

MARCH 25, 1996

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
226 SOUTH WALL STREET

PRESENT: JOHN D. MEADOWS, III, MAYOR
PAUL MCENTIRE, COUNCILMAN
JIMMY PALMER, COUNCILMAN
RON WOODS, COUNCILMAN

ABSENT: JOHN D. SHELTON, MAYOR PRO-TEM

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 April 11, 1996 Regular City Council Meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Meadows extended get well wishes to Police Chief Willie Mitchell, who is in the hospital with a severe case of pneumonia.
 - b. Mayor Meadows expressed appreciation to Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton for his very capable handling of the March 11, 1996 meeting. He also stated Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton was in China.
 - c. Mayor Meadows extended his appreciation to the downtown merchants, employees of City Hall, Chamber of Commerce, and to all those who helped to make the GMA Spring Board Meeting in Calhoun, Gordon County on March 22-23, 1996 a success.
 - d. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council of the Public Hearings scheduled for April 8, 1996: (1) Zoning Variance Request of Calhoun Super Sports, Inc. to allow replacement of a dysfunctional concession stand with a 14 x 50 portable commercial building; (2) Annexation Request of Gary Duke for a lot at 209 Shadowood Drive; (3) Annexation Request of James W. Hobgood for lots 68 and 67A off East Belmont Drive behind property presently occupied by Brad Ragan; (4) Zoning Variance Request of Tri State Systems, Inc. which would grant a variance from the interstate sign ordinance reducing those to the restrictions of the Georgia State Law for a commercial sign to be located on the property.
5. Public Hearings & Comments: None
6. Old Business:
 - a. Harrison reviewed the proposed Transportation Policy with Councilman Woods making a motion to adopt the policy, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Woods, Councilman McEntire, and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - b. Harrison reviewed the mandatory drug and alcohol testing policy for commercial drivers, with the Council

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requesting the Administrator to propose the County provide breath testing for City drivers, and the City agreeing to provide breath testing for County drivers. The Council also requested the policy be amended to include Fire Department drivers, with the proposed policy being resubmitted at the following council meeting.

- c. Harrison reported the bids for the auditorium roof had been let, and a contract should be approved in April with construction to begin in April.
- d. Councilman McEntire asked questions regarding the City's Nuisance Ordinance, and asked that the Ordinance be enforced in areas which have gone into disrepair, and are causing problems for the neighborhoods. Administrator Harrison asked the City Attorney to meet with the Building Inspector and the Asst. Building Inspector to review the Nuisance Ordinance, and to effectively manage those areas as soon as possible.
- e. Councilman McEntire also stated that he had received several calls that handicap parking areas are being violated, and he asked the Police Department to be more observant of ticketing those violators for handicap parking, however, he also urged shopping center areas and other public parking areas to place all signage which is necessary before any cases can be made against violators.

7. New Business:

- a. Harrison reviewed the 1996-97 Budget Calendar with several amendments being made regarding the work sessions with the Mayor and Council.
- b. Following review of the streets to be included on the LARP paving list for the 1996 year, those being Camelot Circle, Three Oaks Drive, Edwards Street, Hillhouse Street, Neal Street, River Meadows Drive, and West May Street. Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the Maintenance and Ownership Agreements, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Woods, Councilman McEntire and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the paving contracts for the above streets with the DOT, and to authorize the Mayor to sign, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. Administrator Harrison stated the City is in the process of taking bids on its group medical coverage. She stated policy is to take full bids every three years, with interim annual selected bids to determine that the vendor is staying within market range for increases. She stated the bids are to be returned by May 10, 1996, at which time they will be opened and logged. They will then be reviewed by a review team with a recommendation being made to the Mayor and Council at the June 10, 1996 Council Meeting.

8. Other Written Items Not on the Agenda:

- a. Harrison asked that a 1988 Ford Ranger Truck with the last four digits in the VIN No. 0828 be declared as surplus property, with permission to sell at sealed bids. Following review of the request, Councilman Palmer made a motion to declare surplus property and to allow the sealed bids sale, 2nd by Councilman Woods with Councilman Palmer, Councilman Woods and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

9. Director Cornwell's Work Report:

- a. Cornwell stated Georgia Tech had accepted the City's

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request to prepare a sewer rate study with work to begin immediately.

- b. Cornwell stated the City had extended an invitation to some 16 engineering firms from the approved DOT list to give the City proposals on the Piedmont Street project, including retaining walls.

- 10. Councilman Woods made a motion to move to Executive Session for personnel, legal and contract matters, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Woods, Councilman McEntire and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- 11. Councilman Palmer made a motion to move to General Session, 2nd by Councilman Woods with Councilman Palmer, Councilman Woods and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- 12. Councilman McEntire made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Councilman Woods with Councilman McEntire, Councilman Woods and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:

Submitted:



John D. Meadows, III
Mayor



Cathy Harrison
City Administrator

