

June 25, 1962
Calhoun, Georgia

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

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

Supt. of City Schools G. V. Cate and School Board Members Paul Shoffner, J. D. Meadows, Dr. Charles Richards, Bill Mathews and Mrs. J.H. Hobgood were present at the meeting in the interest of the city school system for the coming year. Supt. Cate explained the recent ruling regarding tuition charged by an independent school system. Mr. Cate stated the Attorney General of the State of Georgia had ruled that tuition charged by a city system for county students coming into the system was illegal. Mr. Cate stated the city system must take the county students free of charge or charge enough tuition to off-set the loss of state money. The system cannot charge tuition and get the state allotted money. Supt. Cate stated the state "chargeback" was increasing each year and the local tax support was only increasing in a small amount thereby making it almost impossible to operate the school system on the amount of money now received. Mr. Sprayberry, the area supervisor with the State of Georgia, was present at the meeting and joined in the discussion. After a lengthy discussion the school board ask for an additional \$9,000.00 to finish the 1961-1962 school year. They also ask the council to consider what should be done toward operating the school system for the year 1962-63. The budget set up by the city board called for \$81,000.00 for operation of the system for the year 1962-63. This would be the amount necessary from the taxpayers of the city of Calhoun and would call for an increase in the tax millege of approximately 9 mills. The board also ask the council what they thought should be done about the county students coming to the city system free of charge or tuition? After a long discussion Alderman David made a motion that the City Clerk be instructed to transfer \$9,000.00 from the Bond and Interest Retirement Fund to the General Fund for use by the City School System. That this money be given to finish the school year 1961-62. This motion received a second from Alderman Woodswas voted on and passed. The council stated they would give the budget and tuition matter immediate attention and see what could be worked out.

Alderman Tom David made a motion that when the local guard building on Fair Street was vacated by the guard and reverted back to the city the building be given to the school board for school use. This motion received a second from Alderman King was voted on and passed.

Alderman King made a motion that the city approved the use of the local ball park for the Rotary Horse Show on June 30, 1962. This motion received a second from Alderman Woods was voted on and passed.

Alderman David suggested the city purchase the land adjoining the city baseball field for future city use. Mr. David stated he had talked with Mr. Tom Robertson the owner of the property and Mr. Robertson was willing to sell for a considerable sum.

Alderman Lewis made a motion that the City of Calhoun sign a contract with the Southeastern Power Administration for additional government power. (Copy of Resolution attached) This motion received a second from Alderman King was voted on and passed.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved Frank M. Dickinson
Mayor

Respectfully Submitted
Calvin Caldwell, Clerk