

March 12, 1956

The city council met in regular session Monday March 12, 1956 at the city hall at 7:30 P.M. with all members present.

- 1- Chief Hayes opened the meeting with prayer and the following business was transacted.
- 2- The minutes of the previous meeting read and adopted.
- 3- Mr. Oscar Howerton was present in regard ~~in regard~~ to a broken jaw he had received. Mr. Howerton claimed that the injury was received when he was arrested by the city police. He also stated that Mr. Robert Garmon one of the city policemen hit him when he was arrested breaking his jaw. After hearing the testimony of the policemen and Mr. Howerton it was decided to give some consideration to Mr. Howerton's wife and children. Mr. David made a motion to give \$10.00 worth of groceries to the Howerton family, seconded by Mr. Edwards voted on and passed.
- 4- Representatives of the Atlanta Gas Light Co. were present and presented the attached ordinance. In short the city would get 2% of the gross revenue in 1956, 2.5% in 1957, 3% in 1958 and thereafter. There would be no tax on the large industrial users and the tax would run in the neighborhood of \$2000.00 ^{City's Conv. & Inc. B. Or} for 1956.
- 5- Mr. David made motion to accept the proposed ordinance, seconded by Mr. Edwards voted on and passed.
- 6- Mr. Robert Fox was present and stated that his house on Dale Ave. was to be finished sooner than expected and he wanted water and sewerage as soon as possible.
- 7- Mr. A. A. Graves, Mr. Bud Shugart, Dr. Billings, Dr. Walters were present in regard to the new armory. Mayor Lawrence stated that the new armory would depend on the city obtaining the property from the Boy Scouts located on Line St. and the Sugar Valley Road. Mr. Graves, Dr. Billings, Dr. Walters, representing the Scout Committee stated that they had been offered a price from \$2000.00 to \$6,000. and stated that they only wanted a fair price for the Boy Scout property. Mr. David made a motion that the city purchase the Boy Scout Property at a cost of \$2500.00 seconded by Mr. Woods voted on and passed.
- 8- City attorney Harold Deaton was present and stated to the council that the N. F. Rogers property on Dale Ave. had been purchased at a cost of \$1750.00 including the timber. Mr. Pope representing the H.J. Miller Jr. Estate refused to appoint an assessor and title to this land was still not clear at this time. Mr. Pope stated to the city attorney that the Miller family would be willing to sell a 75 X 150 ft. plot ^{to the City} with the city having the right to use the other land in question until the tank was built and an easement for power and pipe lines and a roadway to the property at a cost of \$500.00. Mr. Dickinson made a motion that the city purchase said land at said cost if possible. this motion seconded by Mr. Edwards voted on and passed.
- 9- Mr. David stated to the council that Mr. Joe Eaves had contacted him in regard to the rise in price as of April 1 on fire trucks. Mr. David stated that the rise in price would be approximately \$400.00. No action taken at this time. Mr. David stated that five 2-way radios could be purchased through the Civilian Defense Dept. Details were to be worked out with the county in regard to how many were to be purchased. Mr. David made a motion to send the policemen to Rome on the 19th through the 23rd to a Traffic Control School and pay their expenses. This motion seconded by Mr. Dickinson voted on and passed.
- 10- Mr. Dickinson stated that he would like to see the city back the police chief and his men in the Oscar Howerton case and go on record as such.
- 10- Mr. Woods brought it to the attention of the council that there were a lot of loose and stray dogs in the city. Plans were made to quarantine all dogs for a period of 16 days. Two weeks notice was to be put in the paper and cards sent to all persons on the city water and light list. All persons were to keep their dogs up from April 1 to April 15th. Stray dogs were to be destroyed during this period. Mr. Woods made a motion to this effect seconded by Mr. Dickinson voted on and passed.
- 10- Mr. Edwards brought up pay increase for the police and fire depts. After discussion Mr. Edwards made motion to let the Chief of each Dept. requisition for the clothes for his men and the city would pay for them. This motion seconded by Mr. Dickinson voted on and passed.

- 11- The city engineer reported that Mr. Billy Lewis had given his two weeks notice that he was quitting as a water plant operator. A new man for the job was discussed at this time but no action taken.
- 12- There being no other business at this time the council was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Approved 

Mayor

City clerk