

FEBRUARY 8, 1988 - 7:30 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT CITY COURTROOM
ON PIEDMONT STREET.

Present: Mayor John D. Meadows, III
Mayor Pro-Tem Herbert King
Councilman Tom Bond
Councilman H.A. Oldfield, Jr.
Councilman Paul McEntire

Also Present: T. Joseph Campbell, City Attorney
Jim Hobgood, City Superintendent
Cathy Harrison, City Clerk - Treasurer

1. Mayor Meadows called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Meadows led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.
3. Minutes of the January 18 Regular meeting and the January 28 Special meeting were approved.
4. Mayor's Comments:
 - (a) Mayor Meadows stated he attended the GMA Mayor's Day Conference in Atlanta on January 24th and 25th. He stated as a member of the Municipal Government Committee he enjoyed the panel discussion on "open meetings" with Mike Bowers and other attorneys.
 - (b) Mayor Meadows presented Kenny Rogers of the City's Electrical Department his certificate as the City's first state Certified Electrical Inspector and expressed his and the Councils appreciation to Mr. Rogers for his personal commitment to obtain the distinction.
 - (c) Mayor Meadows announced the City and County filed a joint block grant application for \$400,000.00 for Phase III of the Fox Subdivision sanitary sewer project in late January, 1988 and hoped to have a positive response in late April, 1988.
 - (d) Mayor's Meadows announced Councilman Oldfield has a new grandson born last week.
5. Council's Comments:
 - (a) Mayor Pro-Tem King stated he also attended the GMA Mayor's Conference in January, and served on the Transportation Committee. He stated the gas tax legislation seems to be dead for this term of the legislature. Mayor Pro-Tem King reported the street department has been repairing roads in Fox Subdivision; stock piling chert; installing header curb on Barrett Road at Hunt's drive, and cut terrace on hill east of Barrett Road to divert water north of Hunts Drive; install driveway drainage tile; install cross drain on West May Street; preparing lot for new fire station; cleaning ditches off Newtown Road; painting curbs; hauling chert to landfill; planting trees at old landfill and on berms of new landfill; install crosswalk reflectors on Piedmont Street.
 - (b) Councilman Bond stated he is a member of the GMA Energy Committee and had the opportunity to discuss several issues with Leonard Ledbetter at the Mayor's Day Conference. He stated he hoped to have the recreation agreement for the last meeting in February. He reported Kelly Cornwell's grandmother passed away.
 - (c) Councilman Oldfield stated he is a member of the GMA Public Safety Committee and they discussed several legislative items in January. He stated the police made 94 arrests in January, 1988, 8 being DUI's with 16 prisoners serving 113 days in jail. They collected \$10,599.00 in fines; provided 107 escorts, worked 102 incidents, 69 accidents and responded to 83 burglar alarms. The fire department answered 22 calls with damages of \$29,775.00; 10 being false alarms, and provided 4 building inspections.

- (d) Councilman McEntire stated the waste treatment facility pumped 7,712,000 gallons in January, 1988; with BOD of 15 and Suspended Solids of 22. The water/sewer construction department made 11 water taps and 1 sewer tap; installed 1,000 ft. of 2" water line; 1700 ft. of 4" water line; 5,000 ft. of 6" water line; 8,500 ft. of 8" water line; 1,500 ft. of 8" sewer line, and 7 sewer taps on Erwin Street. The water intake pumped 370,405,000 gallons of water in January, 1988.

6. Public Hearings:

- (a) A public hearing was opened on the naming of the street known as Columbus Drive to Warrior Path. Miss Shelly Brumlow of Gordon Central School restated the reasons for the request, (a) make the school more visible from the road, (b) promote school spirit, (c) recognize school as school of excellence, and presented the Council with names of two property owners who had no objection, Jack Stepp and Hillard Bishop. Ken Russell, instructor stated the project was an extension of the Humanities Class. Mr. Tom Greeson opposed the name change. He presented a list of property owners opposed to the change. Stated it was named for Columbus (Lum) Moss some 33 years ago. Robert Holland long time property owner stated he and others had just gone through a change of address due to the adoption of the numbering system. Written opposition by Haley Stephens was read into the record as per the attached. He suggested a name change at the edge of the school property, northward, with the residential area remaining intact as Columbus Drive. Both parties were agreeable. Closed hearing. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to rename Columbus Drive Circle from the school's property line northward as Warrior Path, with any future extensions to Newtown Road being named Warrior Path, and with a sign placed at the Red Bud intersection indicating the street, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem King with Councilman McEntire and Councilman Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (b) A public hearing was opened on the county's variance request for the jail and the parking decks to be erected on Piedmont Street. The Zoning Advisory Board recommended the Council set back no more than 38.5 ft. from the center line. Attorney Bill Bailey stated the architect cannot design the parking facility to meet those set back recommendations. Mr. Bailey sighted cases regarding municipal zoning laws not being applicable to other governmental bodies, and again stressed his client's attempt to work with the City to provide space for road expansion and sidewalk in front of the proposed building. Attorney Howard Jones on behalf of his client, Joel Ostuw, stated his opposition to the facility being within 50 ft. of his residential property, and requested the variances not be granted. A general discussion followed with review of the preliminary plans; rerouting of Boston Road; width of Boston Road at the Piedmont intersection and etc. The hearing was closed and Mayor Pro-Tem King made a motion to go along with the Zoning Board's recommendation, variance of no more than 38.5 ft. from the center line of Piedmont Street, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Councilman Oldfield voting affirmatively, and Councilman McEntire voting negatively. The motion carried and was approved.
- (c) A public hearing was opened on the 8 ft. variance request of Barnette's Motel on Highway 53, east to allow a part of the structure to be torn down and rebuilt on the site. The Zoning Advisory Board recommended approval. There was no other discussion, and the hearing was closed. Mayor Pro-Tem King made a motion to approve, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Councilman McEntire and Councilman Oldfield voting affirmatively, motion Carried.

7. Old Business:

- (a) A 2nd reading of the pawn shop request of Walter James for the 2nd North Georgia Pawn Shop to be located at 309 Court Street. A clear police report was given. Councilman McEntire made a motion to approve, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Councilman Oldfield and Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (b) A 2nd reading of an amendment to the City Fee Structure Ordinance was given. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to approve, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Bond and Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried. (Ord. No. 366)
- (c) Councilman Oldfield made a motion to table any discussion on the sewer fee for the Highway 53, East motel project, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (d) Following discussion, Councilman Bond made a motion to select the Hensley-Schmidt engineering firm as the coordinating engineer for the water/sewer projects under way, 2nd by Councilman Oldfield with Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (e) Mayor Meadows continued the county hearing on the variance requests over to the exchange of property in reference to Boston Road. Attorney Jones expressed concern for his client's property being landlocked without access. Attorney Bailey stated the county had considered that fact and had drafted the quitclaim deed from the city to the county to begin below that portion of Boston Road fronting Mr. Ostuw's property, continuing westward to Piedmont Street. The county's warranty deed to the City would include the new road bed which would intersect with the old Boston Road giving Mr. Ostuw a viable access to his property. Following other discussion, Councilman McEntire made a motion authorizing Mayor Meadows to execute a quit claim deed to Gordon County for the property known as Boston Road from the point below the Ostuw property to Piedmont Street in an exchange of similar value for a warranty deed from Gordon County to the City of Calhoun for the road bed from Piedmont Street intersecting with Boston Road, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Councilman Oldfield and Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (f) Councilman McEntire made a motion to accept the revised easement from Walter E. Heller regarding property in land Lot 76 of the 23rd District and 2nd Section of Gordon County, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Councilman Oldfield and Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried.

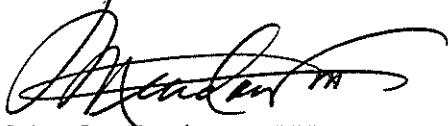
8. New Business:

- (a) A 1st reading of the Norma J. Shelton annexation ordinance for a house and lot on the Old Dixie Highway was given. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to set the public hearing for March 14, 1988, 2nd by Councilman Bond with Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (b) Councilman Oldfield made a motion to extend a twenty year lease to Southern Bell for one additional year for \$300.00 for a small tract in Land Lot 151 of the 15th District, 3rd Section of Gordon County on which a repeater station is located. 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem King with Councilman McEntire and Councilman Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- (c) Councilman Bond made a motion to approve construction trailers to be located on Park Avenue for construction of the new library, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem King with Councilman Oldfield and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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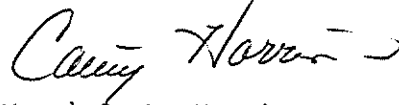
9. City Superintendent Hobgood stated the City has had to withdraw from the Fox Subdivision project due to the wet weather. The crews are working on sewer line relocation on the Walmart site.
10. Councilman Bond made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Oldfield and Mayor Pro-Tem King voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:



John D. Meadows, III,
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,
City Clerk - Treasurer