

MAY 24, 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 May 10, 1993 Regular City Council Meeting were approved.
4. Mayor's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council of the Public Hearings scheduled for June 14, 1993: (1) Annexation Ordinance Request of W.R. and Kathleen Scott for 111 Chatsworth Highway for C-2 zoning. (2) 2nd Public Hearing on the 1993-94 Budget.
 - b. Mayor Meadows reminded everyone of the City Election to be held on Tuesday May 25, 1993 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Calhoun Recreation Department on South River Street. The election will be to fill the unexpired term of H.A. Oldfield, Jr. which will be through December 31, 1993. Those candidates who have qualified are Ray Mitchell Denmon, Al Edwards and Jimmy Palmer.
 - c. Mayor Meadows stated the GMA annual business meeting will be held in Savannah on June 27, 28 and 29, and he asked for a motion to name a voting delegate and an alternate. Councilman McEntire made a motion to appoint John D. Meadows, III as the voting delegate and Thomas H. Bond as the alternate, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Councilman McEntire, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Pro-Tem Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - d. Mayor Meadows read a resolution regarding unfunded federal mandates, and asked the Council for a motion to pass the resolution. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to pass the resolution as read, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - e. Mayor Meadows introduced Ms. Betty Payne, Ms. Wheel Chair of Georgia. Ms. Payne stated she was delighted to address the Mayor and Council, and that she desired during her reign as Ms. Wheel Chair of Georgia, to make everyone aware of the Disabilities Act and of the need for improvements to accommodate those who are disabled.
5. Public Hearings & Comments:
 - a. A 2nd reading of the Annexation Ordinance Application of Willie B. Powell for 1125 South Wall Street for C-2 zoning was given. A public hearing was opened with the ZAB recommending approval. Clyde Chester, representing the group purchasing the properties stated he appreciated the cooperation of the various city departments which had assisted him in this matter. There were no other

comments and the hearing was closed. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings and to approve for C-2 zoning, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- b. A Zoning Variance Request for the owners of the former TG&Y shopping center (McDonald, Garrett, Nalley) for reduction of parking spaces and variances in the side and rear buffers. A public hearing was opened with the ZAB recommending the approval. There were no other comments and the hearing was closed. Councilman McEntire made a motion to approve, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business:

- a. A first reading of the Parade Request of Ronnie Beck for Farm City Week to be held on October 23, 1993 at 10:30 a.m. was given. In reference to the parade request, Assistant Chief Randy Jackson had requested that several safety items be adopted which will improve the parade process and give a greater degree of safety for the individuals holding the parade and for the spectators. Those items being:

1. Individual in charge will contact the Calhoun Police Department no later than one week prior to the parade date.
2. Individual in charge will not start the parade until he or she has been told by a City of Calhoun Police Officer who will be leading said parade.
3. Individual will ensure that no foreign objects will be thrown from any moving vehicle in the parade into the crowd (candy, bubblegum, political novelties, etc.).
4. Individual in charge will ensure that no parties involved in the parade will take a different route.

Following discussion on these safety items, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to adopt this recommendation, and to make it a part of each parade application with those who have previously been approved, but whose parade has not been held to be notified of the change. The motion to adopt was 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman McEntire and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried. In reference to the Ronnie Beck Parade Request, Councilman McEntire made a motion to approve the request subject to DOT approval, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- b. Harrison provided a review of the actual revenues and expenditures through March 31, 1993 for the General and Water/Power/Sewer Funds. The amended budget for the full year, \$34,683,394.00, nine months actual revenue \$26,420,490.89, budgeted expenditures for both for the full year \$34,683,394.00, actual expenditures \$24,257,383.33. The amended budget for golf \$759,787.00 with actual revenues \$479,928.09, actual expenditures \$471,849.32. The budget for the Mauldin Road Water Plant renovation \$1,250,000.00, actual revenue \$51,404.98, actual expenditures \$51,404.98. The Antioch/Boone Ford Tank Project budget being \$710,000.00 actual revenues and expenditures being \$419,084.61. The Sewer Interceptor Project Budget being \$3,132,062.00 with actual revenues and expenditures of \$3,064,053.17. Water/Sewer Debt Service budget being \$781,904.58 and revenues and

expenditures being \$247,040.58. The School Debt Service for bonds budget being \$558,561.00, the expenditures and revenue to date being \$129,341.38.

- c. Harrison reviewed the present policies regarding utility deposits for residential, commercial and industrial customers. Based on the capabilities of a new computer system being installed, she made recommendations regarding commercial and industrial deposits, and based on losses for residential accounts, she made additional recommendations regarding a change requiring deposits for renters and deposits for home owners in the residential category. Harrison recommended that after July 1, 1993 residential deposits for renters for electricity be \$100.00 with a \$30.00 water/sewer deposit. For residential home owners, a \$50.00 electric deposit and a \$30.00 water/sewer deposit for home owners. For residential customers for water service only, she recommended a \$20.00 deposit be maintained. In reference to commercial and industrial, she recommended that those customers continue to have the opportunity to place deposits by either a surety bond, a bank letter of credit or cash, however, she recommended that customers with three years of service in which no more than one penalty assessment per year and no cut offs within the immediate past three years be allowed to lower their deposit requirements to an average of one months billing based on the immediate past twelve months history, however, should the customer receive more than one penalty assessment or a cut off, the customer would be required to increase the deposit to a two months average billing based on the immediate twelve month history immediately. The customer would not be eligible to lower the deposit until a clean three year history is once again established as described earlier. In reference to commercial lending institutions who presently provide letters of credit for many of the city's customers, she recommended they be handled in the same manner as other commercial customers and be allowed to lower their deposits in the same manner as others in the commercial class of customers. Following review of the recommendation, the Council authorized Harrison to prepare an ordinance amendment for the 1st reading on June 14.

8. Other written items not on the Agenda:

- a. In reference to a block party requested for a portion of Saddlebrook Drive, the Council asked that a petition signed by the residents of the area be presented prior to granting of the request.
- b. Paul Whittemore, Jane Bowling, Lane Bearden, and Mattie Hollingsworth asked the Mayor and Council to review photographs of the trees which had been planted in the downtown area at the direction of the City by the Beautification Committee some time earlier. The owners of businesses downtown expressed concerned with the rapid growth of the trees regarding the coverage of safety signs and walking pedestrian signs, as well as, the low hanging branches which are at eye level. Following discussion with the merchants, the Mayor and Council stated they would contact the Beautification Committee regarding a type of planting that might be more suitable, and with the possibility of the trees being moved to another site such as the Depot.
- c. Harrison requested the Council consider an amendment to the computer contract for an additional \$7,500.00 for changes in the UB utility programs. These are changes that must be put in place to maintain the integrity of the systems to date. Following review, Councilman Shelton made a motion to approve the contract change, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman Shelton, Mayor Pro-

Tem Bond and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

9. Director Cornwell's Work Report:

- a. Director Cornwell stated the clearwell at the water treatment plant is on line, and the tank is filled and has been tested.
- b. Director Corwell stated the work crews had been installing fire hydrants for the County and working on water and sewer extensions which have been approved.
- c. Cornwell stated the used pickup at the water treatment plant for checking tanks, testing and etc. had stopped running and a new vehicle was needed. He stated Estes Pass had checked with both local dealers and had found a truck with 25,300 miles (a 1991 Chevrolet for \$5,500.00). Following discussion, the Council approved the purchase.

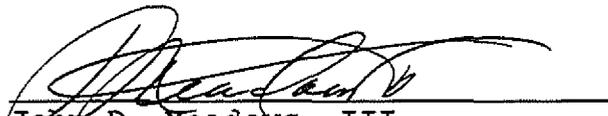
10. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to move to Executive Session for legal matters, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman McEntire, and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

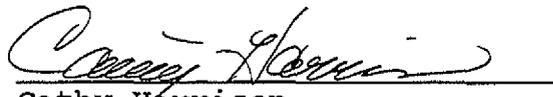
11. Councilman Bond made a motion to move to General Session, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman McEntire and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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

Approved:

Submitted:


John D. Meadows, III
Mayor


Cathy Harrison
City Administrator