

JUNE 8, 1987 - 7:30 P.M. - REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Mayor John D. Meadows
Mayor Pro-Tem Herbert King
Councilman Tom Bond
Councilman Paul McEntire

Also Present: Joe Campbell, City Attorney
Jim Hobgood, City Superintendent
Cathy Harrison, City Clerk-Treasurer

Absent: Councilman H.A. Oldfield, Jr.

1. Mayor Meadows called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the May 18, 1987 regular meeting, May 21, 1987 and May 23, 1987 special meetings were approved.
3. Mayor's Comments:
 - (a) Councilman Bond made a motion to name Mayor Meadows as voting delegate and Mayor Pro-Tem King as voting alternate for the annual GMA meeting, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - (b) Mayor Pro-Tem King made a motion to name Kelly Cornwell as voting delegate and Jack Bell and Tom Bond as alternates for MEAG business meetings, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - (c) Mayor Meadows reviewed the action thus far regarding a proposal for the City to purchase County property at a certain price in the downtown area, and the proposal that the County build a new County complex including jail and courthouse on property northwest of the downtown area. Attorney Campbell explained the bond attorneys advised the City that they were unable to call for a referendum at this time due to insufficient official written action from the County regarding the proposal. Mayor Pro-Tem King read the following statement. "I would like to read a statement about the proposal that the City of Calhoun purchase 37 acres of land from Mr. Fite Barnette and then exchange this property plus an additional amount for the Gordon County Courthouse, the Gordon County Jail, the Gordon County Annex and all parking facilities. Personally, I feel that if I am going to be honest, I must question the wisdom of obligating the City of Calhoun for a debt of this size. I feel that we could work out some other plan for any expansion of facilities that we may need in the future on a more economical and practical basis. I further question the wisdom of having the taxpayers of Gordon County assume the obligation of building a complete new Courthouse and Jail Complex. It seems to me that using common sense and good will, we should be able to work out a plan whereby the County could retain the present Courthouse and either build a jail on the property it originally purchased for this purpose or else purchase additional property for the new jail's location. I am certainly not in favor of a new jail being built in downtown Calhoun. My feeling is that the voters rejected the earlier proposal to build a new jail more because of its projected cost than because of its location. However, having said this, let me also add that I realize this is a complex issue complicated by many factors and emotions. I want to cooperate in every possible way to find a solution to the problem which no one thinks is a simple thing to do. A Citizen's Committee has been studying possible courses in the first paragraph of this statement is the best approach for a long-term adequate solution. Therefore I am willing to submit this plan to the citizens of Calhoun so that the voters can decide. I hope that everyone concerned can approach negotiations for action on this problem with good will, an open mind, and the realization that we must find a plan that will serve the best interests of all the citizens of Calhoun and Gordon County and one that will promote the steady and orderly development of the economy and quality of life in our community."

Councilman McEntire stated he was in full agreement with Mayor Pro-Tem King's statement. Councilman Bond stated he felt the courthouse should be retained in the downtown area, but he felt the jail should be relocated elsewhere, however he felt we do live in a democracy and the citizens should have a right to vote on the issue.

- (d) Mayor Meadows announced a public hearing would be held on June 22, 1987 at 7:30 P.M. on the Stanley Simpson and Bruce Stocks annexation request for property off the New Town Road.

4. Council's Comments:

- (a) Mayor Pro-Tem King stated Marine Drive is almost ready for paving and was opened temporarily Saturday for the OMC open house. The street department continues to work on Harlan, patching roads in the City and County due to water/sewer cuts, and doing road work on Belmont Drive in preparation for paving.
- (b) Councilman McEntire gave the police and fire reports for Councilman Oldfield. There were 252 arrests in May, 1987, 16 being for DUI, with \$16,326.00 being collected in fines. There were 24 persons who served 52 days in jail. There were 89 incidents, and 69 accidents. They provided 116 escorts, assisted 93 motorists and answered 56 burglar alarms. The fire department had 2 residential fires in May, 2 commercial fires, 3 vehicle fires, 1 utility building, 3 hazardous materials calls and 3 brush fires, 5 public assistance and 9 false alarms. The water and sewer construction department made 53 water taps and 2 sewer taps in May. They installed 6900 ft. of 8" water line; 2500 ft. of 4" water line and 1300 ft. of 2" water line. The waste treatment plant treated an average of 6,470,000 gallons per day in May. Suspended solids were 26, and BOD was 28. The water treatment plant pumped 378,958,000 gallons of raw water in May, 1987.

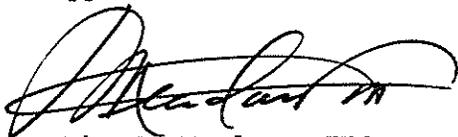
5. Public Hearings:

- (a) A 2nd reading was given to the Anthony F. and Candace Mangum annexation request for Lot 47 of Amakanata for R-1 zoning. The public hearing was opened. Councilman Bond reported the Zoning Advisory Board recommended the request. There were no other comments and the hearing was closed. Councilman Bond made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings and approve as requested, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried. (Ord. No. 345)
- (b) A 2nd reading was given to the Faye Harwell annexation ordinance request for Lot 41 of Amakanata for R-1 zoning. The public hearing was opened. Councilman Bond reported the Zoning Advisory Board recommended the request. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed. Mayor Pro-Tem King made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings and approve the request, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried. (Ord. No. 346)
- (c) A 2nd reading was given to the John Anderson annexation ordinance request for a lot off Louise Avenue extending to Cherry Street for R-2 zoning. A public hearing was opened. Councilman Bond stated the Zoning Advisory Board had reviewed the request and based on zoning in the immediate area had recommended the request. Mr. LeRoy Whitfield, Mr. James Hammontree, Ms. Reberta Eaton, Mr. Raymond Ross and Mrs. Wanda Ross questioned the zoning of the immediate area and what it covered. The group stated they were opposed to additional multi housing in the area due to deterioration of their property values. Mr. Bill McAfee expressed those views by phone as well. Mr. J.D. Anderson stated his son plans to build a single family house on the lot. There was a general discussion of the request by the Council. There were no other comments and the hearing was closed. Councilman McEntire made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings and approve for R-2 zoning since it is predominately R-2 in the immediate area, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried. (Ord. No. 347)

- (d) A 2nd reading was given to the Ruby Jo Cooley annexation ordinance request for approximately 14 acres off the Dews Pond Road for Comm.-2 and R-2 zoning. The application was requested only if beer/wine package and pouring license as well as liquor license were approved. A public hearing was opened. Councilman Bond reported the Zoning Advisory Board had no recommendation since they had no authority regarding beer/wine or liquor licenses. Mr. Bob Williams, a spokesman of Amakanata Subdivision stated the area was very much opposed to commercial zoning in the area. There were no other comments and the hearing was closed. Councilman McEntire made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings and deny the request since Council could not legitimately consider the request with the special conditions attached, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - (e) A public hearing was opened on the Al Hart zoning variance request for a reduction of 1,234 sq. ft. on Lot 2 of the townhouse development off Barrett Road. Councilman Bond stated the Zoning Advisory Board considered the request since the lot size was reduced due to additional right of way required for a dedicated street and would recommend approval. There were no other comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman Bond made a motion to approve, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem King with Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - (f) A public hearing was opened on the KayO Oil zoning variance request of 14 ft. off West Line Street for a building, 9 ft. off West Line Street for an on premise sign and 28 ft. off West Line Street for a canopy. Councilman Bond stated the Zoning Advisory Board reviewed the request. The variance would allow changes to better handle traffic flow, therefore they recommended the requests. The hearing was closed. Councilman Bond made a motion to approve the request, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - (g) A public hearing was opened on the Wayne Kuhlman beer/wine pouring license for Murphy's located on Highway 53, East in the Big Apple Shopping Center. The location having had a license under another manager. There were no comments. The police report was clear. Councilman Bond made a motion to approve, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem King with Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - (h) The School Board Vice Chairman, Henry Holland, and Ken Smallwood, City School Supt. opened a public hearing on the school's budget, reporting the local share of funds needed being \$2,898,348.00. The City's budget was also reviewed with the total of all funds being \$23,204,499.00 for fiscal year 1987-88. Mayor Meadows stated an M & O tax increase for the City would be necessary, as well as a commercial garbage pickup charge and an increase of the industrial pretreatment surcharge of 10%. Mayor Meadows urged the County to authorize the Assessor's office to go forward with a complete tax re-evaluation as soon as possible in order to correct the tax inequities in evaluation. There were no other comments and the hearing was closed.
 - (i) Harold Faith urged the Council to cease consideration of purchasing the Courthouse and downtown County property. He stated he was opposed to moving the Courthouse.
6. Old Business:
- (a) A 2nd reading was given to the Flood Damage Prevention ordinance amendment. Councilman Bond made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings and approve, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem King with Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried. (Ord. No. 348)
 - (b) A 2nd reading was given to the electrical rate amendments, effective June 1, 1987 to appear on July bills. Councilman McEntire made a motion to adopt the resolution, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem King with Councilman Bond voting affirmative, motion carried.

- (c) A 1st reading was given to the ordinance amendment governing changes in the zoning ordinance, such as definitions for town houses and condominiums and etc. Councilman McEntire made a motion to set a public hearing for June 22, 1987 at 7:30 P.M., 2nd by Councilman Bond with Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried.
7. New Business:
- (a) Councilman Bond made a motion to approve the paving agreement and DOT contract for resurfacing of Melea Street, Thomas Street, Dale Avenue and Beamer Road and to authorize the Mayor to sign, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem King with Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - (b) A 1st reading was given to an annexation ordinance request by J.H. Boston, Jr. for approximately 11 acres off Amakanata Road for R-1 zoning. Mayor Pro-Tem King made a motion to set the public hearing for July 13, 1987 at 7:30 P.M., 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - (c) In reference to a street speed limit on the east end of East Line (Dews Pond Road) request by Claudia Ann Worley, it was referred to discussion with the Department of Transportation.
 - (d) A 1st reading was given to the request of Dee Dee Gregory as manager of the Golden Gallon, Inc. beer package license for a store on Highway 53, East. A 2nd reading and police report to follow on June 22, 1987.
 - (e) A 1st reading was given to a trailer request by Pat M. Soni for the Rosser Motel property on Highway 41 South. A 2nd reading was scheduled for June 22, 1987 at 7:30 P.M.
 - (f) A 1st reading was given to a proposed resolution governing the budget change of the industrial sewer surcharge from 20% to 30%. A 2nd reading was scheduled for June 22, 1987 at 7:30 P.M.
 - (g) A 1st reading was given to an annexation ordinance request of Martha Hobgood for a house and lot off Belmont Drive for R-1 zoning. Councilman Bond made a motion to set the public hearing for July 13, 1987 at 7:30 P.M., 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem King with Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
8. City Supt. Hobgood stated the relocation of a portion of the City's raw water line off the Newtown Road has been completed and the line is in service. Mr. Hobgood commended Dean Harris and the City street department and the County road department for the quick and efficient work on Marine Drive. He stated it was almost ready for paving by the contractor. The next street projects being completion of Harlan and work on Hillcrest then Curtis Parkway. The other DOT contract work on Peters Street and Belmont Drive should be completed shortly.
9. Councilman McEntire made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:



John D. Meadows, III,
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,
City Clerk - Treasurer