

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the July 22, 1985 regular meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments:
 - (a) Mayor Burdette expressed sympathy on behalf of the Council to Mayor Pro-Tem Edward Lewis on the death of his mother.
 - (b) Mayor Burdette reminded the Council of the GMA Legislative meeting scheduled for September 12 and 13 in Atlanta and ask they notify the Clerk if they plan to attend.
 - (c) The Mayor stated H.F. Barnette had requested the Flood Plane Zoning Variance question be continued until August 26, 1985. Ald. Meadows made a motion to continue until August 26, 1985, 2nd by Ald. McEntire with Ald. King voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - (d) The Mayor reminded everyone of the bids to be received and awarded on August 26, 1985 for the electric shop building.
4. Aldermen's Comments:
 - (a) Ald. King gave Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis' committee reports. Police Dept. made 86 cases, with 16 being DUI cases; issued 40 warning tickets; 25 prisoners served 46 days in jail; fines collected being \$8,817.00; 69 incidents were worked and 44 accidents; 79 escorts were provided, 81 burglar alarms were answered, and 61 motorists were assisted. Fire Dept. answered 3 commercial and industrial fires for total damages of \$4,750.00; 6 vehicle fires for total damages of \$3,430.00; 1 residential fire with no damage; 2 brush and grass fires; answered 2 false alarms. The fire flow hydrant tests are complete and two hazardous materials inspections were made.
 - (b) Ald. King stated the South Industrial Boulevard base was complete and Northwest Ga. Paving should do the first coat of paving this week with a final coat next week. The Street department has cleared and leveled the Electric property and prepared a new pad for the shop. They have graded a new parking lot at the Junior High and one at the high school, both are ready for paving. They continue to haul brush, and clear sidewalks. Additional speed breakers have been installed at the Recreation Dept.
 - (c) Ald. Meadows stated the Electric dept. sold 16,218,372 KWH to 2,964 customers for a total of \$804,895.09 in July, 1985. The Water and Sewer Construction depts. made 38 water taps and 7 sewer taps in July. They installed 1 mile of 8" water line on Apple Road; and installed a sewer main on West May Street. The tennis courts are complete and in service.
 - (d) Ald. McEntire reported the Water Plant pumped _____ gallons of raw water in July; the Sewer Plant averaged 5,700,000 gallons of waste treated per day in July. They hauled 175 loads of sludge, the BOD count was 23 and suspended solids were 28.
5. Public Comments:
 - (a) Ald. King made a motion to untable the Jerry Bearden Urban Development Loan Program application of \$65,000.00, 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried. Following discussion, Ald. Meadows made a motion to approve the request for \$65,000.00 as the funds are available, 2nd by Ald. King with Ald. McEntire voting negatively. Ald. McEntire stated he was opposed due to the small number of jobs created and was opposed to approving loans when funds were not currently available. The motion carried.
 - (b) A Public Hearing was opened on the Wilmer Nowland rezoning request for the lot west of 401 2nd Avenue from Commercial 2 to Residential 2 zoning. Mr. Nowland stated he understood that any structure moved in would have to conform to the building code specifications. Mayor Burdette stated the area had been zoned commercial for several years. He stated that if the rezoning request was approved, several other residents would probably file for rezoning also, since the present zoning would not allow a residence to be built

back if it were destroyed beyond 50%. There were no other comments and the hearing was closed. Ald. McEntire made a motion to grant the zoning change from C-2 to R-2 for lot 401 2nd Avenue and the lot west of 401 2nd Avenue, 2nd by Ald. King with Ald. Meadows voting affirmatively.

- (c) Jerry Strickland, a resident of Cherry Street asked about the status of earlier requests for street lighting. The Council stated the question had been reviewed, a study detailing the initial and continuing cost had been done but no decision had been made. The Council stated a decision would be forthcoming.
- (d) In reference to a question from Inspector Bowman regarding two streets off of Oak Street which had never been opened, Maple and Popular Streets, the Council stated the adjacent property owners should obtain a title opinion from their attorney, and then submit any questions to the Council.

6. Old Business:

- (a) Mayor Burdette stated the City Attorney's opinion on the E.R. Brownlow property off Riverview Drive would be ready on August 26, 1985. Inspector Bowman stated the trailer had been moved.
- (b) Ald. King made a motion to approve the DOT paving contract for 2.140 miles of resurfacing for Columbus Circle, Meadow Lane, Pisgah Way, Park Avenue and College Street, 2nd by Ald. McEntire with Ald. Meadows voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (d) In a budget to actual income and expenses review for 1984-85, the Clerk reported income was under budget by \$20,000.00 or 1/10 of 1%; while expenses were under budget by \$127,000.00 or 3/4 of 1%.
- (d) A request was made by Del Taco's for a change of managers in reference to a beer pouring and wine package license. The proposed manager being Obadiah Scruggs. A clear police report was given, but since Mr. Scruggs has lived in the City/County only a short time, there was a question regarding the wine residency requirement. Ald. Meadows made a motion to approve the manager for the beer pouring license, 2nd by Ald. McEntire with Ald. King voting affirmatively. Mayor Burdette stated his opposition to the license request. Motion was approved.

7. New Business:

- (a) Ald. Meadows made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the acquisition and clearance of right of ways for .993 mile of extension for Industrial Drive in the Industrial Park with the aid of a DOT contract, 2nd by Ald. McEntire with Ald. King voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (b) Ald. Meadows made a motion to approve the DOT maintenance agreement for the above project, 2nd by Ald. McEntire with Ald. King voting affirmatively.
- (c) Following discussion, Ald. McEntire made a motion to set the net millage for the City and City Board of Education at 16.5 mills, 2nd by Ald. King with Ald. Meadows voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (d) In reference to a request for an ad with the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia magazine which will be featuring Gordon County, Ald. Meadows made a motion for a full page ad at a cost of \$305.00 for one time, 2nd by Ald. King with Ald. McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
In reference to another ad request, the Jaycees. Ald. King made a motion to disapprove since the City cannot handle all the ads for these organizations which file requests, 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (e) A 1st reading of a pawn shop license request of Shirley Nelson for the shop at 123 West Belmont was given.
- (f) Following discussion, Ald. McEntire made a motion to approve a 25' variance to the setback requirements for construction of the new high school gym on Fair Street, 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. King voting affirmatively, motion carried.

(g) Ald. Meadows made a motion to maintain the current City Registrar and Deputy Registrars as was appointed on March 26, 1984:

Registrar - City Clerk

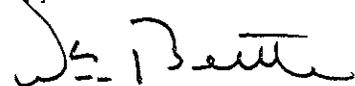
Deputy Registrars - City High School Principal; City Hall personnel and County Registrar and office personnel.

2nd by Ald. King with Ald. McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Ald. Meadows made a motion to set the place of election as the Recreation Dept. on River Street, with the use of voting machines. The Election Superintendent to be Cathy Harrison, the Election Manager to be Hoyt Edwards and the Absentee Ballot Clerk to be Dixon Owen, 2nd by Ald. McEntire with Ald. King voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. City Superintendent Hobgood stated the chlorine chamber construction at the waste treatment plant was progressing well. The belt press should be ready for installation by mid September. The water line and taps which Commissioner Faith had requested the City finish in time to allow repaving of the streets has been completed. The City is loaded with water work and is presently advertising for employees to form another work crew. Estes Pass and Jimmy Fox are attending the Ga. Water Pollution Control Conference in Savannah this week. City Supt. Hobgood requested permission to provide a joint meeting and dinner for department heads at an approximate cost of \$300.00. Ald. Meadows made a motion to approve, 2nd by Ald. King with Ald. McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
9. The Council discussed the traffic at the McConnell Road and Highway 53, west intersection. Mayor Burdette asked Supt. Hobgood to ask the State to review for a possible red light installation.
10. The Council discussed the need to improve the guidelines for the Urban Development Loan Program. Ald. McEntire distributed proposed guidelines from the Loan Review Committee and discussed items he would like to see considered. Following continued discussion, Ald. King made a motion to freeze applications until the Council and the Review Committee have amended the guidelines, 2nd by Ald. McEntire with Ald. Meadows voting affirmatively, motion carried.
11. Ald. Meadows made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ald. King with Ald. McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:



W.C. Burdette,
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,
City Clerk - Treasurer