

JUNE 22, 1992

7:30 P.M.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
226 SOUTH WALL STREET

PRESENT: JOHN D. MEADOWS, III, MAYOR  
THOMAS BOND, MAYOR PRO-TEM  
H.A. OLDFIELD, JR., COUNCILMAN  
JOHN D. SHELTON, COUNCILMAN  
PAUL MCENTIRE, COUNCILMAN

ALSO: KELLY CORNWELL, DIRECTOR UTILITIES/PUBLIC WORKS  
T. JOSEPH CAMPBELL, CITY ATTORNEY  
CATHY HARRISON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

(MAYOR MEADOWS ARRIVED LATE, AND MAYOR PRO-TEM BOND CHAIRED THE MEETING.)

1. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.
3. Minutes of the June 8, 1992 Regular City Council Meeting were approved.
4. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made the following announcements:
  - a. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond reminded the Council of the Annual GMA Conference in Savannah beginning June 27, 1992.
  - b. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond announced the Golf Commission Meeting on June 25, 1992 at 7:30 a.m.
  - c. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond stated the Charles Rickett and Geneva Owens annexation for property off West Belmont Drive; Cemetery Ordinance amendment; BWL Ordinance amendment would have public hearings on July 13, 1992 at 7:30 p.m.
  - d. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond stated City Hall will be closed July 3, 1992 for Independence Day.
5. Public Comments and Hearings:
  - a. Billy Padgett stated he represented the families who live on Reeves Street and Mac Avenue, and he stated the residents were very much opposed to the closing of Reeves Street and asked the City to assist them in any manner possible regarding the proposed closing.

The Council reviewed the action it had taken to date in an attempt to keep the street open. Mr. Padgett stated if a one way, with a right turn only into 41 traffic was all that could be arranged, the residents could live with this as an option to closing. He stated the elderly on the street would have an extreme hardship in the winter months. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond stated the Council would continue to encourage the state to leave the street open.

- b. A 3rd reading was given to the Mr. & Mrs. Loel McKinnon Annexation Request for Tract 31-B off Kirk Drive for R-2 zoning. The public hearing was continued, there were no comments and the hearing was closed. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to waive the 4th reading and approve, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Oldfield, Councilman McEntire, and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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- c. The Public Hearing on the John Reese Re-zoning Request for the lot on West Belmont Drive, west of the 7th Day Adventist Church from R-1 to C-N was continued. There were no comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to approve, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Councilman Oldfield, Councilman Shelton and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. The Public Hearing on the Mary Will Stephens re-zoning request for the lot at the intersection of Devonwood Drive and Highway 156, west of the lot owned by Dr. Kosmel was opened. Inspector Moore stated the report from DOT had not arrived and the request was held for a 4th reading.
- e. A Public Hearing was opened on the ordinance amendment to increase the hotel-motel tax rate from 3% to 5%. Owners and operators of several motels were present. The owner of the Scottish Inn stated most were on an economy scale operation and the majority of their patrons were on a fixed income, or limited budget. He stated the recession was still a problem also. A petition signed by owners of 11 motels was presented as being opposed to the increase. Mike Patel of Travel Lodge and Mr. Gosain of Red Carpet Inn both spoke in opposition to the increase. Phil Overton and Sam Payne stated seven of the motel owners were in favor of the increase. They stated the funds would be used to market motel industry and tourism. The Owner of Scottish Inn stated two of the seven Mr. Overton spoke of had changed their mind, and had signed the petition. Mr. Patel stated the area needs to offer tourists something for the additional money. Councilman McEntire stated he believed the money used for marketing would be beneficial. Councilman Oldfield asked if the matter could be held until the liquor referendum in September. The hearing was closed. Councilman McEntire made a motion to adopt the ordinance amendment for the additional 2%, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Councilman McEntire, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Oldfield voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- f. A Public Hearing was opened on the one way traffic request for Pitts Street, east of First Baptist Church. The flow would be north to south. There were no comments and the hearing was closed. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to have one way traffic, north to south, all the time on Pitts Street, as opposed to one day each week, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Oldfield, Councilman McEntire and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- ~~g.~~ g. A 2nd reading was given to the Personnel Ordinance and policy amendment for City employees was given. A public hearing was opened. There were no comments and the hearing was closed. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings and adopt as written, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Oldfield, Councilman McEntire and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- h. A Public Hearing was opened on the BWL Pouring License Application for the Red Carpet Inn Restaurant on Highway 53, East. A clear police report for Mathew Clegg, Manager was presented. There were no comments and the hearing was closed. Councilman McEntire made a motion to approve the application, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Councilman McEntire, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Oldfield voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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6. Old Business:

- a. Kevin McEntire gave a report on the present problems with the current operation regarding contaminated loads and increases in hauling cost from Self Recycling. The current purchaser of recycled goods had refused all but

aluminum. cans and paper, because of contaminated loads. The City staff recommends one site with two or three bins on City property on Pine Street across from VAC in a fenced area. The set up and first year operating cost will be approximately \$31,000.00. Jay Manay of CARE endorsed the proposal, but also encouraged the Council to continue to consider curb side recycling. Following additional discussion, Councilman McEntire made a motion to approve the recommendation, 2nd by Councilman Oldfield with Councilman McEntire, Councilman Oldfield and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- b. George Crowley, Chairman of the City Board of Education reviewed the school's portion of the City's Annual Budget. He stated the Board had moved forward with the middle school concept which increased state funding by 16%. The building additions at the school have increased the debt service and will account for the millage increase for school-millage for 1992. Following this review, Councilman Oldfield made a motion to adopt a resolution approving/adopting the City's 1992-93 Budget of \$39,580,288.00, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Oldfield, Councilman Shelton and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Harrison reviewed the 1991-92 Budget Amendments and recommended adoption. Following discussion, Councilman Oldfield made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the amendments, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Councilman Oldfield, Councilman Shelton and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. Eddie Peterson gave a report on the review committee authorized by the City for self evaluation as required by state and federal regulations. The committee gave structural and service recommendations, complete with cost and time schedules for implementation. Harrison reported these had been integrated into the five year capital plan included in the budget. Councilman Shelton made a motion to adopt, 2nd by Councilman Oldfield with Councilman Shelton, Councilman Oldfield and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

7. New Business:

- a. Councilman Shelton made a motion to authorize part of the outside platform on the north end of the depot to be removed by City labor if the City receives a caboose from the railroad for location on the site, 2nd by Councilman Oldfield with Councilman Shelton, Councilman Oldfield, and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. A 1st reading was given to the A.L. Nix Pawn Shop License Request for 905 Oothcalooga Street. A 2nd reading, police report was scheduled for July 13, 1992.
- c. Mayor Meadows, Harrison reviewed the bid summary for the City's group medical coverage. Meadows stated all bids had been reviewed, representatives for five proposals were interviewed, and the recommendation for continuing a fully covered plan would be to remain with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, but if the City desired to move to a minimum premium plan, the recommendation would be the CNA Insurance Company. Rick Elliot, Elaine Garwood and Cathy Watkins of Blue Cross/Blue Shield spoke on behalf of their company and their eight years with the City. A discussion continued regarding the advantages/disadvantages of both types of plans. Following discussions, Councilman McEntire made a motion to go to the minimum premium funding with CNA Insurance, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Councilman McEntire, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Oldfield voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. Councilman Shelton made a motion to approve the Water-

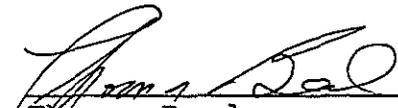
Power-Sewer Billing Charge Off's of \$32,322.34 (1/15 of 1% of the annual billing) in accordance with the City's auditing policy, 2nd by Councilman Oldfield with Councilman Shelton, Councilman Oldfield and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- e. Following a recommendation by Harrison, Councilman Shelton made a motion to remove the following from the affected tax digests, 2nd by Councilman Oldfield with Councilman Shelton, Councilman Oldfield and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried:
    1. Wallace Bryant - 1985, \$18.20; 1986, \$21.66; 1987, \$26.24; 1988, \$25.11 (Part of Road right-of-way at Bryant Parkway.)
    2. Larry Fowler - 1987, \$5.94; 1988, \$5.69; 1989, \$5.51; 1990, \$6.03 (Taxes on boat - lives in County - New Town Road.)
    3. Sarah Printup - 1986, \$13.57; 1987, \$16.44; 1988, \$15.73; (Part of Housing Authority property.)
    4. Warren Smith - 1989, \$22.64; 1990, \$98.02 (Warren lived in City, but tractor was on his property in the county.) (Total - \$280.78)
  - f. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to approve paying one half for roof and building repair cost as submitted by Recreation Superintendent Bearden, \$6,027.30; and to pay the one half resurfacing cost for eight tennis courts, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Oldfield, Councilman McEntire and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
  - g. Attorney Campbell gave a 1st reading to and ordinance amendment for the Beer-Wine-Liquor Ordinance, more particularly the sections, 3-28; 3-2.01; and 3.9 (f). He stated the Public Hearing had previously been scheduled for July 13, 1992 at 7:30 p.m.
8. Director Cornwell's Work Report:
- a. Following review of Fire Station #3 bids, he recommended the low bid of \$160,000.00 from Foremost Construction. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to approve the low bid, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Councilman Oldfield, Councilman Shelton and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
  - b. Cornwell recommended the Boone Ford Tank Award be held until July 13, 1992 and he asked the Council to authorize the line work which exceeded the budget to be re-bid. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to approve the re-bid, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Oldfield, Councilman McEntire and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
  - c. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to authorize the Morrison sewer line expansion request as per City policy off the south side of Dews Pond Road across from Park Place at a total estimated project cost of \$82,760.02, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Oldfield, Councilman McEntire and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
9. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to move to Executive Session for real estate matters, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Oldfield, Councilman McEntire and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

11. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to move to General Session, 2nd by Councilman McEntire, with Councilman Oldfield, Councilman McEntire and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
  
12. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Oldfield, Councilman McEntire and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:

Submitted:

  
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Thomas Bond  
Mayor Pro-Tem

  
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Cathy Harrison  
City Administrator