

JUNE 21, 1992

7:30 P.M.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
226 SOUTH WALL STREET

PRESENT: JOHN D. MEADOWS, III, MAYOR
THOMAS H. BOND, MAYOR PRO-TEM
JOHN D. SHELTON, COUNCILMAN
PAUL MCENTIRE, COUNCILMAN
JIMMY PALMER, COUNCILMAN

ALSO: WILLIAM P. BAILEY, CITY ATTORNEY
KELLY CORNWELL, DIRECTOR UTILITIES/PUBLIC WORKS
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 June 14, 1993 Regular City Council Meeting and the June 16, 1993 Special Called Council Meeting were approved.
4. Mayor's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council of the GMA Business Meeting in Savannah on June 27-29, 1993.
 - b. Mayor Meadows also reminded the Council of the public hearing scheduled for July 12, 1993: (1) Annexation Ordinance Request of Georgia Flooring Distributors, Inc. for approximately 4 acres located at I-75, Damascus & Gee Road for Ind.-G zoning. (2) Public Hearing on the Utility Ordinance Amendment. (3) Public Hearing on the Technical Code Ordinance Amendment. (4) Public Hearing on the Liquor-by-the-Drink License Request of Bill Walraven for El Pueblito Mexican Restaurant. (5) Zoning Variance Request of Marie Silvers for 15 feet off Court Street for construction of a church.
 - c. Harrison stated the Golf Commission had met at noon on June 21, 1993, and the primary item of business was the election of officers for the next fiscal year. Those were Mike Jones, Chairman and Henry Holland Vice Chairman, re-elected to the offices held for the fiscal year 1992-93. Councilman McEntire made a motion to reappoint John D. Meadows, III to the Golf Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1994, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton, and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
5. Public Hearings & Comments:
 - a. Bob Baldrige with the County Health Department asked the Council to consider accepting grease at the Waste Treatment Facility from restaurant grease traps, and from the County school area. During the discussion Mayor Meadows informed Mr. Baldrige that the surrounding cities with the exception of Dalton do not accept grease at their waste treatment plants, and that according to the information from Dalton, they are considering ceasing acceptance of grease. Mayor Meadows explained that with the high volume of waste presently treated at the waste treatment plant, that additional solids make it extremely hard for the City to maintain its permitted level. Mayor Meadows and the Council expressed concern for restaurant owners and for the County school system due to the

extreme cost in disposing of these items, but based on their capacity and treatment level at the waste treatment facility, they are unable to accept these wastes. The Council continued to discuss possible alternatives to this situation.

6. Old Business:

- a. Wayne Morris, the City's Group Health Insurance Agent explained that the current insurance carrier had submitted a quote for the 1993-94 fiscal year at a level that was unacceptable by the City, and explained that of the bids taken to replace the coverage, there were three carrier's proposals reviewed and officials interviewed, and that it would be necessary for the City to select a company at the meeting in order to maintain coverage for all employees on July 1, 1993. The three main companies reviewed were Fortis Insurance Company for a minimum premium plan which is similar to the present plan maintained by the City of Calhoun at a bid of \$621,275.04, the Blue Cross/Blue Shield fully covered conventionally insured plan would be \$632,177.76, and the Provident conventionally insured plan would be \$635,095.80. Harrison stated based upon her limited experience with the minimum premium plan, and based upon the past year's events, that she recommended returning to a conventionally insured program, and would recommend the low bid of Blue Cross/Blue Shield at \$632,177.76. Following discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond stated that the City had elected to go to a minimum premium plan during the past year in order to hopefully save cost during the next few years, and that he felt that one year was not a proper trial period. Councilman McEntire made a motion to award the bid to Fortis, and to allow the Agent Wayne Morris and Harrison to review ways to hopefully lower the cost for the City and the participants, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. School Board Chairman, George Crowley, reported to the Mayor and Council, to the audience and to the general public that due to items beyond their control, the state funds for the City School Budget for the next fiscal year was approximately \$300,000.00 lower than the prior year, and the need to hire an additional three teachers according to state regulations, increased the cost by an additional \$75,000.00 making it necessary for the City School Budget to be increased by \$375,000.00. There were other increases needed to fund the 1993-94 budget, however, these were handled through cuts in other programs made by the Board of Education which totaled almost \$200,000.00. Following the presentation by Mr. Crowley, Harrison reported the General Fund, Water/Power/Sewer Fund, Golf Enterprise Fund, Water Plant Renovations, Sewer Interceptor Projects Budgets were \$37,564,846.00. There was water and sewer debt service for revenue bonds which totaled \$776,133.00, and school bond debt service which totaled \$787,563.00. The golf facility lease expense for the 1993-94 year totaled \$364,576.00, and the Calhoun Recreation authority Revenue Bond Debt Service Expense would total \$409,000.00 for the fiscal year. Mayor Meadows stated the budget contained some increased cost, approximately 6% on electric cost, and \$.11 increase in the sewer rate per 1,000 gallons of water consumed, and a \$1.00 per minimum increase on water customers. Following review, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to adopt a resolution adopting the budget, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton, Councilman Palmer and Councilman McEntire voting

- affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. A 1st reading of the Jim Davis Revolving Loan Application was presented for \$35,000.00. Councilman McEntire made a motion to set the public hearing for July 12, 1993, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - d. Bryce Holcomb, Vice President of Lex Jolley & Company reviewed the proposal to refund the 1985 GO Bond issue for the City School System. Mr. Holcomb explained the refunding would save the City in current dollars approximately \$106,000.00 as of the published date, June 11, 1993. Mr. Holcomb reviewed the process, and following discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to authorize Lex Jolley & Company to handle refunding as long as savings on the present value basis would be \$100,000.00 or above, and to retain Jim Pannell as the Bond Attorney, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Palmer and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
7. New Business: None
 8. Other Written Items Not on the Agenda:
 - a. Harrison requested the City to write off taxes for the Edward Street Property purchased by the City of Calhoun during the year in the amount of \$130.83, and to also write off the utilities which were distributed to the Council members on the evening of June 14, 1993. Following discussion, Councilman Palmer made a motion to write off the taxes on the Edward Street property in the amount of \$130.83 and to write off utilities in the amount of \$27,862.65, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Councilman Palmer, Councilman Shelton, Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 9. Director Cornwell's Work Report:
 - a. Director Cornwell stated that on May 10, 1993 the City adopted a Sanitation Ordinance, and since that time, a contractor on Woodland Drive had cut trees and piled them in the street which was approximately 15 loads of brush for the City to remove. He stated that the Sanitation Director had discussed the matter with the contractor prior to the contractor placing the debris in the street. Harrison stated the property owner, John Ashley, had contracted with the contractor prior to the adoption of the ordinance. Following discussion, Attorney Bailey advised the Director of Utilities/Public Works that the debris should be removed from the street either back on the curb or removed. The Council asked that the contractor be contacted, and be required to pay the tipping fee to dispose of the brush.
 - b. Cornwell stated that he needed to move forward as soon as possible in the new year for bids on several capital items, and asked if the Council had any objections to taking the State bids for trucks and police vehicles. The Council asked that local dealers be allowed to match the state contract bids for vehicles which they normally handle.
 10. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to move to Executive Session for legal matters, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Palmer, Councilman Shelton and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 11. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to move to General Session, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman

Palmer, Councilman Shelton and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

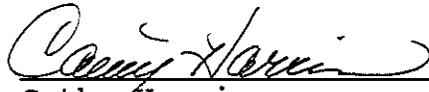
12. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Palmer, Councilman Shelton and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:

Submitted:



John D. Meadows, III
Mayor



Cathy Harrison
City Administrator