

SEPTEMBER 12, 1988 - 7:30 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, CITY COURTROOM,
PIEDMONT STREET

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
Linda Bowling, Asst. City Clerk

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 August 22, 1988 regular meeting and August 29, 1988 special meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's Comments:
 - (a) Mayor Meadows swore in Richard Huie for Post 4 of the City Board of Education for the remainder of Drena Lanier's term.
 - (b) Councilman Bond made a motion to officially affirm the sewer tap for Garner Foods, U.S. 41 North at \$8,000.00, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem King, motion carried.
 - (c) Mayor Meadows announced a public hearing to be held September 26, 1988 for James Hobgood annexation request for 2.4 acres on Oostanaula Road for Ind.-G zoning.
5. Council's Comments:
 - (a) Mayor Pro-Tem King stated that the base had been set on Curtis Parkway and it was ready for Northwest Georgia to put crushed stone down and pave. The paving has to be done by October 15, 1988. Storm drains have been installed in Woodridge Estates and Devonwood. They have been mowing right of ways and patching streets. For the past 3 weekends they have worked at the Industrial Landfill covering areas that were deficient per the State inspectors.
 - (b) Councilman Oldfield stated the fire department had 27 incidents in August, 4 residential, 5 commercial, 3 vehicle, 1 brush and trash, 2 public assistance, 2 hazardous materials and 10 false alarms for a total loss of \$10,200.00. Ten building inspections were clear. The police department made 140 arrests in August with 23 DUI's. They collected \$17,220.00 in fines with 25 persons serving 66 days in jail. They investigated 128 incidents, 75 accidents, provided 87 escorts and answered 103 burglar alarms. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to move the November 14, 1988 regular meeting to November 7, 1988, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem King and Councilman Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - (c) Councilman Bond stated the electric department sold 27,706,000 KWH in August, 1988, for a record high. The department issued 16 electrical permits, did 70 inspections and added 21 new customers for a customer base of 3,778. The building inspector's office issued 8 residential permits for \$216,350.00 of construction; 6 for \$354,000.00 of commercial construction.
 - (d) Councilman McEntire stated the waste treatment plant treated an average of 8,043,000 gallons per day with BOD at 55 and Suspended Solids of 63. The water plant pumped 392,571,000 gallons of water with average daily flow of 12,663,000 in August with a chemical cost of \$19,808.00. The water/sewer construction department made 50 water taps and 6 sewer taps in August. They installed 3400 ft. of 2" water line; 1,440 ft. of 4" water line; 1,256 ft. of 6" water line, 1,500 ft. of 8" water line, 900 ft. of 12" water line and 3,600 ft. of 8" water line and 1,000 ft. of 2" water line south of Fairmount.

6. Public Hearings:

- (a) A public hearing was opened on RSJ Enterprists, Inc. d/b/a Handy-Go Market, Lois Crump, Manager for a beer/wine package license for the former Starlite Market off Hwy.5 3 East. The police report was not available. There were no comments and the hearing was closed. Councilman McEntire made a motion to approve subject to a clear police report, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Mayor Pro-Tem King and Councilman Oldfield voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (b) A public hearing was opened on the annexation ordinance request of Emmett R. Dupree and Charles B. West for 4 tracts of land located off the Henderson Bend Road for R-2 zoning was given. A public hearing was opened. The Zoning Advisory Board recommended annexation. There were no other comments and the hearing was closed. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to approve, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem King with Councilman Bond and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried. (Ord. No. 389)
- (c) A public hearing was opened on the Clyde McEntyre pawn shop license for "This and That" shop at 600 South Wall Street. Councilman Bond made a motion to approve subject to a clear police report, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem King with Councilman Oldfield and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

7. Old Business:

- (a) Councilman Oldfield made a motion to remove W.D. Mathews sewer tap request from the tabled motion of August 29, 1988, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Mayor Pro-Tem King and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively. Mr. Mathews requested that he be charged only one \$5,000.00 sewer tap fee because he plans to connect the buildings for one business in the future. Following discussion, Councilman McEntire made a motion that Mr. Mathews pay both \$5,000.00 fee at this time with the understanding that \$5,000.00 would be refunded when the buildings were connected, 2nd by Councilman Oldfield with Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively. Councilman Bond abstained. Motion carried.
- (b) Councilman Oldfield made a motion to renew the agreement with Coosa Valley Area Planning for transportation of elderly for the nutrition program, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Mayor Pro-Tem King and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively.

8. New Business:

- (a) Bobby Burns and Butch Richards expressed their concern regarding handicapped parking spaces. They felt there were not enough spaces and that they were not clearly marked. Mr. Burns and Mr. Richards offered to donate their labor to refinish these spaces. Mayor Meadows expressed appreciation for their concern and stated the City would review the downtown parking spaces and contact the private property owners to try to improve the situation. Mayor Meadows told Mr. Richards and Mr. Burns he would like for them to accompany the City in their contacts with private property owners and offer advice on downtown parking.
- (b) A 1st reading was given to the Haley Stephens annexation ordinance request for property off Henderson Bend Road for R-3 zoning. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to set the public hearing for October 10, 1988 at 7:30 P.M., 2nd by Councilman Bond with Mayor Pro-Tem King and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (c) A 1st reading was given to a zoning change request of Ernest Ralston for a lot at 116 Talley Avenue, between Country Cupboard and Talley Avenue. Request being to change from R-2 to C-2 to enable construction of a carpet sales outlet. Mayor Pro-Tem King made a motion to set the public hearing for October 10, 1988, at 7:30 P.M., 2nd by Councilman Oldfield with Councilman Bond and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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- (d) A 1st reading was given to a Beer/Wine Package license application of Carol Dean Shugart, for Hwy. 53 Package Store. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to set the public hearing for October 10, 1988 at 7:30 P.M., 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem King and Councilman Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (e) Building Inspector Moore recommended condemnation of the house at 130 Riverview Drive. The recommendation was postponed until the ordinance is amended by the City Attorney.
- (f) Councilman Oldfield made a motion to adopt the job description for Police Chief. 2nd by Councilman Bond with Mayor Pro-Tem King and McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried. Officially begin accepting resume's on September 13, 1988, with the understanding that anyone selected would move to Gordon County.

9. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to appoint election officials for the City general election on November 16, 1988 as follows:

Election Superintendent	Cathy Harrison
Election Manager	Hoyt Edwards
Absentee Ballot Clerk	Dixon Owen
Registrar	- City Clerk and staff with deputy registrars being Calhoun High School Principal and Clara Ferguson.

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

Mayor Meadows announced the following posts would be open for re-election:

Council Post 3	-	presently held by H.A. Oldfield, Jr.
Council Post 4	-	presently held by Paul McEntire
City School Board Post 1	-	presently held by B. Ray Weddle
City School Board Post 2	-	presently held by Buzzy McMillan
City School Board Post 3	-	presently held by Becky Mathews

10. Lauren Ostuw spoke on behalf of the Calhoun-Gordon County Preservation Society. She explained the purpose of the society and benefits of being listed on the National Register of historic places and requested the Council's approval and support. Mrs. Ostuw also requested financial assistance of \$2,500.00 for the Society. The City Attorney advised that the City could not donate money without legislative approval. Councilman Bond made a motion to pass a resolution pledging approval and support to the Calhoun-Gordon County Preservation Society, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem King with Councilman Oldfield and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

11. City Superintendent Hobgood requested that the water conservation restrictions be lifted. Councilman McEntire made a motion to remove the water conservation restrictions, 2nd by Councilman Bond, Mayor pro-Tem King and Councilman Oldfield voting affirmatively, motion carried. Mayor Meadows expressed the City's appreciation to the people of Calhoun and Gordon County for their cooperation on the water conservation restrictions.

Mr. Hobgood reported the renovation on the old water works on College Street were complete. He expressed his appreciation to James Cole a City employee, who did 90% of the work on his private time.

Mr. Hobgood stated that Mayor Pro-Tem King and he had met with Mr. Peterson from the County and discussed possible charges for use of the landfill, basically \$5.00 for single axle, not pickups but 1½ tons and larger and \$10.00 for tandem axle and larger. The County is going to request a meeting to discuss these plans. We felt it would be best to set up on a ticket basis. The State has been very active in landfill use and we're working overtime to cover some deficient areas.

Mr. Hobgood requested approval to pipe ditch east of 41 North for approximately 200 ft. between Combs and the house owned by Max Brannon. Prior approval had been given; go ahead with the work.

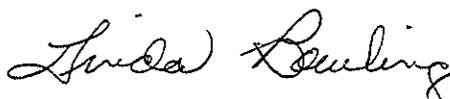
Mayor Pro-Tem King and Mr. Hobgood met with the Georgia State Properties Commission on the depot property. They require a survey by a professional land surveyor to be submitted to them. They will take the remaining portion of properties down there and submit to the legislature for recommendation to be sold to the City.

13. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to move to executive session to discuss personnel matters, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Mayor Pro-Tem King and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
14. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to return to general session, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Mayor Pro-Tem King and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
15. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem King and Councilman Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:


John D. Meadows, III,
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:


Linda Bowling,
Asst. City Clerk

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