

March 12, 1962
Calhoun, Georgia

City Council met in regular session at the city hall with all members present.

Rev. Alvin Free pastor of the Blackwood Baptist Church was present and opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the clerk and approved by the council.

Alderman Jerry King made a motion that the City of Calhoun grant Mr. Ray Duncan and Mr. Donald Bearden a license for operating a batting range at a cost of \$25.00 per year. This motion received a second from Alderman Woods was voted on and passed.

A large delegation of local merchants appeared before the city council and requested that the city make the park leased from the L&N Railroad into a public parking area. The petition presented to the council was signed by practically every merchant in the city. Mr. Beverly Langford, legal representative for the railroad, was present and stated the railroad was interested in renting the park to a group of merchants at a nominal fee or to the city with permission for installation of parking meters at a nominal fee. It was pointed out at the meeting that the lease from the railroad to the city would expire in 1969. After discussion the council instructed the group to find out what the railroad considered a nominal fee and if the trees removed from the park would need replacing when the lease expired. The council stated they would take action on the matter if the above questions were answered.

Alderman Tom David reported the "Andrews Raid" which would be a rerun of the famed locomotive "The General" between the City of Atlanta and the City of Chattanooga would take place on April 14, 1962. The locomotive would stop in the City of Calhoun for approximately 20 minutes and Mr. David ask Mr. A. H. Scoggins and Mr. Bill Mathews to help with the ceremony while the locomotive was here.

Mr. Fred Fuller and Mr. Joe Talley appeared before the council and ask permission to operate a taxi business in the city for the year 1962. Mr. Fuller had been operating a taxi business for the past year and Mr. Joe Talley had operated a car under the Fred's Cab business license. This was in violation of the city ordinance. Mayor Dickinson agreed to let the business operate until the next meeting and instructed Alderman Jerry King to look into the matter and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Neal Sutherland owner of the Veterans Cab Company appeared before the council and stated a traffic congestion problem was being created on Oothcalooga Street and ask the council to take some action to help relieve this problem. After discussion Alderman John A. Lewis, Jr. made a motion that right turn only be allowed on Oothcalooga Street at the entrance to South Wall Street. This motion received a second from Alderman Jerry King was voted on and passed.

Alderman John A. Lewis, Jr. instructed City Supt. James Owens to check the cost of placing hotmix on the present parking lot on Park Avenue.

The Council discussed the possibility of installing a red light at the entrance of Red Bud Road to College Street and the congestion of traffic behind the Johnston-Hall Clinic on Piedmont Street.

Alderman Lewis reported that a police school for the city police department would be held the week of April 16th from 6 to 9 P.M. at the City Hall.

Mayor Frank Dickinson stated that the Georgia Travelers a string band from Sugar Valley had requested permission to have a show in the city park. After discussion the council decided against granting this permission.

Supt. James Owens reported to the council the order for the sub-station equipment had been placed with the General Electric Corporation in the amount of \$12,500.00. The council had approved this purchase at a prior meeting.

Alderman David made a motion that the City purchase a water cooler for the civic center at a cost of \$150.00. This motion received a second from Alderman King was voted on and passed.

Alderman Johnny T. Woods, Jr. made a motion that the City of Calhoun build a sidewalk along the South side of East Line Street from the driveway of Tom B. David to the intersection of Trammell Street. This motion stated the sidewalk would be finished by Sept. 1, 1962. The motion received a second from Alderman Jerry King was voted on and passed. Approximate cost of the project would be \$394.66 to Mr. David and \$789.34 to the city.

Alderman Jerry King made a motion to adjourn seconded by Alderman Woods was voted on and passed.

Adjourned Frank M. Dickerson
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,
Calvin Caldwell, Clerk