

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. The minutes of the Dec. 8, 1975, regular council meeting were read and approved with a correction of \$100.00 being made on the cash register bid from Calhoun Office Supply reducing the purchase price to \$945.00.
3. Mayor's Comments: (a) Mayor Burdette stated that he, Roy Fox and Hoyt Edwards had joined the motorcade to Milledgeville on Dec. 10, 1975. They visited with most of the patients from our county and participated in the Christmas ceremonies.
(b) The Mayor read a card of thanks from Mrs. Norma Jean Padgett.
(c) The Mayor requested more police patrolling of the cemetery areas due to recent incidents there.
(d) The Mayor read a letter from the downtown parking committee, Chamber of Commerce. They requested that the county parking lot be completed as soon as possible. That the honored guest parking permits be discontinued and that perhaps the December term of court be rescheduled before Thanksgiving or after Christmas. The Mayor asked that the city work with the county in trying to relieve the parking problems at these holidays seasons.
(e) The Mayor and City Engineer Jim Hobgood informed the Council of a recent meeting involving the EPA - 208 land use program. The Mayor stated that he felt it would behoove our County to be a designated area in order to have more local voice in projects of water and water shed use programs of the future. Becoming a designated area would enable our County with others in our planning area to receive federal funds directly, rather than through the state. After further discussion, Ald Cox made a motion that we write the Governor requesting that we become a designated area, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.
(f) Mayor Burdette expressed his and the Council's sympathy at the death of Mr. Gus Boaz an employee with the City.
(g) Mayor Burdette stated that this would be the final meeting for Ald. Collins. He expressed his appreciation for the tremendous support and cooperation he and the other members of the Council had received from Ald. Collins.
4. New Business: (a) Police Chief Ed Macomber gave a full report on the arrest, number of cases, total amount of fines and etc. for the calendar year 1975, through Dec. 17, 1975. He explained his training programs and the grants he was anticipating in order to further educate his men.

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(b) The Clerk presented two bids for a new computer for the billing department. One bid was \$22,240.00 for the N.C.R. machine with \$1250.00 for software programs. The second bid was from Burroughs for \$21,601.00 with \$4700.00 for software programs. After discussion of financing of both machines on lease purchase arrangements and the interest rates involved with each program, and considering the recommendation made by the City's Auditor, Ald. Collins made the motion to purchase the Burroughs machine, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

(c) The Mayor asked that the Clerk be notified as soon as possible on any member of the Council wishing to attend the annual Mayor's Day and workshop for newly elected officials.

(d) Roy Fox presented the 1995 sketch plan for the Calhoun-Gordon County Area and asked that it be officially accepted as a guide to future land development in order to fulfill requirements on certain grant applications. Ald. Padgett made the motion to accept the sketch plan as a guide, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(e) Ald. Collins made the motion to extend the tax deadline to Jan. 5, 1976, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.

5. Old Business: (a) The bids were discussed on the truck for the Street Department after consideration, Ald. Padgett asked that the City accept the low bid of \$7,246.00 from Prater Ford, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

(b) After discussion the question of continuing the liquor, beer and wine moratorium after Jan. 1, 1976, was to be postponed until the first meeting in January, 1976.

(c) Ald. Cox, after much discussion, asked that the present City Hall building be designated for use by the Fire Department for the four back offices joining the present fire station, the front office, vault and restroom for the Asst. City Manager, the present City Manager's office for the City Engineer and the remaining two offices to be used by the Police Department for locker space, with the smaller office for possible use by the Mayor. Ald. Cox also specified that the Fire Department be provided with lockers for their personal supplies, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.

(d) The annual audit was accepted by a motion by Ald. Collins and 2nd by Ald. Lewis.

(e) Ald. Collins made a motion that the Personnel Ordinance be accepted as read at prior meetings, 2nd by Ald. Cox and passed.

(f) Mayor Burdette stated that a special Council meeting would be held to review City Employee Salaries on Jan. 3, 1976.

6. Ald. Padgett made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ald. Collins and approved

Approved:



W. C. Burdette

Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,

City Clerk