

JUNE 24, 1996

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
226 SOUTH WALL STREET

PRESENT: JOHN D. MEADOWS, III, MAYOR
JOHN D. SHELTON, MAYOR PRO-TEM
PAUL MCENTIRE, COUNCILMAN
JIMMY PALMER, COUNCILMAN
RON WOODS, 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; welcomed all guests; 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 10, 1996 Regular City Council Meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council of the GMA Annual Conference scheduled from June 28 thru July 3 in Savannah.
 - b. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council that the Zoning Advisory Board Meeting have been rescheduled for July 5, 1996 at 9:00 A.M. due to the July 4th holiday.
 - c. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council and the public of the public hearings scheduled for July 8, 1996: (1) Zoning Change Request of Ebbie Mac and Carol W. Carney for a lot at 251 West Belmont Drive from R-1 to C-2 zoning.; (2) Zoning Variance Request of Preston Dupree for property located at 100 Daisy Street to build a house on nonconforming property; (3) zoning of newly annexed property of David L. Hiott for Polygon Associates of Tenn., LLC for a lot on Highway 53, East west of Quality Inn for C-2 zoning; (4) Zoning Change Request of Echota Properties, LLC for property located at Highway 41, North to change from commercial to industrial zoning; (5) Annexation Request of Stanley Simpson for property located off Gee Road for approximately 1.7 acres.
 - d. Mayor Meadows reported on the Golf Commission Meeting which had been held June 18, 1996. He stated the Commission recommended reappointment of Bob Nance and Thomas J. Brown, Jr. for six year terms to expire July 1, 2002, and recommended approval for a one year term for John D. Meadows, III to expire July 1, 1997. Following discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton made a motion to approve these appointments for six year terms for Bob Nance and Thomas J. Brown to expire July 1, 2002 and a one year term for John D. Meadows, III to expire July 1, 1997, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Palmer and Councilman Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.
5. Council's Comments:
 - a. Councilman Woods acknowledged receipt of a clean up petition from residents in the area of Telfair, Victory, Adair and Carter Streets, and commented that the Nuisance Officer, Mr. Don McGinnis, had visited several locations

in that area, and had requested clean up proceedings begin immediately. Mr. Woods also acknowledged that streets listed on the 1996 LARP paving list had been completed, and looked quite well.

6. Public Hearings & Comments:

- a. A 2nd reading of the Wine Pouring License Request of Brangus Cattle Company in the Name of Ms. Cheryl Watters, Manager, along with a request for the Beer and Liquor Pouring License to be changed from the company name to Cheryl Watters, Manager. A public hearing was opened, and Mayor Meadows stated the Police Report with the stipulation approved by Ms. Watters was reported clear. There were no other comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman Palmer made a motion to approve the new wine pouring license, and to approve the name change from Brangus Cattle Company to the name of Cheryl Watters for the beer/liquor pouring license, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Palmer, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Woods and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. A 2nd reading of a resolution adopting the pension plan as per changes discussed over the past five months, including contracting with AmSouth for Trustee and Administrative Services was given. A public hearing was opened. Harrison commented that the last of the information meetings with employees had been held, that over 95% of the eligible employees had submitted enrollment applications. There were no other comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman Palmer made a motion to adopt the resolution approving the plan and authorizing Mayor Meadows and Administrator Harrison to sign all documents necessary to change the plan to AmSouth for trustee and administrative services, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Palmer, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman Woods, and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. A 2nd reading of a resolution to amend the Fee Schedule to increase water rates by five cents per 1,000 gallons above the minimums for inside and outside city customers in accordance with the proposed budget was given. A public hearing was opened. Harrison stated she had received a comment from Mr. Clyde Flury, Apartment Five, 109 Forest Heights, who stated he was opposed to the five cent increase. According to Mr. Flury's usage, the increase would mean five cents per month addition to his water bill. Mr. Flury stated he was opposed to the rate increase, primarily because of his belief that there was waste in the water construction department. Mayor Meadows stated that he had a water line to break in front of his home on Saturday Evening around 10:00 P.M. He stated a call was made to the crew on stand by duty, and they responded within fifteen minutes and worked until 3:00 A.M. to get the job completed. He stated he was very pleased with the work ethic and attitude of the men on duty, and he would disagree with the observation made by Mr. Flury. There were no other comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman McEntire made a motion to approve the resolution regarding the five cent increase above the minimum, 2nd by Councilman Woods with Councilman McEntire, Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer and Mayor Pro-Tem Shetlon voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. Brenda Poole and Jeff Comer of Mydrin, Inc. made a request of the Mayor and Council to approve a sewer connection for their facility located on Nance Road, which is out of the city limit area, and is not eligible

for annexation. He stated they had a second location on North Industrial Boulevard across from Springs Industries, which was in the city and received full city services. The Council stated they would review the situation, and consult with the Director of Utilities with a decision to be made on the request at a later date.

7. Old Business:

- a. Harrison stated there had been no changes made to the proposed budget as addressed at the second public hearing on June 10, 1996. Mayor Meadows stated he would be open to a resolution being adopted approving the 1996-97 Budget. Following discussion, Councilman Woods made a motion to approve a resolution adopting the 1996-97 Budget as discussed at the public hearing on June 10, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Woods, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Palmer and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Following discussion, Harrison reported the proposed utility charge off's through June 30, 1995 had been reduced to \$28,574.75, and that this represented one tenth of one percent of the amount billed for the fiscal year. Following discussion, Councilman Woods made a motion to approve the charge off in conformance with sound accounting practices, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer, Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Harrison reported the Insurance Committee composed of Mayor Meadows, Linda Brookshire and Cathy Harrison had reviewed the plans, and had selected the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Fully Insured Point of Service Plan. She stated that approximately 95% of the eligible employees had signed for the coverage which would be effective July 1, 1996. Harrison stated the Mayor and Council had been added to the City's health plan last year, and that she would recommend the plan be opened to the City Attorney effective July 1, 1996. Following discussion, Councilman Woods made a motion to approve inclusion of City Attorney Bailey for health care coverage, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman McEntire and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. Harrison reported that an application had been filed with GEFA for the SRF loan to be increased by the amount of \$1,272,861.54 in order for proper funding of the Ruby Collins bid for plant increase at the Waste Treatment Facility.

8. New Business:

- a. A 1st reading of the request of Terry Ross for relocation of his beer and wine package store to 203 Richardson Road, S.E., Suite 110 was given. Councilman Woods made a motion to set the public hearing for July 8, 1996 at 7:00 P.M., 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Woods, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Palmer and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Attorney William P. Bailey reviewed the changes in State Law which would be effective July 1, 1996, which would allow cities to begin the zoning process for new annexations following notification of the County of the annexation request. The Zoning ordinance and the policies would need to be amended to include the new regulations regarding effective date of annexations which is the first day of the month following annexation.

Also, the requirement to allow a minimum of 10 minutes per side regarding any zoning questions scheduled for public hearings. Following discussion, it was the unanimous decision of the Council to incorporate these new procedures into the zoning ordinance and also into the zoning policies. Harrison and Bailey were authorized to prepare the documents.

- c. A 1st reading of the Zoning change request of Wilshire Carpets, Inc. was held since the request had not reached City Hall by meeting time.

9. Other Written Items not on the Agenda:

- a. A reading of the parade permit request, known as the Christmas Light Parade sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Cherokee Capital Fair scheduled for Friday December 6, 1996 on the normal parade route was given. Following discussion, Councilman McEntire made a motion to approve the parade request, subject to DOT approval, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman McEntire, Councilman Palmer, Councilman Woods and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. In reference to a request made by Harrison for the Council to consider approval of three items which had previously been authorized by the Golf Advisory Commission for the Pro Shop's Budget during the fiscal year, but which had not been officially approved by the Mayor and Council, those items being an August 22, 1995 request for a \$1,500.00 approval of a vented hood or stove for the snack bar at the course, and an August 28, 1995 request for \$3,000.00 for computer upgrades at the Pro Shop, and a February 26, 1996 request of \$4,485.00 for a concrete deck outside the snack bar area. Following discussion, Councilman Palmer made a motion to formally approve a budget amendment for the Pro Shop budget to include these three items which the Council had been advised of earlier through copies of minutes, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Palmer, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Woods and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. Attorney Bailey reviewed a resolution regarding equipment lease purchase for the airport hangar project, which would be funded by Georgia Bank & Trust for the Airport Authority, which would be secured by an endorsement by City of Calhoun and by Gordon County. Following discussion, Councilman Palmer made a motion to approve the resolution subject to county approval of a similar resolution, and subject to the confirmation of the City's eligibility for the tax exempt status, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Palmer, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Woods and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

10. Director Cornwell's Work Report:

- a. Cornwell stated the depot was progressing well, with brick patching being completed, with the floor being poured, and with bid specs being released for framing, which should be completed within the next 60 to 90 days.
- b. Cornwell stated grassing at the soccer field had been completed.
- c. Cornwell stated sprigging at the golf course had been completed.

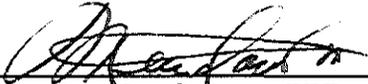
- 11. Councilman Woods made a motion to move to Executive Session for legal matters, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer, Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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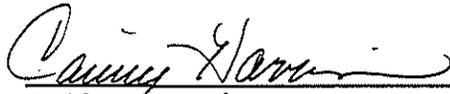
12. Councilman Woods made a motion to move to General Session, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer, Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
13. Councilman Woods made a motion to Adjourn, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer, Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:

Submitted:



John D. Meadows, III
Mayor



Cathy Harrison
City Administrator

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