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1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the February 12 regular meeting and February 20 special meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments: Mayor Burdette read two letters regarding the investigation and solution of a robbery which occurred at Days Inn at the first of the year. The letters commended the prompt and courteous action by the City Police Dept.
4. Aldermen's Comments: None
5. Public Comments: None
6. Old Business: (a) The Clerk gave a second reading to the ordinance requesting annexation made by Betty Ferguson Holbrook on approximately 4 acres of land being bound by Colbert Cemetery Road off Peters Street. The requested zoning being R 3. Recommendation from the Zoning Board stated they did not recommend R-3 zoning for the area. Mayor Burdette stated he opposed the requested zoning of R-3 but not the annexation request. The Mayor opened the matter up for discussion. Nick Sumich of Forest Investment Corp. stated that his company was interested in the property for construction of apartments. He stated his desire to change the zoning request to R-2. He stated that the plans call for the construction of five separate buildings with 36 units. He presented the architect's drawings for the area. He stated that the facility would be financed with F.H.A. funds and would include housing for the minorities, elderly and handicapped.

Mrs. Jean Miller stated that she owned a home near the proposed site. She said she had trouble with noise in the area now due to parking on the Colbert Cemetery Road. She asked what level of noise she could expect with 36 units being constructed on the site. Rex Prater whose property abutts the area stated that he would like to see the property annexed with R-1 zoning. Marvin Acree owner of property north of the site and his father J. T. Acree on the east stated their objection to the R-3 zoning request. He also stated that the Colbert Cemetery Road is a private road and is designed for a single lane of traffic. Mr. Miller questioned the availability of sewerage.

Johnny Ray asked where the children of the 36 units would play. He stated that Peters Street is now very congested and is hazardous for children.

Jack Holland stated that he would be opposed to annexation with any zoning other than R-1.

John Ashley, Raymond King, Ray Robinson, Jack Brooks, Bill Davis, Katherine Houser, Bill Hancock, Dorothy Callahan, Frank Gillespie, John Houser, Patsy Prater, and Mr. and Mrs. Miller each made the same statement regarding the zoning.

Mr. Sumich asked that the application be withdrawn.

(b) A public hearing was held on the beer to be consumed on the premises of a Grade A restaurant at 806 N Wall Street for Tony Brown's beer application. The Clerk read the police report as per the attached. Mayor Burdette opened the discussion by stating that he was opposed to the license being granted, due to the proximity of other establishments selling malt and alcoholic beverages; due to the character of the neighborhood; due to proximity of churches in the area; and due to inadequate off street parking area and due to the attitudes of people in the area. Mr. Brown stated that he felt the parking was adequate and that he would be selling beer to be consumed on the premises rather than package beer or liquor as was the case of the other establishments. He stated that the character of the neighborhood was commercial.

Mr. Walter Perry of 35 N. College Street stated that he had a petition signed

by 24 people opposed to the license being granted. Mr. Paul Stover of 731 College, pastor of the Church of God stated that he was also opposed to the license being granted.

Ald. Pack made a motion to approve the application for beer to be consumed on the premises of a grade A restaurant, there was no second to the motion.

Ald. Lewis stated that he was opposed to the request due to the genuine concern of the people living in the immediate area and for no other reason.

(c) Mayor Burdette swore in Ray Weddle as a member of the City Board of Education. Mr. Weddle was out of town at the regular swearing in services in January, 1979.

(d) School Board Chairman John D. Shelton, Jr. stated that the State was pushing legislation for state funded, state wide kindergarten. The Calhoun system is not able to house the program without adding additional rooms to the Eastside building. In view of this situation, the School Board wishes to change their priorities to the following three improvements:

Football stadium, field house and stands (at present location)	\$235,000.00
Track, seating and security fencing (at present location)	40,000.00
Four additional classrooms at Eastside School for Kindergarten	125,000.00
	<u>\$400,000.00</u>

The Board stated that they felt sure they could obtain capital outlay money within the next year to build the covered play area or gym at Eastside, therefore it was left off the listing.

Ald. Lewis made a motion to rescind the Jan. 29, 1979, motion regarding the bond referendum items and dates, 2nd by Ald. Pack and approved.

Ald. Cox made a motion to proceed with the bond referendum on the items as recommended by the School Board. The electors to be given the choice of voting on individual items or the total package. The referendum to be held the first Wednesday following legal advertising. 2nd by Ald. King and approved.

(e) Ald. Lewis made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th reading of the annexation ordinance request for Development Authority of Gordon County on approximately 75 acres of property bound by Venture Carpets and being formerly owned by J.M. Owen. The request being for Industrial H zoning. Ald. Cox 2nd the motion and it was approved.

(f) Ald. Lewis made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th reading of the annexation ordinance request for Challenge-Cook Brothers of Ga., Inc. in land lot number 302 being bound by Memorial Gardens Road. The property being 208.71' square and the request being for Industrial H zoning. 2nd by Ald. King and approved.

(g) Supt. Hobgood stated that 30% of the work had been completed on the Resaca line. Supt. Hobgood explained the Dept. of Transportation's proposal to provide the funds to extend the City's sanitary sewer lines to the proposed rest area North of Calhoun. The State would pay for a lift station, a 4" force main and the gravity flow line to connect to the existing system near Damascus Church. Supt. Hobgood stated that to provide future expansion on the proposed line he would recommend a larger lift station and a 6" force main, which would cost us approximately \$10,000.00 in local funds.

The State requested that they be allowed to pay inside water and sewer rates since they were furnishing sewer line extension funds.

Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve the extension with the increased sizes at local cost as outlined by the City Superintendent, but to deny the request for inside rates to an outside the City location. 2nd by Ald. Pack and approved. Mayor Burdette asked that his approval for the rate request be officially noted. He felt that all was being paid by citizen funds either locally or through the state.

Supt. Hobgood reported that the sidewalk improvements for the block on Park Avenue near Betty & Earl's would cost approximately \$2,000.00. Ald. Pack made a motion to approve the project, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved. City Administrator Edwards explained that a letter from the state regarding the status of certification explained that although the landfill problem had been settled, that the litter was still a problem and they listed 15 violations. A spring on site inspection would be made.

- 7. New Business: (a) Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve the city/county agreement for dissolution of commonly owned equipment at the County jail (phone and radio). 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved. - per attached
 - (b) Ald. Cox made a motion to approve the EPA-201 75% grant increase regarding the study of the city sewer system and grant authority for the Mayor to sign the agreement. 2nd by Ald. King and approved.
 - (c) A first reading was given to a no parking ordinance on the section of 53 Highway near I-75 for east and west traffic. The distance being .7 miles.
 - (d) Ald. King made a motion to delete improvements at the intersection of State Route 3 and Piedmont Street on the Dept. of Transportation contract. Mayor Burdette being authorized to sign the release. 2nd by Ald. Pack and approved.
 - (e) Ald. King made a motion to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Dept. of Transportation maintenance agreement, paving contract, and certification of ownership for 1.83 miles of city streets: Memory Lane, S. Fair St., McConnell Rd., Kirby Rd., Cherokee Dr., Columbus St., Old Water Works Rd. - off College St. 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.
 - (f) Ald. Pack made a motion to adopt the resolution for acquisition and clearance of right of ways on the above mentioned streets, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.
 - (g) The Council requested that Senator J. B. Langford be notified by the City Attorneys in reference to the City Charter now in the House which was amended without prior authorization of the Council by Representative Ernest Ralston. The Council asked that the Charter be returned to its original form or be withdrawn completely. Ald. King made a motion to notify Representative Ralston of the request to Senator Langford regarding returning the proposed charter back to its original form and advise him of the Council's concern that he amended and introduced the City's Charter before any notification reached city officials. 2nd by Ald. Pack and approved by each member of the Council.
8. Ald. Lewis made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ald. King and approved.

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Approved:

W. C. Burdette,
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:

(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,
City Clerk