

JANUARY 17, 1994

7:00 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
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 January 10, 1994 Regular City Council Meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council of the GMA Legislative Meeting in Atlanta on January 24, 1994, and urged everyone to attend.
 - b. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council of Public Hearings scheduled for February 14, 1994: (1) Annexation Ordinance Request of Stanley Simpson for approximately eight acres off Water Work Road for R-2 zoning; (2) Beer/Wine/Liquor Pouring License request of Makibe Corp., Betty Gilbert, Manager d/b/a Holiday Inn Restaurant on Highway 156; (3) Annexation Ordinance Request of Billy V. Hensley for six lots being 25 ft. wide each at 112 Edwards Street for R-2 zoning; (4) Annexation Ordinance Request of Floyd and Dorothy M. Reed for three lots 25 ft. wide each at 111 Fox Street for R-2 zoning; (5) Zoning Variance Request of Arthur Brown for 10 ft. relief for the area located off Gee Road at I-75; (6) Wine & Liquor Pouring License Request of Tina Louise Silvers d/b/a the Englander located at Red Carpet Inn off Highway 53, East.
 - c. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council and the public of the speech to be given by Dr. Harry Wong at the Civic Auditorium on January 19, 1994 at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Meadows stated that Mr. Wong was a noted teacher, author and speaker, and it was a great pleasure for the City and County school systems to have Dr. Wong visit the Calhoun area.
 - d. Mayor Meadows announced the City and County Grant of \$200,000.00 through ARC had been approved for the technical school. The grant will be used to assist in the grading and site preparation for the school. He stated the Governor had not placed the state funding in the 1995 budget, but has placed it in the 1995 amendments for the budget which will be considered by the legislature in early January, 1995. This will only delay the project by approximately three to four months.
5. Public Hearings & Comments:
 - a. A public hearing was opened on the Fast Petroleum, Inc. Beer Package License Request for the building located on U.S. 41, South. Mayor Meadows stated the proposed licensee and his attorney, as well as, several residents of the area had expressed their inability to

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attend the meeting, and requested that it be held for a 3rd reading. Following discussion, Councilman McEntire made a motion to continue the hearing, and hold a 3rd reading on the request, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.

6. Old Business:

- a. Harrison reported that of the 31 annexation applications approved for 1992 and 1993, that all conformed with the recently amended long range plans for the Calhoun area. She stated that the two which did not conform, one being located off Highway 53 represented a lot presently used as a home, which will later be converted to commercial use, and will then conform to the overall plan, and another parcel which the City anticipates to be converted for commercial use within the next few years, and will at that time, conform to the long range plans. Harrison stated that future annexations will be reviewed on a one by one basis as to whether or not they conform with the long range plans.
- b. Mayor Meadows presented a request for proposals to be sent to various vendors wishing to bid on the City/County Efficiency Assessment of Police and Fire Departments. He asked if the Council concurred with the time table as set out in the RFP, and with other items contained in the RFP. The Council approved those items as outlined. Harrison stated a copy had been forwarded to Chairman Joe Powell for the County's review.

7. New Business:

- a. Harrison stated three representatives of the Department of Community Affairs met with the City on January 12, 1994, and reviewed the City Ordinance controlling the Revolving Loan Program, as well as, several loans presently contained in the City's Revolving Loan Program. Harrison stated the City's program had not been reviewed in five years, and that the overall program conformed to the State requirements, however, the State policies had been amended in the last few months and they would be recommending that those amendments be adopted into the City's current Revolving Loan Program. Harrison stated she expected to receive a written conformation of those exact requests within the near future. Harrison noted that the City had developed its Revolving Loan Program following a UDAG Grant received from the Federal Government in the early 80's, and that at the time the City began receiving repayments for the loan, no guidelines were available at the State level, and the City set up its own system. She further stated that when the State DCA set up their system they used part of the program currently in use by the City of Calhoun as a model.

8. Other Written Items Not on the Agenda:

- a. Harrison reviewed the current budget and actual summary for the period of July, 1993 through December, 1993. The full year budget for revenues for the General Fund, Water-Power-Sewer Fund and Golf Fund totaled \$35,905,046.00. Expenditures for those three funds totaled the same amount representing a balanced budget. The actual revenues for the three departments for the six month period totaled \$21,194,930.38. The expenditures for the three funds for the six month

period totaled \$17,683,313.00 leaving a difference of approximately \$3,500,000.00 which had been set aside for use by the School Board at a later date. These funds represent tax collections for the school system for their use in the ensuing months. Harrison stated she had reviewed the six months expenditures on a line item basis, and recommended amendments totaling \$1,875,395.00, both for income and expenditures. The primary changes being increase in power sales, water sales and sewer charges which represent more growth than was anticipated, and also indicates a full recovery from the loss of revenue due to the blizzard of March, 1993. The primary areas of increase for the expenditures were wholesale power purchases, increase of \$1,400,000.00, increase of power cost for the Water Treatment Facility, an increase of supplies for the Sewer Plant and various other areas. Following review by the Mayor and Council, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to adopt the resolution regarding the proposed amendments to the 1993-94 Budget, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton, Councilman Palmer and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- b. Following review of a proposal by Circle Development Corp., Larry Evans, Councilman McEntire made a motion to authorize Circle Development Corp. to proceed with amending the ISTEPA grant application, whereby the Calhoun Depot would become the trail head for the recently approved Calhoun/Gordon County project whereby additional funding would be available for improving the depot area. He also recommended that new architectural plans be developed by the Circle Development Corp. which would fall within the guidelines of the historic preservation. The total estimated cost being \$20,900.00. Following discussion, the motion was second by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Attorney William P. Bailey stated the City had received notification recently that Judge Pope had ruled in the City's favor regarding Ordinance No. 493 regarding business licenses for secondary power suppliers who do not presently pay franchise fees, however, he noted that the City does anticipate the ruling to be appealed by North Georgia Electric Membership Corp.

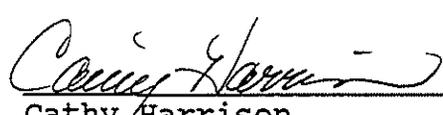
- 9. Director Cornwell's Work Report: None
- 10. Councilman Palmer made a motion to move to Executive Session for legal matters, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Palmer, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Pro-Tem Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- 11. Mayor Pro-Tem 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. Councilman McEntire made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman McEntire, Councilman Palmer, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Pro-Tem Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:



John D. Meadows, III
Mayor

Submitted:



Cathy Harrison
City Administrator