nd hearing of the full budget is scheduled for June 10, 1985.

#### 6. Old Business:

- (a) A third reading was given to the annexation ordinance request of Mary Will Stephens for two lots east and west of the proposed north extension of Derby Lane for R-2 zoning. Several Devonwood subdivision residents were in attendance. Questions were voiced concerning the road extension, heavy traffic, and etc. The attendees stated they had held a community meeting and had invited Mr. Stephens to attend, but had had no response. A fourth reading was scheduled for May 27, 1985.

- (b) City Attorney Campbell reported on the Fite Barnette request of developing land in the flood plain area but being above the 100 year flood level. He stated following submission of a formal application, a public hearing would have to be set within thirty days. Detailed engineering reports, and a report and recommendation from the Building Inspector would also need to be submitted. The Federal Flood Insurance Agency would also need to be notified as well as any property owners in the floodway.
- (c) Ald. Meadows made a motion to allow the red lights at Peters and Oak Streets to be placed on a flash mode for two weeks beginning May 20, 1985 in order for the Dept. of Transportation to conduct a study, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis with Ald. King and Ald. McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (d) Following a 2nd reading of the Henrietta McClure amusement license request for 806 Court Street, and a clear police report, Ald. King made a motion to approve, 2nd by Ald. McEntire with Ald. Meadows and Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis voting affirmatively, motion carried.

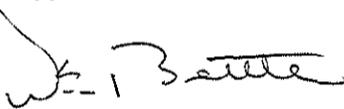
7. New Business:

- (a) Phil Overton for the Downtown Development Authority filed a request to extend the downtown boundaries governed by the program. The request was to extend one lot deep on the west side of King and to include the triangle strip on River Street between Oothcalooga and Court Street. Following discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis made a motion to include these properties in the Downtown Development areas, 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. King and Ald. McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (b) Ald. McEntire made a motion to grant a 24 ft. variance from the street in order to allow Billy Causby to construct a carport, 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. King and Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (c) Ald. Meadows made a motion to condemn the building formerly known as South Calhoun Baptist Church on Highway 53, west due to the possible danger to anyone in the area since the roof is falling in and etc. The Clerk is to notify the property owner allowing 90 days for the building to be removed or the City will remove and charge the owner, 2nd by Ald. King with Ald. McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (d) A taxi cab license application of Fred R. Bagley was reviewed for the A-1 Taxi Business, presently owned by Bill Slaughter. A clear police report was given. Ald. King made a motion to approve the license application, 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (e) A sewer tap request of Lois K. Sutherland at 1224 Highway 41 North was reviewed. Mrs. Sutherland is not able to annex because she is not sole owner of the property, and one of the part owners is not available to sign an application. A letter from the local Health Dept. was submitted stating the present septic tank was not functioning and advised Mrs. Sutherland to connect to the City system. Building Inspector Bowman stated City service was in the area without necessary extensions. Ald. King made a motion to approve the sewer tap, 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (f) A sewer tap request of Wayne Cochran was presented for Circle Drive. Mr. Cochran's property is not in the City limits but the City service is available with line extension. A letter from the local Health Dept. was submitted stating the present septic tank was not functioning and advised Mr. Cochran to connect to the City system. Inspector Bowman stated there were drainage problems in the area and he would recommend a tap without annexation. Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis made a motion to approve the sewer tap, 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. King and Ald. McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (g) A zoning change request from Mt. Vernon Mills for 21.21 acres off the north side of Red Bud Road, west of the Echota Methodist Church to College Street. The request being to rezone from R-1 to C-2 to allow construction of a grocery store or shopping center. A public hearing was set for May 27, 1985 at 7:30 P.M.

- 8. City Superintendent Hobgood presented George Spano who stated he had purchased two parcels of the Barrett property on Barrett Road for construction of single family homes. The City's estimated cost of water and sewer service for the area would be \$7,488.00, developer's estimated cost would be \$10,280.00. Ald. Meadows made a motion to approve the project, subject to annexation, 2nd by Ald. McEntire with Ald. King and Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis voting affirmatively. Motion carried. A second project was presented by Mr. Spano for approximately 90 acres off the Harmony Church Road for development of single family homes. The cost for water, sewer services would be approximately \$30,000.00 for the City and approximately \$40,000.00 for the developer. After reviewing the project, Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis made a motion to decline the project due to lack of funds, 2nd by Ald. King with Ald. Meadows and Ald. McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried. Supt. Hobgood stated John Wayne Hall was ready to begin work on the project off Jones Road previously approved. The Council advised Mr. Hobgood to proceed as funds were available. Mr. Hobgood presented James Cole who is training as Asst. Superintendent for the water/sewer construction dept.
- 9. Mrs. Printup made another request for assistance with her home on McConnell Road. Mayor Burdette asked each Council member to review the location prior to the meeting on May 27, 1985.
- 10. Following discussion of the building known as Buford Textile property off Court Street, the Clerk was asked to write the property owners requesting they put a fence around the area to discourage vandalism and possible injury to children and etc.
- 11. Ald. Meadows made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis with Ald. King and Ald. McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted:



W.C. Burdette,  
Mayor

(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,  
City Clerk - Treasurer