

1. Call to order - invocation by Rev. John Allen, pastor Belmont Baptist Church.
2. Minutes of the June 30 regular meeting and July 3 special meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments: Mayor Burdette stated his appreciation for the people attending the Council meeting. He said he and the Council would like to see a good number of citizens interested in their government and attend the meetings each meeting date. The Mayor asked for any public discussion on the Three J's beer license application before it came to a vote. Several from the audience asked the Council to decline the license, Jimmy Knight, Echota Baptist Church; Clifford Free, Blackwood Baptist Church; Roger Bothwell, Georgia Cumberland Academy; Rev. John Allen and Blake Putnam of Belmont Baptist Church. Those speaking in favor of the license was the applicant Jim Stone and Charlie Giddens. The Mayor stated his position of being against the granting of any beer, wine or liquor license but he said that since the public had voted by referendum to have these establishments that it was his and the Council's duty to grant and police these special license holders in a fair and equal manner. Ald. Lewis, Ald. Collins and Ald. Padgett voted for the license, Ald. Cox voted to deny the license. The license was granted.
4. Aldermen's Comments: Ald. Cox stated that the fire department's old fire truck needed new tires and gave three bids he had obtained on comparable tires. Firestone - \$1464.00; Goodyear - \$726.52; Robinson Tire Co. - \$1016.80. Ald. Padgett made the motion to accept the low bid from Goodyear - \$726.52, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved. Fire chief, Ferrell Grizzle, asked the Council's approval in complying with the City's adopted fire code regarding the storage of flammable materials. The Chief asked that permits be issued to anyone installing storage tanks inside the City. The cost would be only enough to recover inspection, issuing of permit and printing. The permit would serve as a basis for inspection request. Ald. Padgett made the motion to request such permits with a price range of \$10.00 to \$25.00 depending on size of facility and number of inspection trips required. Ald. Padgett asked that a 30 day period of informing the public be given before permits be required, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.
5. Public Comments: Tom Croxson requested a change in location of his liquor and wine store. The new location would be 607 South Wall Street. Mayor Burdette asked that the change be posted on the new site and advertised in the local newspaper for two weeks prior to vote by the Council.

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Ald. Padgett and Council discussed the loose dog situation and the problems at the dog pound. Mayor Burdette stated that anyone having a specific problem with a vicious dog with an identified owner should file a complaint with the Police Dept. Since the Dog Ordinance is now in effect, even though it will be a few more weeks until registration can be done, action can be taken in these cases.

Ald. Cox asked electric superintendent, Jack Bell, to check the I-75 and Highway 53 for proper lighting of pedestrian crossings, and report at the next meeting.

6. Old Business: Asst. City Manager, Roy Fox, stated that 50% of the Meadow Lane residents had signed petitions for curb and guttering. If the balance of needed signatures is delivered to the City work can begin immediately.

Ald. Padgett made the motion that the following water taps be approved: Randall Young, Blackwood Subdivision; Jerry Lee Treadaway, Sugar Valley Road; Sammy Poarch, Sugar Valley; Reed Davis, Dews Pond Road and John Reese, U.S. 41 South; 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved. Ald. Padgett asked City Manager, Hoyt Edwards and Asst. Manager, Roy Fox, to notify the county inspector of the areas in which we have water problems before the next meeting.

7. New Business: (1) City School Superintendent, Gus Cate, Board Chairman, Dick Shelton and Vice Chairman, Ray Weddle, explained in detail the school budget for the 75-76 school year. The operating budget for the year will be \$700,000.00 and school bond payments will be \$70,000.00 for a total request of \$770,000.00. Ald. Collins made the motion to accept the \$770,000.00 budget, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.

(2) Charlie Giddens, owner of the Calhoun Package Store, asked for a name change to "Charlie's". A motion was made by Ald. Cox to change the name, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.

(3) The City Clerk announced that the Library had requested an increase in their quarterly allotment to \$1900.00. This represents a \$50.00 quarterly increase. Ald. Padgett made the motion to approve the increase and stated that the City would purchase their light bulbs, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(4) The City Clerk gave a first reading to an ordinance amendment regulating requests for zoning changes.

(5) Mayor Burdette and Council discussed unpaved streets in Calhoun and the present paving on Cherokee Lane. Mayor Burdette asked for the names and length of all unpaved streets in the City be submitted at the next Council meeting.

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(6) City Engineer, Jim Hobgood, requested renovating the water plant lab and lettering for the building. He also requested permission to purchase two electronic operators for approximately \$60,000.00 for the water plant. After discussion by the Council and due to the shortage of funds and due to other costly improvements that must be made within the next two years, Ald. Collins made a motion to renovate the lab and do the lettering at an estimated cost of \$12,000.00, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved. Mayor Burdette and the Council requested that Jim Hobgood investigate the possibilities of Bulk and Dry storage and report at the next meeting.

8. Motion by Ald. Padgett to adjourn, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

Approved:



W. C. Burdette,
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,
City Clerk