

SEPTEMBER 9, 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
EDDIE PETERSON, ASST. DIRECTOR UTILITIES/
PUBLIC WORKS
CATHY HARRISON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Mayor Meadows called the meeting to order; welcomed everyone in attendance, 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 26, 1996 Regular City Council Meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Meadows announced a Special Council Meeting scheduled for September 12, 1996 at 9:00 A.M. to set the Advalorem Taxes for 1996 following the required advertisement.
 - b. Mayor Meadows announced that new zoning and annexation forms are prepared and are available at City Hall.
 - c. Mayor Meadows encouraged anyone who still wishes to file a letter of support for the CDBG grant application for the Mill Village Project to do so within the next couple of days.
 - d. Mayor Meadows announced the City of Calhoun has received its sixth GFOA Certification for its annual report. He commended Sandra Long, City Accountant for this outstanding accomplishment.
5. Council's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton stated the Police Department made 231 arrests in August, of which 19 were DUI. They collected \$23,728.00 in fines. They issued 92 warning tickets and 250 parking tickets. The Police Department worked 259 incidents with 122 accidents, 37 injuries and one fatality. They provided 88 escorts and answered 84 burglar alarms. The Fire Department answered 61 calls during the month with estimated losses of \$9,000.00. They provided 35 fire inspections.
 - b. Councilman McEntire stated the Water/Sewer Construction Department made 40 water taps and four sewer taps during the month. They installed 2,117 ft. of two inch PSI/PVC Water Line and installed 2,320 ft. of six inch PSI/PVC Water Line. The Waste Treatment Plant treated an average flow of nine MGD with an average BOD effluent of 21, average suspended effluent of 24, and an average COD effluent of 140. The Water Treatment Plant pumped a daily average of 13.799 MGD of raw water during the month of August.
 - c. Councilman Palmer stated the Electric Department sold

30,836,101 KWH of electricity to a customer base of 3,846. They provided 40 inspections, issued 11 permits and installed 19 meters. The Building Inspection Department issued five new residential permits, two remodeling permits, one church permit, and one commercial permit for \$192,000.00 construction cost. They issued one commercial addition permit to Dr. Butterfield's Office for a \$330,000.00 addition for the month of August.

- d. Councilman Woods stated the Street Department continued working at the Water Plant on the basins. They continued work on the ball field on Sugar Valley Road, continued with street patching, and working on drainage on W.C. Bryant Parkway. They replaced sidewalks on Piedmont and at the Downtown Annex. Following discussion of the LARP List, there was one addition made, following discussion with citizens from the Meadowbrook Subdivision area. The Sanitation Department continued its regular route, and continued to paint and clean commercial dumpsters. The Rabies Control Department housed 34 dogs and 53 cats during the month, and handled two dangerous dogs. They issued five licenses. The Cemetery Department marked nine graves and continued mowing and maintenance at the cemetery. The Parks Department worked on the Downtown Annex and at City Hall. They worked at the Water Construction Department and at the Resaca Water Tank. They did general maintenance and ground work at all public buildings.

6. Public Hearings & Comments:

- a. A 2nd reading of the zoning request for newly annexed property of Randy and Elaine Miller for 119 Kent Lane for R-1 zoning was given. A public hearing was opened, and Mayor Meadows stated that the signs were posted and advertisement was completed, however, the notices to the adjoining property owners were not sent, and requested the item be held until October 14, 1996. Following discussion, Councilman Woods made a motion to continue the public hearing on October 14, 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. A 2nd reading on the zoning change request of Haley Stephens for rezoning of 90, 92, 94, 96 and 98 Dan Cheri Drive from C-N to R-2 zoning was given. A public hearing was opened, with a report that the signs had been posted, advertisement had been completed and the notice to the adjoining property owners had been completed. Councilman Woods stated the Zoning Advisory Board had met on September 5, 1996, reviewed the application and had recommended approval for change to R-2. There were no other comments had the hearing was closed. Councilman McEntire made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings and to approve for R-2 zoning, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman Palmer and Councilman Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. A 2nd reading of the zoning request of newly annexed property of Gail Williamsen for 536 West Belmont Drive for C-2 zoning was given. A public hearing was opened with a statement that the signs had been posted, advertisements and notices to adjoining property owners had been completed. Councilman Woods stated the Zoning Advisory Board had met, reviewed the application and found that it was in an area surrounded by C-2 property, and recommended approval. There were no other comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman Woods made a

motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings and to approve for C-2 zoning, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton with Councilman Woods, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman Palmer and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- d. A public hearing was opened on the Mr. & Mrs. Jim Davis Loan Request of \$115,000.00 on their automobile shop business through the City's Revolving Loan Program. The collateral to be a first mortgage on the real estate, equipment and assignment of a life insurance policy. The loan would be for a ten year period, repayable quarterly at 78% of prime. Harrison stated the Loan Advisory Commission had reviewed the application, and based upon the collateral and the prior payment record of a previous loan by Mr. & Mrs. Davis, the loan was recommended for approval. Harrison stated Mr. & Mrs. Davis had agreed to add the additional level of employees that can be managed due to the size of the building within the next two year period. There were no other comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman McEntire made a motion to approve the Loan Request of Mr. & Mrs. Jim Davis, 2nd by Councilman Woods with Councilman McEntire, Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business:

- a. A first reading of an annexation/new zoning application request of Hugh Dell and Dollie West for property located at 906-910 South Wall Street across from Burger King for C-2 zoning was given. The property being the property south of Mabel's Place down to Curtis Muffler Shop. Harrison stated the County had been notified of the request by a letter dated 9-3-96. Following discussion, Councilman Woods made a motion to set the public hearing for October 14, 1996 at 7:00 P.M., 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Woods, Councilman Palmer, Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Following review of a Parade Permit for Cherokee Capital Fair for September 14, 1996 at 11:00 A.M. on the regular parade route, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton made motion to approve subject to DOT approval, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman Palmer, Councilman Woods and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried. Also, following discussion and consideration, Councilman McEntire made a motion to approve the Gordon Central High School Homecoming Parade for October 25, 1996 at 3:30 P.M. on the regular parade route subject to DOT approval, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman McEntire, Councilman Palmer, Councilman Woods and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

9. Other Written Items Not on the Agenda:

- a. Harrison stated the City's CDBG application for the Mill Village area would be submitted on September 16, 1996, and asked the Council for a motion to authorize Mayor Meadows to sign the application, and also to sign a letter stating that it would provide the engineering services of approximately \$96,000.00 for the project, and would move \$25,000.00 of street and sidewalk funds to that area from existing budgeted funds. Following further discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton made a motion

to approve the letter and the application, and to authorize Mayor Meadows to sign all necessary documents, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton, Councilman Palmer, Councilman McEntire and Councilman Woods voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- b. Mayor Meadows read a resolution in which the Finance Department of the City had continued work following completion of the budget in review of the allocation of employees to the proper funds. Following this review which also considered overhead cost associated with the employee allocation, the Finance Department had recommended the following amendments to the budget as stated in the resolution. The total for the General Fund Amendments would be a credit of <\$413,539.00> to expenses and an addition of \$473,539.00 in addition to the Water/Power/Sewer Expenses. The total increase to the General Fund revenue was \$74,560.00 and a total credit of Water/Power/Sewer Income of <\$14,560.00> for an overall effect of \$60,000.00 in additional expenses added to the budget, and \$60,000.00 in revenue added to the budget. The total adjustment to the transfer from Water/Power/Sewer to General Fund was \$488,099.00. Following review and discussion, Councilman McEntire made a motion to approve the resolution, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman McEntire, Councilman Palmer, Councilman Woods and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- c. The First Methodist Church stated during the months of September through April, the pedestrian traffic across North College Street between the church's activity building and the church itself was crossed many times by young children moving from one building to another from the time period of 5:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. The church asked that they be allowed to close North College Street from 5:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. each Wednesday night during those months. They stated they had contacted Mildred Strickland and Sybil Spink who are the two property owners on that section of College Street, and they had no problem with the request. The church had also agreed to post the barricades at both ends of the street. There was no further discussion and Councilman Palmer made a motion to approve the request as stated, 2nd by Councilman Woods with Councilman Palmer, Councilman Woods, Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. Following review of a resolution drafted by Attorney Bailey, Councilman Palmer made a motion to approve the resolution which would authorize the City to provide \$2,000.00 in funds through a contract with the Arts Council for the current fiscal year and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution and contract, 2nd by Councilman Woods with Councilman Palmer, Councilman Woods, Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Shelton voting affirmatively, motion carried.

10. Director Cornwell's Work Report:

- a. Assistant Director Peterson stated the City had received verbal approval from EPD regarding Well No. 3, and stated the city should be able to move forward and issue a contract on the project very shortly. He stated the Gallman Avenue/Crest Drive Project was 80% complete, and the SCADA should be completed within 90 to 120 days. He stated the engineers for the Piedmont Street Project would be in his office on Friday at 9:30 A.M. to begin the engineering for Piedmont Street. He stated the Ruby Collins project for the Sewer Plant expansion is about two weeks ahead of schedule. He stated the staff

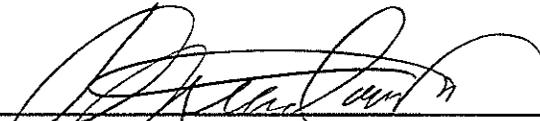
.....SEPTEMBER 9, 1996 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.....

continues to provide information for Chirs Nelson at Georgia Tech in reference to our sewer cost study. He stated Phase III of the Water Plant Improvements project should be ready for bidding within the next few weeks.

11. 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

