

AUGUST 23, 1993

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

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 August 9, 1993 Regular City Council Meeting were approved.
4. Mayor's Comments:
  - a. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council of the DOT Public Hearing to be held in Rome at the Days Inn at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 1993.
  - b. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council of the Public Hearings scheduled for September 13, 1993: (1) Annexation Ordinance Request of Ben D. Morrow for property located at 101 Richardson Road for R-2 zoning. (2) Public Hearing on an Annexation Ordinance ratifying all city annexations up to and including No. 517. (3) 2nd reading of an ordinance regarding adult entertainment. (4) Zoning Variance Request of Mike Patel of Hampton Inn for 50 ft. in height for a sign to be located on Highway 53, East, and also a smaller sign to be located on the road easement into Hampton Inn.
  - c. Mayor Meadows reported that the Golf Commission had met on Thursday, August 19, 1993, and that it had reconsidered the voucher system, which would allow those people visiting the golf course for advertising purposes to play without charge, however, their fees would be charged to the City's miscellaneous or advertising budget. Following discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to approve the recommended voucher system, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
  - d. Mayor Meadows announced that Southern Bell had donated 30 trees to the City of Calhoun, and that the City had requested that the trees be planted at the golf course. Mayor Meadows expressed his appreciation to Southern Bell for this grant.
  - e. Mayor Meadows announced the successful CDBG application of the County for the Health Department for improvements at the center located on Highway 136. Mayor Meadows stated, however, that the City was unsuccessful in its CDBG application for the water and sewer project off McConnell Road, but the City will submit the application again at a later date.
  - f. Mayor Meadows stated that it was with great honor that he present the plaque from the American Water Works to Estes Pass, Superintendent at the Calhoun Water Treatment Facility. Mayor Meadows stated that it was

certainly a deserved reward because of Mr. Pass's devotion to his job and to the production of quality water for the citizens of Calhoun/Gordon County. Councilman McEntire stated that the award certainly was deserved. Ross Wilburn stated that the award presented to operators was one of the most sought after awards from the American Water Works Association, and that it was certainly a great deal of recognition for Estes Pass to be presented this award, since it usually is awarded to the larger cities such as Atlanta and Marietta.

5. Public Hearings & Comments:

- a. Mayor Meadows opened a public hearing on the Liquor-by-the-Drink Request of Jim Nichols d/b/a D.D.'s Creekside Restaurant. Mayor Meadows stated the Police Report was clear, the Building Inspection Report was clear, the Survey regarding all distances from churches, schools and residences had been approved, and the application was in order. There were no public comments, and the hearing was closed. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to approve, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Representative Thomas Shanahan gave an overview of the Technical School Committee's work during the past several months regarding a satellite technical center for Calhoun, Gordon County, which would not only provide industrial training, but also technical training. It would also house the Adult Learning Center and other service offices which would be beneficial to those receiving technical assistance. He stated that it was the goal of the committee to raise one million dollars from the community, to give an indication of the support that the project has at the local level. The Governor and the State Legislature will need this support when considering the project. He explained that the full phase project would be approximately 60,000 sq. ft. at a cost of approximately 6.8 million dollars. He stated Gordon County had committed \$127,000.00 in kind work for the project, and asked the City Council to consider a commitment for water/sewer extensions, waiver of connection fees, underground electric, and waiver of building permit fees. Following discussion, Councilman Palmer made a motion to approve an in-kind and cash commitment for \$127,000.00 for the project, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Palmer, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Pro-Tem Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business:

- a. Director Cornwell and Administrator Harrison provided lists of surplus property, and requested permission to hold an auction to dispose of the surplus property:

City Hall:

1. 1116 Calculator
2. 1118 Calculator (No Good)
3. 1112 Calculator (No Good)
4. 38 Inventory # Victor 840
5. Sharp ZL6100
6. 1130 Electric Sealer
7. 3 - Spectroline Lights (A-14VS)
8. 2 - 1SC System Model 05410 Conf. with Screens Drive-In Window
9. Date Phone

10. Flag Kit
11. 1129 ID Key Machine
12. 1148 Burrors Check Canceler
13. 4 - Cash Drawers with Lid
14. 1153 Kodak Micro Film Reader
15. 1127 Borroughs Key Board with Screen
16. 1147 Micro Film Kodak Reliant 450
17. 1142 30 Drawer Cabinet 16x30
18. 1098 Micro Film Bell-Howell
19. Hedman Check Writer 2F2804
20. 9 Barrell Recess Lights
21. 1169 Chair
22. 8-8' Florescent Lights
23. 4 - Double 8' Florescent Lights
24. 1190 Virious Equipment - Teller Drive-In Window

Water Treatment Plant:

1. 1979 Chev. pickup CCV149A128279

Electric Department:

1. 25 Cobra Head Mercury Vapor Lights 400 watt.
2. 32 Cobra Head Mercury Vapor Lights 175 watt
3. 1973 Ford F700 Bucket Truck 50 ft.
4. 1 - Line Voltage 7600 2 Pole Oil Switch
5. 1 - Line Voltage 7500 2 Pole Oil Switch
6. 3 - 600/5 5kv
7. 3 - Pole Mounted Transformer Platforms - Aluminum
8. 1 - Bundle 6" Platform Steel
9. 1 - 3 Bay Substation Steele Structure

Street Department:

1. John Deere 111 Riding Mower C111L212688M
2. Long Life 20" Push Mower
3. Backpack Blower ECHO PB4000080714
4. Husky Weed Eater A09239
5. ECHO Weed Eater
6. 1981 Ford LN700 Street Sweeper 1FDWN70HXBVJ30568
7. 1971 Ford F600 Garage Truck F60CDJ88577
8. 1979 Chev. Pickup CCG14AA104309
9. 1974 Chev. Pickup CCG144A181719
10. 1981 Ford Courier Pickup JC2UA2220B0512555
11. 1979 Chev. Pickup CCG14AA104251
12. 1979 Chev. 1 Ton CCL339B144541
13. 2 - Single Axel Trailer
14. 1 - Four Wheel Wagen
15. 1 - Camper Cover
16. 4 Yd. Dump Bed

Water/Sewer Construction:

1. Ford Ditch Pump 67-1551
2. 1968 Vermeer Trencher 3997010A9HK
3. Ditch Witch R40 407604
4. Ditch Witch V30 23938
5. 1976 Ford F700 Flat Bed Dump K70BVB11647
6. 1982 Chev. Pickup 1GCCC14H8GF355543
7. 1987 Chev. Pickup Burnt
8. 1978 Ford Pickup F10GUUAJ5162
9. 1979 Chev. Nova 1X9G9T135067

Police Department:

1. 1986 Dodge Diplomat 1B3BG2650GX560824
2. 1987 Chev. 1G1BL5168HX172014
3. 1974 Dodge Dart LH41C5F100822
4. 1986 Ford LTD Crown Victoria 2FABP43G6GX225190
5. 1981 Ford LTD Crown Victoria 1FABP43G6DZ134345
6. 1985 Ford LTD Crown Victoria 2FABP43G8FX178470
7. 1979 Toyota Celica RA42237932

Sewer Plant:

1. Austin Western Truck Crane 532910

Cemetery:

1. 1976 Chev. Pickup CCD146A109620

Following review of the list, Councilman McEntire made a motion to declare the property surplus property, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- b. Harrison stated the City of Calhoun staff has worked for the past two years in an effort to obtain grant and special loans for improvements to the depot, however, there have been little funds available. All those available have been received and have been used for the work to date which consists of purchase of additional property at the depot, purchase of the depot property itself, building a metal building for the rail road in lieu of release of their lease on the current depot property, replacement of the roof, architectural fees, and the paving and landscaping work on the outside of the of the facility. She stated that the latest grant application had been denied, which was the ISTE A Grant through the Department of Transportation, therefore, all efforts have been exhausted, and she requested that the City consider redirecting the local effort of funds in the City's current budget, those being the \$40,000.00 for the ISTE A project which was denied the City, and \$50,000.00 which was to be the local effort of the block grant for the McConnell Road Project, along with the \$25,000.00 in depot renovations in the City's regular budget be used to continue renovations at the depot. She stated City Planner, Eddie Peterson has been meeting with local contractors in order to amend the architectural plans, and lower the construction cost of the project. Following review, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to redirect the funds in the budget as recommended by Harrison, and to approve continued work on the depot, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Mayor Meadows stated downtown is currently having problems with young people who have been painting obscenities on the street, and who have been destroying private property and damaging public property. Following discussion by the Council, Mayor meadows asked Chief Mitchell to inform the young people presently in the downtown area in the evening hours, notifying them that they must find another location because of the damage.
- d. Perry Rawls stated he was a resident of the City of Calhoun, and that he was concerned about the proposed sales tax which he views as an increase since the present tax for the landfill will come off in December, and will reduce the sales tax to five percent. He stated that he was disappointed in the small amount allotted to the City of Calhoun when approximately 65% of the taxes are collected within the city limits of the City of Calhoun. He stated he felt it was unfair, and that he would urge the Council to oppose the tax. Mayor Meadows stated that while each elected official has their own view, and has the right to express their own views regarding this question, that at this time the City will not make a group recommendation to either support or deny the proposal.

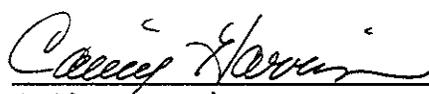
8. Other Written Items not on the Agenda:

- a. A 1st reading of an Annexation Request of Reba Olson for Lot 4 of Belmont Farms for R-1 zoning was given. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to set the public hearing for October 11, 1993 at 7:30 p.m., 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond Councilman Palmer, Councilman Shelton and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
9. Director Cornwell's Work Report:
- a. Mr. Cornwell stated that Mr. Kilpatrick had presented a 2nd request for water extension on Highway 136 for about 4,250 ft., however, there was a problem since the area is above the 720 ft. elevation point, and that two houses recently built in the area had requested water, and had signed for taps indicating they understood their property was above the elevation point, and the City could not guarantee any water pressure at that level. He stated in order for the line to be a proper extension, the Resaca tank was needed, and this would require approximately \$750,000.00. Mr. Kilpatrick expressed his frustration at having been able to determine the reason for his line extension, and other line extensions in the County not be extended as needed. Mayor Meadows explained that the City of Calhoun is the owner of the water system, and that it has a desire to put water lines on every road in the county however, funds are the primary reason that all lines are not extended at his time. He stated the City of Calhoun had requested consideration on the present sales tax effort, for funds to extend several lines in the County, along with additional water tanks which would have been a great improvement, however, that request had been denied, however the City would receive some funding for streets if the sales tax passes. Mayor Meadows stated the City will continue to make extensions into the County as funds are available.
  - b. Director Cornwell stated the work at the Water Treatment Plant continues. The Boone Ford Tank is working well. The pump station at Peter Street has been upgraded. He also stated he would like to congratulate Estes Pass on his award through the American Water Works Association, stating it was certainly a deserved award.
  - c. Director Cornwell stated MEAG is currently working on upgrading Substation No. 2 on the low side, and would also be rebuilding Substation No. 1.
10. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to move to Executive Session for real estate 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 McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
12. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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Submitted:

  
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John D. Meadows, III  
Mayor

  
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Cathy Harrison  
City Administrator

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