

May 14, 1962

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

Mayor Frank M. Dickinson opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Mr. James C. Boyd, Director of the Calhoun Housing Authority was present at the meeting and discussed the possibility of looking into more federal housing for the City of Calhoun. The council ask the clerk to contact the Housing and Home Finance Agency and request they send a representative to the next meeting to discuss additional housing for the city.

Representatives of the Home Life Insurance Co. were present at the meeting in the interest of a new insurance group plan for the City of Calhoun employees. After the plan was explained to the mayor and council the mayor ask the company to contact the city employees and see what they thought of the plan and further action would be taken at the next meeting.

Dr. R. D. Walter, Mr. Bert Lance, Mr. Farrell Palmer and Mr. Roy Hammond of the Recreation Commission and Department were present at the meeting and explained the activities of the recreation department for the past year and especially since Mr. Hammond had become director. The Recreation Commission explained to the council the need for additional financial help from the city. The Commission requested an additional \$200.00 per month from the city. The Commission stated the colored citizens had requested a well rounded recreation program rather than a swimming pool as proposed by members of the city council. After discussion Alderman Jerry King made a motion that the City of Calhoun donate an additional \$200.00 per month to the Recreation Commission making a total of \$950.00 per month and build a concession building between the baseball and football field for the use of the Recreation Department. After discussion Alderman Lewis ask for an ammendment to the motion allowing the \$200.00 per month and building the concession building but this would only be done until July 31, 1962 and after that date require the Recreation Department to submit a budget for the fiscal year Aug. 1, 1962 to July 31, 1963 that would be approved by the Mayor and Council. Alderman King accepted the ammendment to the motion and motion was voted on and passed.

Mayor Dickinson reported he had given permission to the Band Boosters Club to wash cars on the city parking lot next to the city hall on Saturday, May 19, 1962. Council agreed to furnish the water free of charge for this project.

Mayor Dickinson read a letter of appreciation from the Gordon County Medical Staff expressing appreciation for the wideing of Pine Street and requested the City to take action to have railroad signal lights installed at the Pine Street Crossing.

Mayor Dickinson read a letter from the Calhoun Woman's Club expressing their wishes to go on record against making a parking lot out of the Men's Park.

City Council discussed the possibility of wideing Park Avenue between Court and Trammell Streets. After discussion the council agreed to start work as soon as possible.

Alderman Woods stated to the council the Fire and Police Dept.'s had requested permission to double-up on the work time in their departments and get the vacation pay of the man needed to fill in for vacations. Council agreed to this request.

Alderman Lewis requested the city crew to spray the open ditches for purpose of killing insects. Also requested the Chief of Police to keep the prisoners in jail when not working on the streets.

City Council instructed the City Clerk to take the necessary steps to collect all back taxes due the city including the year 1961.

Supt. James Owens reported Mr. H. H. Scott ask permission to locate a carnival inside the city limits and ask for a waiver of the license on a rainy day. Council agreed to stay with the license and make no exceptions.

Council agreed to raise the pay of Jack Fain of the water department from \$1.35 per hour to \$1.50 per hour.

The council discussed what would be done with the old armory building when it was returned by the State of Georgia. Council instructed Supt. James Owens to move the city equipment into the building and when the State of Georgia returned the building to the City an agreement would then be reached for the future use of the building.

Supt. James Owens stated Mr. N. A. Carter had approached the city about securing the alley south of his present Amoco Station on South Wall Street. Council instructed Mr. Owens to check with the City Attorney and with Alderman King and see what could be worked out.

Supt. Owens reported to the council the need for an additional pressure water pump on the Rome Road to help relieve the friction loss to the Plainville tank. Mr. Owens stated he had checked with Mr. Bill Greene of Wiedman and Singleton and Mr. Greene had given his okay on the type of pump needed. Mr. Owens stated the pump would cost around \$1800.00. The council agreed to go ahead with the purchase of the needed pump.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Approved Frank M. Dickinson
Mayor

Respectfully submitted
Calvin Caldwell, Clerk