

JUNE 10, 1985 - 7:30 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WITH MAYOR BURDETTE, MAYOR PRO-TEM LEWIS, ALDERMAN KING, ALDERMAN MEADOWS AND ALDERMAN MCENTIRE IN ATTENDANCE.

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the May 27, 1985 regular City Council meeting were read and approved.
3. Jimmy Silvers, City School Board Member and Ken Smallwood, City School Superintendent presented the 1985 - 86 local share of the school budget, outlining expenses and revenue for 1985 - 86 as compared to 1984 - 85. The local share for M & O being \$2,032,144.00 with insurance and bond payments to be added as defined in the City's total budget. Mayor Burdette stated the proposal will be considered for adoption on June 17, 1985.
4. Mayor's Comments:
 - (a) Mayor Burdette announced the GMA convention on June 23 - 25 in Savannah, and stated the June 24 Council meeting has been moved up to June 17, 1985.
 - (b) Mayor Burdette also announced the Block Grant application hearing scheduled for June 17, 1985 at 6:30 P.M.
 - (c) Mayor Burdette read a letter of commendation from the Dept. of Natural Resources regarding the City Fire Dept.'s handling of a diesel fuel spill in April, 1985.
5. Aldermen's Comments:
 - (a) Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis reported in May, 1985 the Police Dept. made 104 cases, issued 50 warning tickets, 19 DUI charges; 26 prisoners served 46 days in jail with \$6,462.00 in fines; worked 64 accidents, provided 82 escorts, answered 80 burglar alarms and assisted 55 motorists. The Fire Dept. reported 3 residential fires for \$50.00 in damages, 5 commercial with no damage; 1 vehicle fire with \$800.00 in damage; 2 brush and grass fires; 2 hazardous material calls; assisted the County with one call; 7 false alarms; 28 building inspections and began fire hydrant flow tests in the City.
 - (b) Ald. King stated the Street Dept. has completed half of the base on South Ind. Blvd., hauling brush and cut right of ways; easements being obtained on the balance of Curtis Parkway; Engineer working on the permit application for the new landfill.
 - (c) Ald. Meadows stated the Electric Dept. sold 14,360,906 KWH of electricity in May to 2,927 customers for \$731,104.99; new substation opened up on Saturday, June 8, 1985. Tennis courts are still unlined at this time.
 - (d) Ald. McEntire stated the Water Plant pumped 323,900,000 gallons of raw water; sewer plant BOD was 27, suspended solids up to 34; 236 loads of sludge were hauled in May, 1985.
6. Public Hearings and Comments:
 - (a) A public hearing was opened on the Richard Trimble proposed Downtown Development Authority proposal to purchase and renovate a building at 207 Piedmont Street as three office rentals. Mr. Trimble stated a new front would be made on the north side near parking area, paint and siding would be added, with interior remodeling. Mr. Trimble stated he would not have undertaken the project without the Downtown Development program. He further stated one office has been rented resulting in an additional job with a possible secretary to be hired at a later date. There were no comments, and the hearing was closed. Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the project, 2nd by Ald. McEntire with Ald. Meadows, and Ald. King voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - (b) A public hearing was opened on the City budget for the fiscal year 1985-86. Total expenditures and revenues of \$18,482,153.50 each were discussed. Included in the revenue and expenses was \$60,917.00 in Revenue Sharing funds. These being committed to pay on a fire truck and street paving. Following various questions by the Council, the hearing was closed. Mayor Burdette stated it would be considered for adoption on June 17, 1985.
 - (c) Mike Pendleton, Managing Editor of the Calhoun News Dispatch read a prepared statement. There were no comments.

- (d) Phil Overton, Executive Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce presented a request for waiver of the building permit, water and sewer tap fees for the new Chamber office to be located at 300 South Wall Street. The request being made by the Chamber as a non-profit organization whose primary purpose is to improve the economy of the community. Ald. Meadows made a motion to grant the request as presented, 2nd by Ald. McEntire with Ald. King and Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (e) Everett Defoor stated he had contracted with the Gordon County Commissioners to tear down the Lay-Hall building and remove. He stated the lumber in the building was not in suitable condition to save due to long term leaks in the roof. He asked premission to tear down the south wall, remove from the site and burn the lumber inside the building and remove the rubbish after burning. Following a lengthy discussion Ald. King made a motion to allow the building to be burned under very controlled circumstances drafted by the City Fire Chief and City Superintendent: County to assume all risk of liability; County to bear all expenses for any damages to utilities or streets; Contractor to remove old buried gasoline tank prior to the set burning; the north wall to be left standing intact prior to burning, would be desirable for east and west walls to be left standing if possible until burning is complete; County to furnish a County fire truck and crew during the burning for control purposes; contractor to notify City Fire Chief prior to the start of the burning. Motion 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis voting affirmatively, motion carried.

7. Old Business:

- (a) An application was presented from Wilmer E. Nowland requesting a zoning change at 401 2nd Avenue from C-2 to R-2 to allow a house to be moved on the property and renovated. Ald. Meadows made a motion to set the public hearing for July 8, 1985, 7:30 P.M., 2nd by Ald. McEntire with Ald. King and Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (b) Building Inspector Bowman made a recommendation of condemnation of the house north of Combs & Free Funeral Home on North Wall Street. He stated the floors and ceiling were falling in, and it was unsafe. Ald. King made a motion to condemn the building as recommended by the Building Inspector and to notify the owner that he had 30 days to renovate or remove or the City will remove and bill the owner, 2nd by Ald. McEntire with Ald. Meadows and Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. New Business:

- (a) Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis made a motion to adopt a resolution approving and authorizing the cost for Mayor Burdette to attend a GMA Leadership Conference in August, 1985, 2nd by Ald. King with Ald. McEntire and Ald. Meadows voting affirmatively, motion approved.
- (b) An outside sewer request was presented from Noah Crump on U.S. 41 North. The request would not result in a sewer line extension, only a tap and is being requested due to notification from the County Health Department. Ald. King made a motion to approve, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis with Ald. Meadows and Ald. McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (c) A pawn shop license application for Anthony L. Page at Bragg's Market at 1116 N. Wall Street was presented. A police report and 2nd reading was scheduled for June 17, 1985.
- (d) A zoning change application of Stanley Simpson for the second lot from the corner of King and Oothcalooga Streets, west side was presented. Mr. Simpson is requesting a change from Industrial to Commercial two. Ald. Meadows made a motion to set the public hearing for July 8, 1985 at 7:30 P.M., 2nd by Ald. McEntire with Ald. King and Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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- (e) A zoning variance application from John and Ramona Reese was presented for their property near the Airport. The request was a variance of 14 feet at the northern boundary adjoining the Luxury Mat property (located in the County). Building Inspector Bowman stated he saw no objections to the request. Ald. King made a motion to approve the 14 ft. variance, 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis voting affirmatively, motion approved.
 - (f) An application was presented by John and Ramona Reese for \$35,000.00 through the City's Urban Development Loan Program. The loan would enable an addition to their building on U.S. 41 South which would result in one additional employee. Ald. Meadows made a motion to set the public hearing for July 8, 1985 at 7:30 P.M., 2nd by Ald. King with Ald. McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - (g) A first reading of an annexation ordinance application was presented from Mrs. Marjorie S. Gantt for a house and lot at 119 East Belmont Drive for R-1 zoning. Ald. McEntire made a motion to set a public hearing for July 8, 1985 at 7:30 P.M., 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. King and Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - (h) A zoning variance of 4 feet was presented by Glenn Bunch to allow construction of a carport on the west side of his property at 104 Meadow Lane. The adjoining property owner, Ansel Sutherland had stated he had no objections. Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis made a motion to approve the 4 ft. variance, 2nd by Ald. King with Ald. Meadows and Ald. McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
9. City Superintendent Hobgood stated the caution light at Dews Pond and Curtis Parkway had been installed. He stated the traffic lights at Piedmont and South Wall were up, but not in service at this time. The water/sewer construction depts. made 43 water taps in May, and 7 sewer taps, they installed one mile of 6" line at Sonoraville, and are preparing for the water/sewer work at John Wayne Hall's development east of Mt. Vernon Mills.
- Mr. Hobgood stated the second raw water pump was due in at any time, and the third pump would be sent for repairs. The first pump with new improved impellers is operating much more efficiently at this point. Jimmy Fox and Bill Ickes have been collecting waste water data from local industries. They will install four monitoring manholes at Astro, Aldon's, Fafnir, and OMC during July 4th week.
- Mr. Hobgood stated a brick wall across from Diprima's Shop on Oothcalooga Street had been removed and the street had been damaged. Mr. Hobgood was authorized by the Council to take the traffic lights at the Gordon Hills Shopping Center off flash and return to normal service.
10. Kelly Cornwell stated substation no. 3 was put on line on June 8, 1985. The new station will relieve station no. 2 approximately 30%. Mr. Cornwell stated Jack Bell had coordinated the job with MEAG in an excellent manner allowing the job to be completed very quickly.
11. The parking and traffic problem at Gordon Hills Shopping Center was discussed, no official action was taken.
12. Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. King and Ald. McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:



W.C. Burdette,
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,
City Clerk - Treasurer