

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the March 25, 1985 regular and April 2, 1985 special meetings were read and approved with a correction of spelling of veterinarian in item 5(b) March 25, 1985.
3. Mayor's Comments:
  - (a) Mayor Burdette reminded the Council of the joint City/County discussion meeting on April 9, 1985 at 7:30 P.M.
  - (b) He reminded the Council of the spring 7th District GMA meeting in Dalton on April 16, 1985 at 3:00 P.M. He urged the Council to attend.
  - (c) Mayor Burdette reminded everyone of the bid opening on April 22, 1985 on the surplus backhoe and two police cars. Sealed bids will be opened at 7:30 P.M. at the regular Council meeting.
4. Aldermen's Comments:
  - (a) Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis reported the police department made 59 cases in March, 1985, of which 7 were DUI cases, issued 100 warnings, 23 prisoners served 60 days in jail and they collected \$11,386.00 in fines. The investigators and officers and patrolmen worked 81 incidents, handled 54 accidents, provided 135 escorts, answered 59 burglar alarms and assisted 69 motorists. The fire department responded to two residential fires at estimated damages of \$24,500.00, 1 vehicle fire, 7 brush fires, answered 6 false alarms, assisted with 1 hazardous material spill, completed 44 building inspections and 3 flammable liquid tank inspections.
  - (b) Ald. King stated the street department has been installing drain tile in Spring Valley Subdivision, extending the drive at OMC, filling and grassing the shoulders on the Dews Pond Road next to Crestmont, doing miscellaneous patching, and completing the DOT contract for 1.18 miles of paving. The sanitation department has the new landfill area looking good. The cemetery department has begun spring mowings and cleaning and the beautification department has finished the Courthouse project and has begun mowings.
  - (c) Ald. Meadows stated the electric department sold 12,849,171 KWH of electricity in March, 1985 to 2,879 customers for \$630,160.12. Bids were opened on the surfacing of the tennis courts on March 29, 1985, but the bid cannot be awarded until the state rules on the fact that only one bid was received.
  - (d) Ald. McEntire stated the water plant pumped 299,560,000 gallons of raw water in March, 1985, the waste treatment department averaged treating 6,878,000 gallons of waste per day. The BOD count was 20 and suspended solids was 25. There were 475 loads of sludge hauled in March.
5. Public Comments:
  - (a) Mrs. Ann Smith, area manager, Mr. Bob Bodie, marketing and Mr. Ed Mitchell, engineer of TeleScripps addressed the Council. Mrs. Smith stated the sale and name change would be final on May 26, 1985. She presented the present rates for services, as well as the proposed rates which would be effective June 1, 1985 if approved. The present base rate of \$10.25 monthly includes 11 channels; a family package of MTV, CNN, USA Sports, and Nashville network is \$5.00 monthly, and four movie channels are available at various prices. The company proposed to change the base rate and services to include the 11 channels and the family package of 4 channels, plus the christian broadcast network for a rate of \$11.95 monthly plus three movie channels at the same rates currently being charged. Following questions and answers, Ald. McEntire made a motion to approve the proposal, 2nd by Ald. King with Ald. Meadows and Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- (b) A taxi cab license application of Richard Howard Hicks was reviewed. A clear police report was given. Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis made a motion to approve the license provided Mr. Hicks met all the requirements regarding insurance, registration of drivers and etc., 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. King and Ald. McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

6. Old Business:

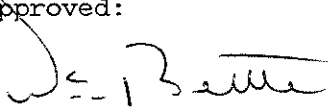
- (a) A 2nd reading was given to the ordinance amendment regarding fees for services and goods from the City. Ald. McEntire made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings and approve, 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. King and Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis voting affirmatively, motion carried. (Ordinance No. 173)
- (b) A 2nd reading was given to the ordinance amendment of the plumbing code to include state requirements in addition to the Southern Building and Plumbing Code.

7. New Business:


- (a) Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis made a motion to recommend Henry Holland to the Gordon County Board of Commissioners to serve another 6 year term on the Industrial Development Authority beginning April 30, 1985, 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. King and Ald. McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (b) The Council discussed the Urban Development Loan Program application filed by the Chamber of Commerce, and reviewed by the UDLP committee. Mayor Burdette stated the program is funded by public funds and should require a public hearing. The Council set the hearing for April 22, 1985, 7:30 P.M.
- (c) The Scarborough Advertising Co., Inc. made a request for a variance in order to place a rental sign at the intersection of Highway 41 and 53, east on the property leased from Charles Giddens. Following discussion, Ald. King made a motion to deny the variance, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis, with Ald. Meadows and Ald. McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (d) Bids on the next year's water/sewer construction work was reviewed. The bids were: Marvin Shuler construction Co. \$235,010.00; Rockdale Pipeline Inc. \$372,987.50 and C & S Construction \$235,155.00. Ald. Meadows made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the contract and all documents necessary thereto and to award to the low bidder, Marvin Shuler Construction Co. for \$235,010.00, provided the clean up of all outstanding job sites be complete prior to the award date, 2nd by Ald. King with Ald. McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis voting affirmatively motion carried. The Council stated the City should require proper clean up and have proper inspection of the work.
- (e) A 1st reading of the Doris Ables annexation ordinance application was given for Lot 10 of the Black Oaks Park Subdivision of the Belmont Farms for R-1 zoning.
- (f) A zoning change application was presented from Earnest Goforth for the vacant lot on River Street across from the Junior High School building. The zoning change requested being from Industrial G to R-2 to allow construction of a home. The Council set a public hearing for April 22, 1985 at 7:30 P.M.
- (g) Alfred Knight made a request for a <sup>5' rear</sup> 6'8" foot variance to allow construction of a new garage at his home on Cherry Hill Drive. Mr. Knight had statements from John Slagle and Ricky Tippens adjoining property owners stating they had no objections to the construction nearer the line. Ald. Meadows made a motion to approve the variance request, 2nd by Ald. McEntire with Ald. King and Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (h) A 1st reading was given to an annexation ordinance request of Mary Will Stephens for lots east and west of the proposed extension of Derby Lane north, for R-2 zoning.

8. City Superintendent Hobgood stated the electrical line from Highway 41 to the TG & Y line had been enlarged to 336 circular mills as per the Southeastern Engineering Study. Two other lines are to be pulled from the substation east and west entrances to South Industrial. Other work will be scheduled for next years budget as per the study. The fencing and concrete work at the substation has been completed. The number one pump is now in service at the intake with new impellers and water lube bearings. The pump is pumping 8 to 10% more. Plans are to have the other two pumps modified before summer if possible. The water/sewer construction departments made 26 water taps and 2 sewer taps in March, 1985.
9. Mayor Burdette stated he wished to welcome J.N. Fox back to the meetings and extended sympathy to Dan Shuler at the loss of his sister.
10. Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. King and Ald. McEntire voting affirmatively, motion approved.

Approved:

  
W.C. Burdette,  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:

  
(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,  
City Clerk - Treasurer