

Present: Mayor John D. Meadows, III
Councilman Tom Bond
Councilman H.A. Oldfield, Jr.
Councilman John D. Shelton

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Herbert King

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

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 April 24, 1989 regular meeting were approved.
4. Mayor's Comments:
 - (a) Mayor Meadows informed the Council that Attorney Campell had served as court recorder on April 24, 1989.
 - (b) Mayor Meadows announced the following hearings set for May 22, 1989 at 7:30 P.M.: Robert and Carolyn Fowler for Lots 16, 17, 18 off Lewis Drive for R-1 zoning; Lonnie Hasty for Lot 19 off Lewis Dr. for R-1 zoning; Lamar Bramblett beer pouring license request for the Open Frame Restaurant at 123 Columbus Circle, N.E.
 - (c) Mayor Meadows announced a GMA Spring Committee Meeting in Rome on May 10th and 11th, and he announced the City and County had been notified a \$400,000.00 grant for Phase III sewerage in Fox Subdivision would be awarded on May 18, 1989.
 - (d) Mayor Meadows announced Mayor Pro-Tem King was out due to attending a Chamber Meeting in Washington, D.C.
 - (e) Mayor Meadows commended Lenny Nesbitt and Willie Hammett for saving the life of a young child rescued from a fire recently while on duty. He also commended the alert employees at Crown Craft who called in the alarm.
5. Council's Comments:
 - (a) Councilman Bond stated the Electric Department sold 21,907 KWH of electricity in April to 3,472 customers. They issued 19 permits and performed 42 inspections. The Building Inspector issued 6 residential permits for \$258,000.00 of construction, 3 commercial permits for \$300,000.00 of construction, 1 industrial permit for \$200,000.00 of construction.

Bill Maxwell, Chairman of the Airport Authority reported the property appraisals authorized earlier by the City/County were almost complete. The fuel system and hanger projects are on hold until the study is complete and approval for expansion is approved.
 - (b) Councilman Oldfield stated the Police Department made 222 arrests in April, 15 DUI's, collected \$20,579.00 in fines; 19 prisoners served 60 days in jail. They investigated 135 incidents; worked 103 accidents; provided 68 escorts and answered 64 burglar alarms. The Fire Department answered 25 calls, with a property loss of \$68,500.00. They completed 31 building inspections. He also asked Beer/Wine/Liquor dealers to be cautious on sales to minors.
 - (c) Councilman Shelton stated the Sewer Plant treated an average of 9,540,000 gallons in April, with the BOD at 51 and suspended solids at 53. The Water/Sewer Construction Department made 63 water taps, 6 sewer taps, installed 2,000 ft. of 8 inch water lines, 3,000 ft. of 6 inch water lines and 1,000 ft. of 2 inch water lines.

- (d) Councilman Bond gave Mayor Pro-Tem King's Street Department Report. The Crown Craft site on East River is almost cleared at this time. They have dressed up the drive at Fairmount to the water tank, cleared ditches, patched streets, and assisted in clean up at Recreation Department.

6. Public Hearings:

- (a) Mayor Meadows opened the public hearing on the proposed changes to the zoning amendment, primarily the sign section. He gave a second reading of the ordinance amendment, and read a prepared statement submitted by Mayor Pro-Tem King. He then announced the public was encouraged to make comments, please limit to no more than 3 minutes, state name and location. Paul McEntire, 200 South Dale Avenue stated he agreed with Mayor Pro-Tem King's comment regarding set back and electrical hook-ups, but he disagreed with the remainder. He stated small business men were having a hard time and they needed the economical portable advertising signs. He stated he did not agree with getting rid of the signs. Lauren Ostuw, Boston Road, representing local Historical Preservation, stated she and the group supported the ordinance amendment and would like the historic image of the city preserved. J.D. Anderson, 206 Sherwood Drive, stated he had been in the portable sign business for six years. The signs provide an effective, economical way to get messages across to the public. He stated the area needed small businesses because they provided many local jobs. He stated he was not aware of any accidents in the six years and asked the Council to reconsider. Mrs. Bobbie Mathews, East Line Street, stated she represented the Beautification Committee and it supported the ordinance amendment. She stated the City had attempted to implement controls in 1985, and if it had been successful, the situation would not be out of control today. She stated she was interested in providing a good appearance and a good quality of life. Greg Medlin, Highway 53, East, stated in his video business he needed the signs. Other businesses need the signs for seasonal ads and job openings. John Anderson, 115 Louise Avenue, owner of sign business, stated most small businesses took a lot of time and money to get started and the portables signs provided a good economical means of advertising. He provided a list of people who leased or purchased signs who desired to keep the signs. Mike Paul, 515 Oothcalooga Street, stated his business was out of the mainstream and he needed a portable sign to attract business. He asked the Council to reconsider. H.T. Bishop, College Street, asked the Council to reconsider, since the small business men needed the signs to survive. David Anderson, Sherwood Drive, stated as far as he knew all the signs leased or sold by the company were in good condition. He asked the Council to reconsider. The owner of Calhoun Cafe, Highway 53, East, stated his business had increased 35% in three months due to the sign, compared to two years of other advertising means. He asked the Council to reconsider. Andy Wills, Quick Car Wash, S. Wall St., stated he needed the sign at eye level to attract customers. He stated the standards may need to be upgraded, put up to the existing code. Travis Stephens, 509 South Wall Street, stated without the sign no one would know his business existed. He stated he agreed the signs were not things of beauty, but they are economical and effective. Larry Clark, Triangle Grocery, Highway 136, stated he needed the help with advertising provided by the signs. Mayor Meadows read a letter from Mary Mason, Wallpaper Plus, which urged the Council to allow the signs since Calhoun thrives due to small businesses and the signs are vital to them. Councilman Oldfield stated he had reviewed fifty-two lighted signs and found only one in compliance with the current ordinance. He stated none were in compliance with the requirement of obtaining a permit prior to placement. Mayor Meadows read a letter to all sign owners or leasees on February 12, 1987 and a memo to all by City Attorney Campbell a few days later. He stated something must be done, he welcomed input. He stated the Council must represent everyone. He asked Council to hold at this time and look for alternatives. Hearing was closed. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to give the proposed amendment further study, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- (b) A public hearing was opened on the proposed 1989-90 City Budget. The proposed income being \$28,197,757.00, operating expenses \$25,869,509.00, capital expenses following the first cut \$3,084,189.00. The budget also contained special projects, the sewer construction project for \$8,022,000.00, the South River Street water line improvements for \$500,000.00 and the Block Grant, Fox Subdivision Sewer Project for \$400,000.00. The Council set a work session for further discussion to balance the budget for May 22, 1989 following the next regular council meeting. The hearing was closed.

7. Old Business:

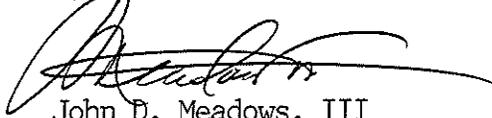
- (a) A bid was opened for a portion of the surplus electrical equipment (as designated on April 24, 1989). Councilman Oldfield made a motion to accept a bid of \$4,500.00 from Marable-Pirkle, Inc. for one FKD-14.4 250 3 breaker; 2 FHD 15.5-18000-5 breakers, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (b) Superintendent reported to the Council that the residents on the Sam Hunt Road were all willing to prepay for taps immediately. The Council stated policy of priority should be set, no official action was taken.
- (c) Councilman Shelton made a motion to authorize the Letter of Understanding from Lex Jolley and Trust Company Bank as bond underwriters and authorize the Mayor to sign, 2nd by Councilman Oldfield with Councilman Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. New Business:

- (a) A 1st reading of the Bill Walraven and Stanley Simpson annexation ordinance request for approximately 8 acres in land Lot 156, 14th District, 3rd Section of Gordon County for Ind.-G zoning. Councilman Bond made a motion to set a public hearing for June 5, 1989 at 7:30 P.M., 2nd by Councilman Oldfield with Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (b) Councilman Shelton made a motion to change the name of the section of Pine Street, presently referred to as Memorial Drive, to Pine Street. (The change will affect only Dr. Vern Dortch's office address.), 2nd by Councilman Bond with Councilman Oldfield voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (c) A 1st reading of the annexation ordinance request of Robert W. and Susan C. Parlo for a lot in Thornwood Subdivision, approximately .689 acres for R-1 zoning was given. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to set the public hearing for June 5, 1989 at 7:30 P.M., 2nd by Councilman Bond with Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (d) Councilman Shelton made a motion to name the GMA voting delegate as Mayor John D. Meadows, III, alternate, Mayor Pro-Tem Herbert King, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Councilman Oldfield voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (e) Electrical Superintendent Kelly Cornwell explained the 7th proposed amendment to the MEAG Power Purchase Contract. Following discussion, Councilman Shelton made a motion to approve the amendment and to authorize the Mayor to sign, 2nd by Councilman Oldfield, with Councilman Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (f) A 1st reading was given to the Jack McEntire rezoning request for a lot at the intersection of Adair and East May Streets to rezone from R-2 to C-2. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to set a public hearing for June 5, 1989 at 7:30 P.M., 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Councilman Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (g) Councilman Bond made a motion to confirm the Mayor's action of placing a \$187.00 ad with Georgia Jr. Miss' program since a local young lady was a contestant, 2nd by Councilman Oldfield with Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

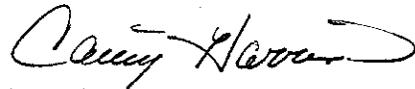
9. City Superintendent Hobgood's Work Report:
 - (a) A water line extension request from twenty-two residents on another section of the County Line Road, 7300 feet, was presented. No action was taken.
 - (b) Superintendent Hobgood informed the Council he had contacted heavy equipment dealers regarding a used, good condition dozer. He stated he had found one with 300 hours use which would accept the TD-20-C machine we own as trade for a price of \$71,000.00. He asked the Council to consider in the new budget.
10. Councilman Bond made a motion to move to Executive Session for legal council, 2nd by Councilman Oldfield with Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
11. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to move to General Session, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Councilman Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
12. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:



John D. Meadows, III
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,
City Clerk - Treasurer