

January 22, 1962

City Council met in regular session at the city hall with all members present, except alderman David who was out of town on a hunting trip.

Dr. A. R. Hutchinson of Sugar Valley was present at the meeting and opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Alderman Jerry King reported that a delegation from Calhoun had been to the State Highway Department to see Mr. Willis Hardin about the possibility of improving the 53' Highway into the city. Stated that the plans were in the design department where cost and specifications were being drawn. Mr. King stated there would be no money available until July, 1962 and that he suggested that another trip be made before this date to make sure the project was put in the budget.

Alderman King reported that Mr. Billy Phillips was complying with the pool room ordinance and had made all the changes ask of him. Alderman Lewis suggested that the pool room ordinance be changed to allow only persons 18 years of age or older to visit said place. Mr. Lewis thought this would help control the petty thief in the city. After discussion Mayor Dickinson suggested that Mr. Lewis contact Mr. Roy Hammond, Recreation Director, and see what he thought of the idea from recreation point of view.

Alderman Lewis stated to the council that he had some complaints given him about the way Mr. Fred Fuller had been operating his cab company. Stated that it had been reported Mr. Fuller had been drinking on the job and had no place for his telephone except in a cafe owned by someone else. After discussion Mayor Dickinson instructed Mr. Lewis and the police department to look into the matter.

Alderman Lewis reported to the council that the area in front of Mauldin Feed and Seed Company had been made a no parking zone. This applying to the Hicks Street side of the building.

Alderman Lewis stated he thought the legal description of a pin ball machine should be looked into and defined since the city had an ordinance against pin ball machines.

Alderman Lewis reported that he thought the council should go along with Mayor Dickinson in the enforcement of the loud noise and muffler ordinance. Mr. Lewis made a motion that publicity be given the ordinance and the effective date of enforcement be set on February, 15th, 1962. This motion was seconded by Mr. King was voted on and passed. Mr. Lewis instructed the clerk to notify the high school principals of the proposed ordinance enforcement.

Alderman Lewis reported that a traffic problem was still being caused at the grammar school. He suggested to police chief Luther Roberts that he let one of his men get out of the car rather than drive around the school ground. Stated this would help keep the traffic moving. Chief Roberts reported that when construction of the new street was completed the problem would be helped.

Alderman Lewis reported that he had studied the pro's and con's of an eight hour shift for the police department and found the objections to be: (1) a man and equipment would cost approximately \$4000.00 per year (2) the fire department was being called on to answer the radio and telephone for the police department. Mr. Lewis stated he thought the police would do a better job working an eight hour shift and he thought the council owed it to the city to give them the best protection possible. After discussion the mayor decided to wait until Mr. David returned before acting on the matter.

Alderman Lewis made a motion to notify the Gordon County members of the Coosa Valley Area Development and Planning Commission that the city council was considering participating in the Coosa Commission at the original agreement of \$.25 per capita for the year 1962. This motion was seconded by Mr. Jerry King was voted on and passed. The City of Calhoun had been paying into the commission the sum of \$2385.00 per year or one-half the cost to Gordon County. Under the \$.25 per capita the City of Calhoun would pay into the commission the sum of \$896.00.

Mayor Frank Dickinson expressed his appreciation to the new aldermen for the fine job they were doing since taking office. Mayor Dickinson also stated that he had notified Marion Collins that the mayor and council would be unable to attend a meeting of the League of Women Voters to be held at the Northwest Georgia Experiment Station on Monday night January 22, 1962 since this was the night the council had its regular meeting.

Supt. James Owens stated that the residents along the Dews Pond Road had petitioned the city to run water another half mile out the Dews Pond Road to the residence of or rental house of Howard Gravitt's. They ask for the same consideration as the residents were given in the last half mile, this being \$100.00 for each tap and \$4.00 per month minimum for 2 thousand gallons of water. Mr. Owens stated it would be necessary to have five taps for the city to consider the petition. After discussion Alderman Lewis made a motion that if and when the five taps were paid for the city run the water to the Howard Gravitt place. This motion received a second from Alderman King was voted on and passed.

Supt. James Owens stated that he had given consideration to extending Pine Street due East across the L&N Railroad to Park Avenue. This would do away with the sharp curve on Maple Street and the present railroad crossing. The city council advised Mr. Owens to go ahead with his study and if he could get the L&N Railroad to change the location of their crossing they thought it a fine idea.

Alderman Lewis stated to the council that he had been giving consideration and thought to making a parking street through the present railroad park and wanted to know what the council thought of the idea. After discussion the council took no action on the matter.

The city council agreed to take a note for \$200.00 from Charley Butler an employee of the city for his 1962 Beer License. The council agreed to issue these license and let Charlie pay for them at \$50.00 per month.

City Council decided to hire a new employee in the Clerk's Office at a salary of \$50.00 per week or \$216.66 per month. The council agreed on Mr. Donald Bearden for the new job.

The Council discussed the hours for keeping the city hall open. The hours for the clerk's office are now from 8 to 5 Monday through Friday and 8 to 12 on Saturday. After discussion the council agreed to wait until the next meeting to decide on the office hours.

City Council instructed Police Chief Roberts to write the local funeral homes and inform them of the 50 mile per hour speed limit through the city on emergency calls and to keep the siren's as quite as possible.

Alderman Lewis made a motion that the city purchase the uniforms for the poice department and continue to pay them the same pay. There being no second to the motion Mayor Dickinson stated this matter of purchasing uniforms had been kicked around long enough and he appointed Aldermen Woods, King, and Lewis along with the city supt. to come up with the answer by the next meeting.

There being no other business alderman Woods made a motion to adjourn and the motion received a second from alderman King was voted on and passed.

Approved Frank M. Dickinson
Frank M. Dickinson, Mayor

Respectfully submitted
Calvin Caldwell, Clerk