

JULY 11, 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: 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. Mayor's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Meadows stated that the GMA Business Meeting in Savannah June 25-29, 1994 was very successful, and that the Agenda for Legislative Needs had been primarily set for the coming year. He asked each Councilman to comment on their individual meetings. Councilman Shelton stated that the Criminal Justice Committee on which he serves discussed numerous items, but did not narrow their scope down to the basic agenda that it would set for January, however, they will have two additional meetings prior to the final agenda being established. Councilman Palmer stated that he served on the Human Development Committee, and a primary area of discussion was the Main Street Program which has been reactivated, and that three new cities will be allowed to join the program during the year. He stated that Joe Whorton had discussed public housing that J. Mac Holiday, who serves on the Governor's Development Council, had discussed economic development in Georgia and had also discussed the 11 specific areas and the goals that had been established by each individual part of each community. Councilman Palmer also stated that Mayor Meadows had been selected as the first Vice President of GMA, and would automatically move to President next year. Councilman McEntire stated that he served on the Transportation Committee, and that the group discussed many issues, primarily the depressed areas of Georgia which are not on an interstate, and that the state's goal will be to attempt to provide four lane roads into those areas. However, those are primarily the areas that have been hit by the flooding, and that he feels that all the goals that had been reviewed in Savannah will probably be changed now because of the heavy damage to infrastructure, and it will take two to three years of dedicated revenue to bring those infrastructures back up to the level that they were. Councilman Bond stated that due to personal reasons, he had been unable to attend the meeting. Harrison stated she served on the Revenue Committee, and that their group met for three hours and discussed the goals that would be forwarded to the legislature. She stated they set approximately six goals, but would narrow those down to three during the next two meetings prior to the January selection. She stated the two main areas that were

discussed, were mandates and also redistribution of the local option sales tax. Kelly Cornwell stated that he had attended the annual meeting of MEAG, and three new board members had been selected, and two board members had been reelected to the MEAG Board. He also stated that MEAG and electric cities have been working for customer service training throughout the year, and that it had proved quite successful. In addition, he stated he served on the Environmental Committee, and that Harold Reheis had spoke to their group, and also the Director of Parks had announced that a million dollar grant had been established for state wide distribution, and this was the result of a great deal of effort by Mayor Jimmy Rainwater.

- b. Mayor Meadows urged everyone to vote on July 19, 1994 at the primary. He also urged each one to consider the questions of Freeport, stating that Freeport was good for Calhoun because of jobs growth that would be created from this one item.
- c. Mayor Meadows extended sympathy to the southern cities in Georgia and Alabama which have suffered so severely during the Alberto flooding. He announced that a trailer had been donated from Mohawk Industries, and was established at the First Methodist Church, and asked citizens to consider making contributions, primarily bottled water and cleaning supplies which would be moved later to the devastated area. At the present time there are 28 deaths as a result of the Alberto flooding.
- d. Mayor Meadows congratulated Darlene Weaver on her memorable placement in the Miss Georgia Contest, and Andrea Khron from Calhoun who was crowned on June 30, 1994 as Miss Georgia. Ms. Khron is our second Miss Georgia in the past 35 years.
- e. Mayor Meadows announced the City of Calhoun and Gordon County had been awarded a second efficiency assessment grant which would regard the coordination of the 911 program for Calhoun, Gordon County.

5. Council's Comments:

- a. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond stated the Street Department continued working on the lake at the golf course and sprinklers. They had also been working on right-of-way, preparing four driveways, reestablishing street signs, as well as, continuation of limb and leaf pickup.
- b. Councilman Shelton stated the Police Department made 157 arrests in June with seven DUI's, and collected \$29,075.00 in fines. They issued 69 warnings and 137 parking tickets. They investigated 227 incidents, 81 accidents, provided 92 escorts and answered 123 burglar alarms. The Fire Department in June answered two dwelling fires at an estimated loss of \$500.00, answered two apartment fires for no loss, answered one store call for no loss, answered three vehicle fires for an estimated damage of \$3,400.00, answered two calls for brush fires, answered 15 false alarms and two hazardous materials calls and one other call for a total of 11 responses. Fire Inspector reviewed seven new locations, 14 existing locations and made eight annual fire calls during the month of June.
- c. Councilman Palmer stated the Electric Department sold 30,012,615 KWH of electricity during June to a customer base of 3,625. They provided 60 inspections, issued eight permits, and set seven meters. The Building Inspector issued two new residential permits for buildings valued at \$90,000.00, two commercial additions for values of \$254,000.00, two new commercial for \$107,000.00 values, two industrial additions for

\$570,000.00, one utility building for \$11,250.00, and one school addition for \$304,00.00 for a total of new construction \$1,336,250.00 for the month of June.

- d. Councilman McEntire stated the Waste Treatment Plant had an average daily flow of 10.172 million gallons per day with the average BOD effluent being 23, average suspended effluent 24, average COD effluent 151. The Water Treatment Plant had a daily average flow of 13.976 million gallons of raw water pumped per day. The Water/Sewer Construction Department made 32 water taps, 7 sewer taps, installed 2,600 feet two inch PVC water line, and installed 2,500 feet of eight inch PVC water line.

6. Public Hearings & Comments:

- a. Ord. No. 548 A 2nd reading of the Stan McEntyre Annexation Ordinance Request for a house and lot located at 179 West Belmont Drive for R-1 zoning was given. A public hearing was opened, and the ZAB recommended approval of the request. There were no public comments, and the hearing was closed. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings and to approve, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- b. Ord. No. 549 A 2nd reading of the Bill Walraven/Stanley Simpson Annexation Ordinance Request for approximately 15 acres off Gee Road for Ind.-H zoning was given. A public hearing was opened, and the ZAB stated that the area was adjacent to the existing North Industrial Park and conformed to the long range plans, and recommended approval of the request. Joy Kohn of 25 Holland Road stated she was opposed to the request for industrial zoning. She stated that she lived approximately one tenth of a mile from the area, and that she had moved there primarily because of the beautiful agricultural type surroundings, and that permitting industrial use of the particular area could be offensive not only aesthetically but in terms of water pollution, air pollution and noise pollution, and that she was very much opposed to any industrial development in the area. She stated not only she, but various residents of Holland Drive, Langston Drive and Craigtown Road were also opposed. Jack Holmes stated that he was representing his father, Fred Holmes who was disabled and unable to attend. He stated that he lives at the top of the hill on Gee Road, and that they were concerned with ground water contamination since they have a well. He stated that for those in the area who have built \$150,000.00 homes that they were concerned with manufacturing being so close to their area. He stated that a buffer is fine for visual relief, but they were concerned about fumes, and asked the Council to please consider the negative impact on citizens prior to making a decision. Councilman Bond stated that the zoning as requested being that near the railroad and being adjacent to the designated industrial area in North Calhoun met with the long range plans that had been previously established, and the ZAB felt that industrial zoning was proper for that property. He did state that Ind.-G zoning might be more appropriate than Ind.-H. Harrison stated that for a change, the request would need to be resubmitted and re-advertised. Attorney Bailey read the uses as defined in the code for Ind.-H zoning. Dorothy Holmes stated that she had petitions from several residents in the area, and asked that these be submitted and reviewed prior to a decision being made. Mrs. Holmes stated that

she was concerned about the traffic on Gee Road. Stanley Simpson stated the industrial traffic would not use Gee Road, but would use Damascus Road as an off and on for access to I-75. Mayor Meadows stated the pumping station which had been referred to was simply a small pumping station which would pump the waste into the City sewer system, and was not an industrial waste treatment facility as had been indicated by Ms. Joy Kohn. Mayor Meadows closed the public hearing and asked for a motion. Councilman McEntire made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings, and to approve for Ind.-H zoning as had been recommended by the ZAB, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Ord. No. 550 c. A 2nd reading of the Bill Walraven/Stanley Simpson Annexation Ordinance Request for approximately 11 acres off Gee Road for Ind.-G zoning was given. Mayor Meadows stated that this 11 acres joined the previous 15 acres. Mayor Meadows opened a public hearing, and the ZAB stated that this property conformed to long range plans, and their recommendation was to approve the zoning request and annexation. Stanley Simpson stated that the area would be served by a waste water pump station at an approximate cost of \$38,000.00. City Engineer Ross Wilburn stated the pump could be hidden by four bushes, that it was small and efficient and would not be unsightly or contaminating to the area. 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, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.

7. Old Business:

- a. Harrison stated the City of Calhoun had filed the Community Development Block Grant Application and the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority Grants appropriately by June 30.
- b. The Mayor and Council discussed the City's current cemetery prices with Councilman McEntire recommending the current price of \$250.00 per space be increased to \$350.00 with \$200.00 of that price being diverted to the trust fund. He also recommended the opening and closing of graves during the week prior to 3:00 P.M. be at a rate of \$200.00, and that after 3:00 P.M. or weekends or holidays be changed from \$200.00 to \$250.00. Councilman Shelton made a motion that a resolution be drafted making these price changes, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Shelton, Councilman Palmer, Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Attorney Bailey stated the Butler Investment Group Lease which had been approved and written by his office some time earlier had had a delay, and the lease had been resubmitted to the City for approval with date changes and two other small changes which were minor changes, and therefore, was acceptable by him. Following discussion, Councilman Shelton made a motion to reaffirm the approval of the lease, and to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman Shelton, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Palmer and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. New Business:

- a. Harrison stated the Police Department had requested an unbudgeted item of a radio, and made a request that these be taken from reserve funds from court awards. Harrison stated the request was within the state code which governs those funds, and that she would recommend approval. Councilman Shelton made a motion to authorize the expenditure of approximately \$1,300.00, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Shelton, Councilman Palmer, Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.

9. Other written Items Not on the Agenda:

- a. Harrison stated the City's property insurance coverage had matured, and the City had taken two bids for continued insurance of the City's facilities, those being Zurich America for \$49,647.00 which is the current carrier, the price being slightly above the prior year's price, however, additional coverage of contents and buildings had been added to the amount of insurance, therefore, the price was relatively stable. The 2nd bid was from affiliated FM which the City had used prior to securing Zurich America last year. Their bid was \$54,784.00. Both companies are A rated companies. Since the coverage was due, a temporary binder had been issued, and the Administrator asked the Mayor and Council to affirm the low bid and to authorize continued coverage with Zurich America. Following discussion, Councilman Palmer made a motion to approve the low bid of Zurich America, and to authorize coverage for the year at a price of \$49,647.00, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Palmer, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Pro-Tem Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Surplus property presently procured from the Department of Administrative Services for surplus property at the State of Georgia presently allows Ferrell Grizzle, Willie Mitchell, Eddie Peterson and Kelly Cornwell to purchase on behalf of the City of Calhoun. The City must annually restate those persons so authorized, and Harrison recommended these four be continued. Following discussion, Councilman Shelton made a motion to continue authorization for Ferrell Grizzle, Willie Mitchell, Eddie Peterson and Kelly Cornwell, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Shelton, Councilman Palmer, Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.

10. Director Cornwell's Work Report:

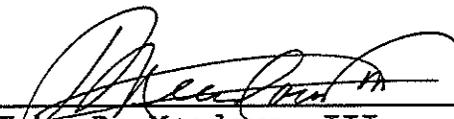
- a. Director Cornwell stated the City of Calhoun has in its current year budget a pump station which would enhance pumping of water to the Fairmount area. Of the budgeted item, the material cost for the pump station. The bids were Engineered Fluid, Inc. \$31,420.00, Hardwick/Morrison \$32,879.00, Synchnoflo \$38,775.00 and Templeton \$42,336.00. These bids were reviewed. Engineer Ross Wilburn reviewed a site at Alpharetta, Georgia for the low bid from Engineered Fluid, Inc. The system had been up and running for two years, and was operating very well, therefore, the City would recommend acceptance of the low bid of \$31,420.00 from Engineered Fluid, Inc. Following discussion, Councilman McEntire made a motion to accept the recommendation of Engineered Fluid, Inc. in the amount of \$31,420.00, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Councilman McEntire, Councilman Shelton, Councilman

Palmer and Mayor Pro-Tem Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- b. Director Cornwell stated the City of Calhoun was presently having problems with a pump at the Water Treatment Plant, and that a replacement pump would be in a future Environmental Facilities Loan Project, but he felt a replacement should be obtained sooner so that no down time would be experienced due to pump failure. The bid specs had been prepared by Sweitzer Engineering, and had been reviewed by him, and that the recommendation would be to accept the low bid. Those bids were ITTAC \$8,068.00; Peerless \$9,774.00; Fairbanks \$20,343.00. Following discussion, Councilman Palmer made a motion to accept the recommended low bid of ITTAC for \$8,068.00, and to authorize immediate purchase which is not in the City's budget, but which will be substituted for another budgeted item, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Councilman Palmer, Councilman Shelton, Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - c. Director Cornwell stated that he had discussed sending work crews to various areas in South Georgia to assist with reactivating their waste treatment and water treatment facilities, assist with reinstalling water and sewer lines, etc., and that he would ask the Mayor and Council to approve work crews that might be sent as needed, and to authorize any advances for travel and meal expense money which might be needed for those City personnel. The Council asked that City Department Head discretion be used, and to send as needed.
11. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to move to Executive Session for personnel and legal matters, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Palmer and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 12. Councilman McEntire made a motion to move to general session, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 13. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to approve the June 20 meeting minutes, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Palmer, Councilman McEntire and Councilman Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 14. 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.

Approved:

Submitted:



 John D. Meadows, III
 Mayor



 Cathy Harrison
 City Administrator