

SEPTEMBER 14, 1992

7:30 P.M.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY 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 R. MCENTIRE, COUNCILMAN

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

1. Mayor Meadows called the meeting to order.
2. Mayor Meadows led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.
3. Minutes of the August 24, 1992 Regular City Council Meeting and Minutes of the August 27, 1992 Special Called Council Meeting were approved.
4. Mayor's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council of the Pre-Legislative Meeting to be held on September 23 and 24, 1992 in Warner Robins, Georgia.
 - b. Mayor Meadows reminded everyone of the Special Election on September 15, 1992 at the Recreation Department on South River Street regarding Liquor-by-the-Drink. Mayor Meadows requested everyone to vote their conviction.
 - c. Mayor Meadows announced the City of Calhoun had received the GFOA Certificate for Audits for the City's Annual Report for the period ended June 30, 1991. This is the 2nd time the award has been given to the City of Calhoun. Mayor Meadows commended the staff and the Auditing Firm of R.M. Dobbs, specifically Mrs. Sandra Long for the recognition of this national award.
5. Council's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond stated the Street Department, during the month of August, had worked continually on the addition to Fain Cemetery. They had also worked at the Golf Course, and had installed storm drains in various sections of the City.
 - b. Councilman Oldfield stated the Electric Department sold 27,841,404 KWH of electricity to a customer base of 3,655.
 - c. Councilman Shelton stated that the Fire Department answered 21 alarms during the month of August. Mr. Shelton reported that Station #3 is progressing well according to schedule. The Police Department, during the month of August, made 171 arrests of which 16 were DUI. They collected \$12,220.00 in fines, they responded to 129 incidents, and answered 85 burglar alarms. Mr. Shelton reviewed a letter received from the City of Rome Police Department regarding the City of Calhoun Police Department's assistance in arresting a suspected murderer during the month of August. Mr. Shelton also reported that the present radio base station has been repaired once again, but due to its age, no parts are available and the City is taking bids for a new system. This item was not in the budget and will be discussed at a following Council Meeting.
 - d. Councilman McEntire stated the Water Treatment Plant, for the month of August, pumped a daily average of 11.3 million gallons of raw water. The Water Treatment

Facility pumped an average of 9.6 million gallons of waste water per day, BOD 18, COD 125. The Water/Sewer Construction Department made 42 water taps and 7 sewer taps during the month. They installed 2,500 ft. of 2 inch PVC Water Pipe, 420 ft. of 6 inch PVC, 356 ft. of 6 inch ductile iron water pipe, 108 ft of 8 inch ductile iron water pipe, 210 ft of 4 inch PVC sewer line, and 340 ft. of 8 inch PVC sewer line.

6. Public Hearings and Comments:

- a. A 2nd reading of the Zoning Change Request of PFW Properties, Inc. for Tracts One and Two on Barrett Road was held. The Request being to change from R-1 to R-2 zoning for duplex housing. A Public Hearing was opened. The Zoning Advisory Board recommended the request be declined because the surrounding property is R-1. There were no further comments and the hearing was closed. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to decline the request, 2nd by Councilman Oldfield with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Oldfield, Councilman Shelton and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion was denied.
- b. A 2nd reading of the Zoning Variance Request of Robert C. Covington for a retail mobile office to be located at the intersection of Belmont Drive and Highway 53. A Public Hearing was opened. The Zoning Advisory Board recommended approval with stipulations. Those stipulations being that the request be for a six month period with a possible renewal to a maximum of 2 years, that the trailer be neat in appearance, that the trailer meet all codes, and be set up according to state and county regulations, and that the trailer be for office use only, no habitation. The Council discussed these recommendations, there were no further comments and the hearing was closed. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to approve the request based on the limitations as outlined by the Zoning Advisory Board, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Oldfield, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Pro-Tem Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. A 2nd reading of the Zoning Change Request of Mrs. Marion King for a lot at the corner of Highway 156 and Devonwood Drive was given. The request being to change from R-1 to O&I zoning. A Public Hearing was opened. The Zoning Advisory Board recommended denial due to insufficient information regarding the type of use. Mayor Meadows reviewed a letter from the Department of Transportation which recommended that if the zoning change was granted, the traffic entrance to the lot be off Devonwood Drive, and the entrance be away from the intersection as much as possible. Mayor Meadows also read petition signed by the residents of Devonwood Drive regarding their concern for the approval of the request. Pat Thornton, an immediate resident in the area stated he was concerned regarding the grading and the number of parking spaces that would be requested for the lot. Bob Cannon, a resident of Devonwood Drive stated the new building, which had been approved earlier in the year, has a driveway which is only one and one half car lengths from the intersection at Red Bud Road and he is concerned of the effects another drive on the opposite side of the street would have on the area. Lamar Norton, resident of the area, stated that he had attended previous public hearings, not only for this particular lot, but for the lot immediately across the street which was granted a zoning variance change. He stated that he was concerned about additional traffic to Devonwood Drive especially at the intersection with Red Bud Road. Mrs. Marion King stated that she had previously attempted to sell the property on two occasions and had applied for zoning changes for both and

she had brought those to the City Council, but both had been rejected. This was her reason for not having a buyer in mind at the time she made the present zoning change request. Mrs. Jean Overby, a resident of the area stated she felt there was a difference between Mrs. King's lot and the lot across the street which had been granted a zoning change in that the other lot had been defaced, and that the present lot of Mrs. King's was still in tact and was suitable for residential housing. Mrs. Margaret Thornton a resident of Devonwood Drive stated that with enough woods and shrubbery to serve as a buffer from the traffic, it would be suitable for housing. She stated she also was concerned about the parking and the grading and how it would effect her property. Mr. Harvey King stated it was his intent to place the driveway at the end of his lot as far from the intersection with Red Bud Road as possible. He stated while no trees had been cut off the lot, there was still not enough woods on the lot to deflect the lights and the sounds from the traffic. Mayor Meadows stated that his major concern was for the traffic generated in the immediate area, and that he felt there was an alternative which could be found which would be for the best possible use of the property. There were no further comments and the hearing was closed. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to deny the request at this time, 2nd by Councilman Oldfield, with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Oldfield, Councilman Shelton voting to deny the request, Councilman McEntire voted to grant the request. The motion to deny was approved.

- d. A 2nd reading of the Robert Cross Zoning Variance Request for 22 feet of Edwards Street was given. A public hearing was opened. Building Inspector Wiley Moore stated that an adjoining property owner was concerned and had asked to review the plans, therefore, he made a request that the hearing be continued and a 3rd reading held. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to hold a third reading on September 28 and to continue the hearing at that time, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton, Councilman Oldfield, and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

7. Old Business:

- a. Following discussion of the proposed dedication for a portion of Caverns Way and Caverns Drive in the Park Place Estates, Director Cornwell stated that additional paving corrections needed to be made prior to acceptance of the dedication. Following this report, Councilman Oldfield made a motion to not accept the dedication at this time, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman Oldfield, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton and Councilman McEntire voting to delay the acceptance of the dedication, motion carried.
- b. In the absence of Butch Layson, Director Cornwell stated that a new paving testing program was a possibility for the City of Calhoun especially at intersections in which the pavement has rolled up due to the traffic stopping at traffic signals. He stated that the new test pavement would include concrete mixed with asphalt and that Mr. Butch Layson had detailed information regarding this matter and he suggested that the item be held for further discussion with Mr. Layson. The Council concurred.
- c. A 1st reading of an amended Zoning Variance Request of McArthur/Glenn for a sign variance to allow the proposed sign off Belwood Road to be at a height of 85 feet as opposed to 50 feet as required in the zoning ordinance. Councilman McEntire made a motion to set a Public Hearing for October 12, 1992 at 7:30 p.m., 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond,

Councilman Oldfield, and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. New Business:

- a. Molly Jenkins stated the Olympic Flag would be in Calhoun on Wednesday, September 17, 1992 at noon at the Court House. She invited the Mayor and Council to attend. Mayor Meadows stated that a proclamation would be read and dedicated at the ceremony. Mrs. Jenkins stated an official Flag Day would be held in Rome on Thursday September 17, 1992 at 10:30 a.m. at the River Side Park.
- b. A 1st reading of a Pawn License Application for Mike Harry Horton d/b/a Cash Express, Inc. to be located at 901A South Wall Street was read. A 2nd reading and police report were scheduled for September 28, 1992.
- c. A 1st reading of an Annexation Ordinance Request of Brown Machine and Tool, Inc. for Lot 14 of Saddlebrook Subdivision for R-1 zoning was given. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to set the public hearing for October 12, 1992 at 7:30 p.m., 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman Oldfield, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. 1st reading of an Ordinance Amendment regarding the chain of command and departmental positions was given by Attorney T. Joseph Campbell. Following the reading, Councilman Oldfield made a motion to set the Public Hearing for October 12, 1992 at 7:30 p.m., 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman Oldfield, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- e. Mayor Meadows reviewed a recycling contract between the Floyd County recycling center and the City of Calhoun regarding their acceptance of recycled waste from the City of Calhoun. Following further review, Councilman Oldfield made a motion to approve and to authorize the Mayor to sign the contracts, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Councilman Oldfield, Councilman Shelton, Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.

9. Director Cornwell's Work Reports:

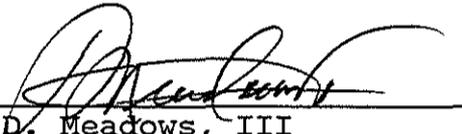
- a. Director Cornwell reviewed bids which were opened on July 13, 1992 for a Digger Derrick Truck for the Electric Department. The bids were TECO - \$85,014.00; Fontaine - \$94,849.00; VFEC - \$97,762.00; ACTEC - \$90,439.00; Baker - \$103,035.00. Councilman McEntire made a motion to accept the low bid from TECO for the base bid of \$85,014.00, 2nd by Councilman Oldfield with Councilman McEntire, Councilman Oldfield, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Pro-Tem Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Director Cornwell reviewed proposed engineering contracts with the firm of Piedmont, Olsen and Hensley which would give a framework for the City to develop an ordinance for storm water and utility work on a developer's property which must be approved by the City. The total cost of the service would be \$6,200.00. Following further discussion, Councilman McEntire made a motion to approve the contract, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Oldfield and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

10. Councilman McEntire made a motion to move to Executive Session for personnel, real estate and legal matters, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Oldfield voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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

Approved:

Submitted:



John D. Meadows, III
Mayor



Cathy Harrison
City Administrator