

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the January 9, 1984 regular meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments:
  - (a) Mayor Burdette reported on the annual Mayor's Legislative Conference held in Atlanta on January 15-16, stating it was most informative and afforded Municipal Officials the opportunity of meeting their State legislatures.
4. Aldermen's Comments:
  - (a) Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis reported the Street Dept. had been working on the River Street right of way; no equipment operation problems with the Sanitation Department at this time, but there was need to be concerned over replacement for the fourteen year old motor grader.
  - (b) Ald. King reported the new Police radio was in operation and working well. He stated there were 74 criminal cases in December; with 19 DUI cases in September, 1983; 23 in October; 16 in November; 17 in December and 5 thus far in January. The Fire Department has answered seven calls in January, four being house fires with minimum damage; December's damage being approximately \$8,500.00; and he reported a need to order the pickup for the Fire Department as was included in the budget.
  - (c) Ald. Bennett stated the Sewer Plant was operating at full capacity following the accident, and damage was less than was originally anticipated. The Water Department is doing well, but a new pick up is needed desperately. The Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG) is submitting a new alternate for Project 4, and Mr. Bennett announced an Atlanta meeting scheduled for January 26, 1984 to explain the project.
  - (d) Ald. Meadows stated the Recreation grant application had been submitted with the aide of Coosa Valley Development Authority for additional tennis courts, and he felt Calhoun had an excellent opportunity of having the grant approved. The Federal Authorities are studying the Airport needs once again. A meeting was announced for 7:30 P.M. Friday night regarding the Civil Defense Disaster Program.
5. Public Comments:
  - (a) Steve Forster, President of the Chamber of Commerce stated he would like to personally commend the Mayor and Aldermen for their assistance during the year with efforts to improve the community and develop new industry. Mayor Burdette, on behalf of the Council, stated he commended Steve Forster for his tireless efforts during the year for the community while serving as President of the Chamber.
  - (b) A Public Hearing was held on the J.L. (Red) Harkins request for a project to construct a new parts store on the East side of South Wall Street through the Downtown Development Authority at an estimated cost of \$150,000.00. There were no public comments. Ald. Lewis made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the proposed project at an estimated cost of \$150,000.00, 2nd by Ald. King With Ald. Bennett and Ald. Meadows voting affirmatively, motion carried.
  - (c) A Public Hearing was held on the Ronald Robinson Beer Package License request for Troy's Package on South Wall Street. A clear police report was given, and the application was announced in order. Marvin Broyles, City citizen, stated he was opposed to the license request due to the current number of licenses, Mayor Burdette also expressed his opposition. There were no further comments. Ald. Meadows made a motion to approve the application, 2nd by Ald. Bennett with Ald. Lewis and Ald. King voting affirmatively, motion to approve carried.
  - (d) Ald. Meadows made a motion to reschedule the Public Hearing for the wine pouring licenses' application for Murphy's at the request of Curtis Craig until February 27, 1984, with legal notice to be advertised, 2nd by Ald. Bennett with Ald. King and Ald. Lewis voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- (e) A Public Hearing was held on the rezoning request by Great Southern Federal for the former Franklin house, north of Mary Johnson on North Wall Street. The rezoning being from O & I (Office and Institutional) to C-2 (Commercial). Jim Black stated he had discussed the proposal with Miss Mary Johnson, and she had no objections as long as her property's zoning was not changed. Mayor Burdette stated Lewis Diprima had discussed the matter with him and he had no objections. There were no further public comments. Ald. Bennett made a motion to approve the request to rezone from O & I to C-2 since the property was bound by C-2 across the railroad on the back and across the road on the front by C-2, 2nd by Ald. Meadows, with Ald. Lewis and Ald. King voting affirmatively, motion carried.

6. Old Business:

- (a) A lengthy discussion was held on the buffer zone matter. It was determined by the Council as a whole, to draft a zoning amendment to require a 50 ft. buffer for R-2, or R-3, property being bound by R-1 property. Commercial, Industrial or O & I property being bound by R-1 would require a 20 ft. buffer and barrier (type to be determined). A Public Hearing would be required for any variances to be granted for the buffer restrictions.
- (b) A lengthy discussion was held on the Interstate Sign Ordinance Amendment. Jack Hammond with DOT stated the State would be in agreement to extend the 1200 ft. limit per quadrant to 2035; would be agreeable to a variety of sign placements, stack, V-shape, etc. as long as the area did not exceed 672 sq. ft. per direction; would be agreeable to amending the height of signs as long as there was a minimum of 10 ft. above the pavement from the bottom of the sign. After further discussion, Attorney Shanahan was asked to redraft the amendment and present at the next meeting.
- (c) City Supt. Hobgood reported he had had a request from Lacey Champion Carpets to haul waste to the city's waste treatment plant at the outside sewer rate. The Council agreed to the request as long as the waste met the guidelines of the sewer use ordinance. Supt. Hobgood stated he had had several requests for employees to trap animals on the raw water intake property. The Council declined the request. Line extension work has continued on the Mason and Rock Creek Roads. He stated the city was getting outside estimates on the damages at the Waste Treatment Plant to report to the insurance company. Supt. Hobgood commended Chief Grizzle and his department for the upgrade city zoning map in the City Courtroom. He announced TVA would provide a one day session for the city water personnel on leak detection.
- (d) Sealed bids were opened on the lot advertised for sale north of Meadowbrook Dairy being bound on the west by Highway 41 and east by College Street. There was only one bid from J.F. Jones for \$5,000.00. Mayor Burdette stated the price was not equal to market value of the property. Ald. Lewis stated this was the third time the lot had been advertised in the last three years, and since the city had no use for the property it would be advantageous for a building to be erected and added to the tax digest. Ald. King made a motion to accept the bid, 2nd by Ald. Bennett with Ald. Lewis and Ald. Meadows voting affirmatively, motion carried.

7. New Business:

- (a) Applications from Frank Clark, Manager of Del-Taco for beer-wine pouring licenses were presented for the business located on Highway 53, East. The Council set the Public Hearing for February 13, 1984, 7:30 P.M.
- (b) A first reading was given to the renewal of the beer pouring license for Robert Chattam, American Legion 555 for 1984.
- (c) A sign variance was presented from Henry Neon Signs, an agent for McDonald's for a sign to be located on the property line at the business on Highway 53, East. The variance request for 40 ft. After discussion with Building Inspector Bowman, Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve the request, 2nd by Ald. Meadows with Ald. King and Ald. Bennett voting affirmatively, motion approved.

- (d) A first reading was given for an annexation ordinance request from Gary Amos for approximately 8 acres off the Belwood Road, joining property of Virgil Avery for R-1 zoning.
- (e) Ald. Lewis stated Lamar Dean of Scoggins Furniture, had presented a request to close 4 parking spaces on the street south of the store on South Wall in order to eliminate the need to block the street for deliveries. The Council asked that Mr. Diprima and Moore's Laundry be contacted regarding the request. Ald. Lewis stated Tele Media had requested the red light at Elm and South Wall remain on until noon of Saturday each week, after discussion, the Council agreed to the request.
- (f) Attorney Shanahan stated a new hearing would need to be set for the First National Bank of Dalton, Calhoun Branch Downtown Development Authority Project since the type of financing had been changed. The Hearing was set for February 13, 1984 at 7:30 P.M.
- (g) John Reese, Clyde Petty and Trammell Burch discussed the proposed development of the property west of Devonwood Subdivision, and made inquiries of the City's current sewer use ordinance and the state EPD's requirement for approval of those projects involving lateral lines.
- (h) A thorough review of the city's current position of the budget and actual revenue and expenses was held. Ald. King made a motion to approve the proposed amendments and to include a total of 6% pay increase to be used for merit and cost of living raises for city employees, 2nd by Ald. Bennett with Ald. Lewis and Ald. Meadows voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. Ald. Lewis made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ald. King with Ald. Bennett and Ald. Meadows voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:



W.C. Burdette,  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,  
City Clerk - Treasurer

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