

DECEMBER 21, 1987 - 7:30 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Mayor John D. Meadows, III  
Mayor Pro-Tem Herbert King  
Councilman Tom Bond  
Councilman H.A. Oldfield, Jr.  
Councilman Paul McEntire

Also Present: T. Joseph Campbell, City Attorney  
Jim Hobgood, City Superintendent  
Cathy Harrison, City Clerk - Treasurer

1. Mayor Meadows called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Meadows led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. Flag.
3. Minutes of the December 7, 1987 regular meeting were approved.
4. Mayor's Comments:
  - (a) Mayor Meadows announced the regular Council meeting schedule would resume on January 11, 1988.
  - (b) Mayor Meadows gave a brief review of the 1988 National League of Cities meeting which he attended earlier in the month. He recommended the training at the meeting for all Council members in future years.
  - (c) Mayor Meadows stated he and Councilman Bond attended the Mayor's Motorcade to Northwest Regional Hospital in Rome. He also toured the facility. He stated while he was disappointed in the number of gifts donated by local citizens, he was very thankful and appreciative of those who made the effort to help those from our community who were in the hospital.
  - (d) Mayor Meadows expressed sympathy to the Billy Peterson family.
  - (e) Shelly Brumlow of Gordon Central High School, spokesperson for a group from the school, requested the name of the drive be changed from Columbus to Warrior Path in honor of the school. Following discussion, Mayor Meadows advised the group to contact each property owner and bring a petition back to the Council. Mayor Pro-Tem King made a motion to set a public hearing on January 18, 1988 regarding the request, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Councilman McEntire and Councilman Oldfield voting affirmatively, motion carried.
  - (f) Councilman McEntire made a motion to change the January 25, 1988 Council meeting to January 18, 1988 due to the GMA Mayor's Day legislative meeting in Atlanta, 2nd by Councilman Oldfield with Councilman Bond and Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried.
  - (g) Mayor Meadows wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year on behalf of the Council and their families.
5. Councilmen's Comments:
  - (a) Councilman Oldfield reported last month, November, the fire department responded to 23 calls, made 11 building inspections and 2 hazardous material inspections.
6. Public Hearings:
  - (a) A public hearing was opened on the Melvin Knight, Chevron, zoning variance request for 15 ft. for construction of an attendant booth at I-75 and Highway 156. The Zoning Advisory Board recommended the request be approved. There were no other comments and the hearing was closed. Councilman Bond made a motion to approve the request, 2nd by Councilman Oldfield with Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried.
  - (b) A public hearing was opened on the JDN Enterprise (Walmart) request for a zoning variance to reduce the required number of parking spaces by 260. The Zoning Advisory Board recommended the request be approved. There were no other comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to approve the request, 2nd by Councilman McEntire, with Councilman Bond and Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried.

7. Old Business:

- (a) Larry Angel of BFI stated they had purchased Owens Trash Service, and they were happy to be in the area. They asked for clarification of the City's policy and intent regarding the purchase of a new front loader truck and rates scheduled to be charged by the City. Mayor Meadows asked Superintendent Hobgood to review. Superintendent Hobgood stated the Council made tentative plans at the adoption of the current budget in June, 1987 to purchase the truck and containers and begin charging for rental of containers, plus a pick up charge for commercial and industrial customers. There would be no charge for the residential service. These fees were affirmed by a resolution adopted on December 7, 1987, which calls for rental fees of \$3.00 per cubic yard, plus pick-up fees of \$.70 per cubic yard per pick up. The Council stated the area would cover anyone in the City limit area who desired pick up service. BFI requested a work session with the Council to discuss their ability to provide the service at a lower cost to the City. The Council stated they would set a date and notify BFI.
- (b) A 2nd reading of the Willard Sewell amusement license request was held until Mr. Sewell provided the proper social security number which would allow a police report for the applicant.
- (c) A 2nd reading was given to those with 1987 pawn, amusement and beer/wine/liquor licenses making application for 1988 licenses. Councilman Bond made a motion that the following applicants be approved for 1988 licenses:

**BEER/WINE/LIQUOR**

American Legion Post #47 - Dewitt Carter  
Arch City Package Store - Otto L. Defoor  
James Douglas Callaway - Barbecue Sons, Partnership  
Donna Stanfield, Mgr. - Cafe Calhoun  
Charlies - Charles Giddens  
Golden Gallon, Inc. - Beverly O'Bryan, Mgr.  
Lance McAfee - Popham and Smith, Inc.  
Raymond J. Brown - J.J.'s  
Jack's Pkg. Store - Alton L. Defoor  
53 Package Store - Ben Morrow  
Murphy's - Wayne Kuhlman  
Oasis Pkg. Store - James Thomason  
Calhoun Liquor Store - John Henry Bell  
Red Bud Rd. Liquor - Champ Kelly  
Clifford W. Smith - Smitty's of Calhoun  
41 South Package Store - Roy T. Aaron  
Speedy's Spirits - Charles D. Thomason  
Troy's Pkg. Store - Ronald Robinson  
V.F.W. Post # 5376 - Walter James, Mgr.  
The Beer Store - Philip Beamer  
Shepherd's - W.G. Robertson  
Louie's - Louie and Faye Worley

**AMUSEMENT LICENSE APPLICATIONS:**

April Fresh Laundry Mat - Mary E. Hall  
Farrell Lamar Bramblett - Calhoun Bowling Center  
James Douglas Callaway - Barbecue Sons, Partnership  
Harvey A. King - King's Skating Palace  
Wayne Kuhlman - Murphy's  
Lance McAfee - Starlite Minute Mkt. Hwy. 53  
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Bill Moore - The Putting Place  
Julian D. Fuller - Bucks Homestyle Laundry  
Helen S. Amick, Mgr. - Pizza Hut  
Clifford W. Smith - Smitty's

**PAWN SHOP LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

Otasco - Jimmy Payne, Mgr.  
Calhoun Trophy & Sporting Goods - Jimmy Gee  
North Ga. Pawn Shop & Sporting Goods - Walter James  
This N That Pawn Shop - Roy McEntyre  
Cannonball's Bait & Pawn - Kenneth McEntyre  
Park Avenue Pawn - Douglas R. Driscoll

2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem King with Councilman McEntire and Councilman Oldfield voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- (d) A 2nd reading was given to the Linda E. Simms amusement license request for 10 arcade machines and 5 pool tables at 809 Oothcalooga Street. A clear police report was given. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to approve the request, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (e) Councilman McEntire made a motion adopting a resolution approving a contract with the Ga. Dept. of Natural Resources for a grant to install a 12" water line on 41 North, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract and other documents necessary thereto, 2nd by Councilman Oldfield, with Councilman Bond and Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. New Business:

- (a) Following a 1st reading of a manager change request for Pizza Hut Restaurant to Helen Amick, Manager, the Council set a 2nd reading and police report for January 11, 1988.
- (b) Following a review of the bids for the 1988 water/sewer work for the City, Cash Construction of Rome - \$493,900.00, C & S Construction of Adairsville - \$258,287.50, Councilman Bond made a motion to accept the low bid of C & S Construction, \$258,287.50 based on unit prices, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem King with Councilman McEntire and Councilman Oldfield voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (c) A 1st reading of the zoning variance request of S & S Properties for a 10 ft. variance from set back on the east side of U.S. 41 South right of way across from the Goodyear Plant. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to set the public hearing for January 18, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. 2nd by Councilman Bond with Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried.

9. City Superintendent Hobgood gave a review of the engineer's report regarding electric rate increases sufficient to cover MEAG's proposed rate increases scheduled for January, 1988 useage. Superintendent Hobgood asked the Council to review and discuss again on January 11, 1988 for a 1st reading of an ordinance.

Mr. Hobgood stated he and Mayor Pro-Tem King had attended a meeting in Dalton held by NGEMC regarding a 1948 Federal law which requires all distributors of TVA power to pay a 5% tax. The taxes are then distributed to the states based on properties in the State. State legislation then distributes the funds back to cities and counties based on property values. NGEMC proposes to change the formula to allow 1/2 of the monies to be allocated on the present formula, and 1/2 of the monies to be distributed based on the revenue generated in the areas. NGEMC was seeking support for the proposal.

Mr. Hobgood stated he had had several developers to question the City's sewer tap rate policy since it did not give any specific useage breakdown. A verbal poll of the Council, revealed the Council to meant the policy to cover any multi-unit facility, including but not limited to, nursing homes, retirement homes, hotels, motels, apartments, duplexes.

Grovers Murphy of Jones and Murphy, representing Madison Development asked that they be given an opportunity to present evidence of their anticipated useage and its impact on the waste treatment system by an engineering firm. The Council stated they would be happy to meet with the company at a later time.

Superintendent Hobgood stated he had a letter from the health department regarding the necessity of a sewer tap for the North Ga. Electric Membership Corp. office on Erwin Street. Following a determination that the property was not eligible for annexation, and based on present policy, Councilman McEntire made a motion to approve the tap when the Erwin Street line is operable, and at the inside commercial tap fee since no outside commercial tap fee has been established at this time, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Councilman Oldfield and Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried. The Council asked Supt. Hobgood to submit specs for the new fire station.

10. Written Items not on the Agenda:

(a) A 1st reading was given to an annexation ordinance request by C.J. Dodd for approximately one acre off Belwood Road for C-2 zoning and a zoning variance request for 10 ft. to allow construction of a commercial building 10 ft. from Belwood Road. Councilman McEntire made a motion to set a public hearing for January 18, 1988 at 7:30 P.M., 2nd by Councilman Bond with Councilman Oldfield and Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried.

11. Following discussion, Councilman Oldfield made a motion to approve purchase of a police department video recorder for child abuse cases and etc., at a cost of approximately \$1,100.00, with the Child Abuse Council donating \$800.00 toward the purchase, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem King with Councilman Bond and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

12. Mayor Pro-Tem King made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Councilman Oldfield and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:



John D. Meadows, III,  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,  
City Clerk - Treasurer