

APRIL 26, 1993

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  
JOHN D. SHELTON, COUNCILMAN  
PAUL MCENTIRE, COUNCILMAN

ALSO: KELLY CORNWELL, DIRECTOR UTILITIES/PUBLIC WORKS  
WILLIAM P. BAILEY, CITY ATTORNEY  
CATHY HARRISON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

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 12, 1993 Regular City Council Meeting were approved.
4. Mayor's Comments:
  - a. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council of the following Public Hearings scheduled for May 10, 1993: (1) Abandonment of a portion of South Industrial Circle. (2) Annexation Ordinance Request of Kip and Ashely Connally for Lots 29 and 30 on Lake Drive for R-1 zoning. (3) Annexation Ordinance Request of Calhoun Machinery, Inc. for property at 1401 Highway 41 South for C-2 zoning. (4) Zoning Variance Request of King Insurance Company for an on premise sign to be located within two feet of their property at the corner of Hillhouse Drive and South Wall Street. (5) Zoning Variance Request of Pine Street Rentals/Robert Croft in which a mini store all building will be located within six feet of Edmond Street. (6) Annexation Ordinance Request of Kobelco for two tracts of land with residential houses located on Richardson Street for Ind.-H Zoning. (7) Amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance to improve the base and paving requirements and to require performance bond or bank letter of credit for developers of new proposed City streets.
  - b. Following discussion for Georgia Key Citizen and Georgia Municipal Hall of Fame Awards to be presented at the GMA Annual Meeting in June. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to nominate Jake Woods from Trion for a Georgia Hall of Fame Award, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
  - c. Mayor Meadows read a resolution adopted at the April 12, 1993 meeting and also presented the 7th District GMA Award for Outstanding Government Official for the 1993 year to the late Dr. H.A. Oldfield, Jr. Ms. Emilie Oldfield was on hand to receive the resolution and the GMA District Award.
5. Public Hearings and Comments:
  - a. Jim Langford, a member of the advisory group for the Department of Transportation's ISTEAs Grants, gave a presentation regarding proposed bike trails within the City of Calhoun and throughout the County. Mr. Langford explained that these trails would be linked to architectural sites, and to points of historic importance to Calhoun/Gordon County. The total project cost would be over \$7,000,000.00, however, he thought the project

was too large, not only for the County's budget but also for the grant request, therefore, he felt it would be scaled down, and a portion funded at this time. Mr Langford stated the City had previously filed an application for improvements at the Depot, and he requested the City consider funding the 20% match to include a bike trail from the depot to the Leadership Park, around the park and the bridge at an estimated cost of \$175,000.00 to \$180,000.00 with the local match for that portion being \$35,000.00 approximately, in addition to a \$20,000.00 match for the Depot. Following further discussion, Councilman Shelton made a motion to approve \$75,000.00 - \$76,000.00 as the maximum local match for the depot project and for the bike trails to and around the Leadership park, and for the bridge at the estimated cost, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman Shelton, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- c. A Public Hearings was opened on the Revolving Loan Request of Ron Detra/Links Transportation for a credit line between \$25,000.00 - \$45,000.00 in which two jobs would be created. The Loan Advisory Commission stated that due to inadequate financial information and inadequate security, they recommended the loan not be made at this time. There were no further comments and the hearing was closed. Councilman McEntire made a motion to deny the request, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively to deny, motion carried.
- d. Harrison stated that Mr. Jim Davis, who also had filed a Revolving Loan Request, had requested that the item be held until he enhanced the application and filed for consideration at a later date.
- e. A Public Hearing was opened on the Revolving Loan Request of Friez Bharwanin for \$50,000.00 to open Dollar Deals Retail Store in the Walmart Area. The Loan Advisory Commission reported that due to lack of financial information and lack of appropriate collateral, the Committee recommended denial at this time. There were no further comments and the hearing was closed. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to deny, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively to deny, motion carried.
- f. A Public Hearing was opened on a CDBG Application for possible improvements for sanitary sewer and water lines on Crest, Gallman, Wilson and Yarborough Streets. Engineer Sweitzer stated this area had been recognized earlier by the City for lack of sanitary sewer and also for hazardous septic tank conditions. He stated the water lines in that particular area were old, undersized and needed to be replaced. The City has prepared a survey of the area, and found that the area meets the requirements for low and moderate incomes. He further stated that a notice regarding the Public Hearing had been published in the Calhoun Times in the non-legal section within the last few days prior to the public hearing. Sweitzer stated the application, if approved by the Mayor and Council, will be placed on record and will be available for the general public to review at any time. Engineer Sweitzer also stated that due to the type of project, that there would be no displacement of residents during the construction of the project. The Council reviewed the proposed application, Councilman McEntire made a motion to approve and to authorize the Mayor to sign with the City paying the engineering cost for the project and also the local share requirement of the project in order to enhance the application, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-

Tem Bond and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

6. Old Business:

- a. A 1st reading on the amended Subdivision Street Ordinance was read. The amendment allowed developers the opportunity to place a bank letter of credit in lieu of a performance bond should they desire. Mayor Meadows stated the public hearing had previously been set for May 10, 1993.

7. New Business:

- a. A first reading of the Annexation Application of Willie B. Powell for 1125 South Wall Street for C-2 zoning was given. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to set the public hearing for May 24, 1993 with the Zoning Advisory Board scheduling a 2nd meeting for May 20, 1993, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman McEntire and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. A 1st reading of the Zoning Variance Request of the owner of the former TG&Y Shopping Center (McDonald, Garret, Nalley) for reduction of parking space requirement. A request for a zero ft. rear buffer and a zero ft. side buffer was given. Councilman Shelton made a motion to set a public hearing for May 24, 1993 with a Zoning Advisory Board 2nd meeting scheduled for May 20, 1993, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Shelton, Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Councilman Shelton made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the DOT Maintenance Agreement and Certificate of Ownership for 2.69 miles of paving as was previously discussed at the April 12, 1993 Council Meeting, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman Shelton, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. Attorney William P. Bailey reviewed a probation contract with Mr. Richard Longfellow. Attorney Bailey stated the company had been reviewed by Chief Mitchell, his officers and Administrator Harrison. The references had been checked, and another company had been considered, however, it would be the recommendation to contract with an existing company which has been in business for several years with a verified reputation. Following discussion, Councilman Shelton passed a motion to adopt a resolution to authorize Attorney Bailey to review a contract and to allow Mayor Meadows to sign and to begin the probation service as soon as possible, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Shelton, Councilman McEntire, and Mayor Pro-Tem Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- e. Following review of the expired terms of several Golf Advisory Commission Members, Councilman Shelton made a motion to reappoint Jimmy Black and Howard Jones for six year terms to run from July, 1992 through June 30, 1998 and to reappoint Mayor Meadows for a term to expire June 30, 1993, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman Shelton, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- f. Following a review of House Bill 970 which was passed by the State Legislature in 1993 regarding a possible school tax exemption for senior citizens for a maximum of \$20,000.00 of assessed value of property for citizens 62 years of age or older, Harrison reported that the earliest date for a scheduled election on the referendum allowing time for approval by the Justice Department would be September 21, 1993. Following further

discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to set the election for September 21, 1993, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman McEntire, and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- g. Following a request by Mrs. Marsha Mitchell, for a portion of Court Street from Fair Street to Neal Street to be closed on June 5, 1993 for a Community Church Festival, Councilman Shelton made a motion to approve, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman Shelton, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- h. A 1st reading was given to an amendment to the Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance regarding new requirements for collection and disposal of solid waste. Following discussion, Councilman Shelton made a motion to set the public hearing for May 10, 1993, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman Shelton, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- i. The Council reviewed the road race request from Gordon Central High School for May 1, 1993 regarding a portion of Red Bud Road, Newtown Road and Columbus Drive also known as Warrior Path. Following review of the application and information presented by Chief Mitchell, Councilman McEntire made a motion to approve the request provided Police and County Officers provide the proper patrol, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- j. Following review, Councilman McEntire made a motion to approve Cathy Harrison or Eddie Peterson as authorized agents of the City of Calhoun to sign and receive the payment for disaster relief funds due to the 1993 blizzard, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- k. The Council reviewed a change of manager request for the Golden Gallon Package Store located on Highway 53, East. The new proposed manager being Ida Ruth Anderson. Her police review was favorable. Councilman McEntire made a motion to approve the change of managers, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- l. Harrison stated the County had agreed to extend the deadline for no charge for brush and limb debris to be disposed of at the landfill through May 8, 1993 provided the City provide a dozer and employee to handle the burn for both City and County debris through that time period. The Council concurred.
- m. A letter was presented from Gordon County requesting the City to provide an additional \$5,000.00 in local match funds for the Health Department Grant Application through the CDBG Program. Following review, Councilman McEntire made a motion to approve the \$5,000.00 request, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

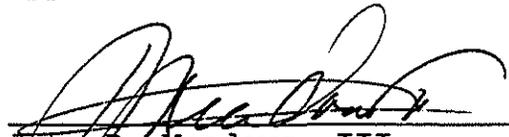
9. Director Cornwell's Work Report:

- a. Director Cornwell stated he had received a request from Donald Crump for a sewer line extension of 490 ft. on Mauldin/Henderson Bend Road to connect two houses which are presently in the city limit area to the city sanitary sewer system. The estimated cost being \$9,700.00. He stated it was customary for a sewer line extension to be made for 200 ft. for an individual tap without an additional charge other than the tap fee. Following review of the cost, which included two road crossings,

the Council agreed to accept a tap fee plus the cost of the additional 90 ft. which in effect would require each applicant to pay \$950.00 as a tap fee and line extension.

- b. Cornwell stated the Mauldin Road water plant improvements were moving into Phase II, and a bid opening would be opened on May 20, 1993 for addition of equipment and instruments to the plant. Bid openings would be at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall on that date. Cornwell took the opportunity to commend Estes Pass for a trying week due to construction and tying in the new reservoir to old piping which had caused several outages during the week.
10. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman McEntire and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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John D. Meadows, III  
Mayor

Submitted:

  
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Cathy Harrison  
City Administrator