

1. Call to order by Mayor Burdette and invocation by City Chaplin John Allen.
2. Minutes of the Jan. 26, 1976, regular council meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor Burdette commended the City clean up crews for their recent efforts to clean up the downtown area. He appealed to each citizen to take pride in our City and asked each one to do his part in making it a banner year -- this being our bicentennial year. Mayor Burdette asked each Councilman to think about the recent invitation extended by the Braves for a community night. There would be opportunities for the little leagues teams to warm-up before game time for the band to play and etc. The City would have to guarantee the sale of 250 tickets, in order to qualify for community night.
4. Aldermen's Comments: Ald. Harwell concurred with Mayor Burdette's request to citizens to take pride in our community. He stated that one point of direct concern would be keeping garbage containers off the street except on bi-weekly pick ups. Ald. Padgett commended the Beautification Committee for the fine job being done on the Library Park. He stated that he hoped to see the courthouse fountains repaired and put into complete working order.
5. Public Comments: Mike Powell of the Chicken Man asked for a report on the progress being made at the Piedmont - Wall Street intersection. City Superintendent Jim Hobgood stated that Mr. Charles Monroe of the Dept. of Transportation would authorize a change in the markings at that intersection if the Mayor and Council requested this action in writing. The Dept. of Transportation would like for the City to try the present arrangement for ninety days. If this is impossible the Council might want to try a barricade on the center lane leaving the right lane as a right hand turn or straight ahead. The Council felt that this might be tried for a period of time to determine if this might be a solution to the problem.
6. Old Business: None
7. New Business: (a) Mr. Hobgood explained that the only solution to the tank overflow at Glassrock would be to install an altitude valve. There are two types available - a single action which is used quite frequently at an installation cost of approximately \$11,000.00. The double action valve would be approximately one-half this cost, but is not used as often. Don Watts of TLM stated it worked rather accurately if it is from a good manufacturer and is properly insulated. The Mayor asked that Mr. Hobgood study these more thoroughly and make a recommendation at the Feb. 23 Council meeting.

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(b) Mr. Hobgood asked the Council's opinion in requiring at least two-thirds residents of a particular area to put up the full deposit for curb and gutter before any of the work is done. After discussion, the Council felt that one half of the deposit could be requested before the work was started with the balance due within ninety days after the work was completed, but no official action was taken to make this standard procedure.

(c) Mr. Hobgood asked the Council's permission to install a six foot fence with two twenty foot gates on the city property at Pine and Mill Street. This area is needed to store water and sewer pipes and fittings. Mr. Hobgood presented two bids, one for \$3,022.00 from Sears of Calhoun and one for \$2825.00 from Marietta Fence. Ald. Cox made a motion to erect the fence accepting the Marietta Fence bid of \$2825.00, Ald. Lewis 2nd the motion and it was approved.

(d) Mayor Burdette stated that TLM would soon begin doing electrical consultant work and he asked for the Council's opinion in using this firm. The Council expressed satisfaction in past services of TLM and agreed that they would be glad to have future electrical consultant work done locally.

(e) Mayor Burdette stated that Jack Hamilton had approached him requesting permission to purchase the old landfill by the River. The Council expressed willingness to sell the 13 acres and agreed to meet at the site Saturday, Feb. 14, 1976, at 9:30 a.m. to decide on particulars.

(f) Mayor Burdette asked the Council's opinion on the city paying dues for Department Heads to join one civic club each on a volunteer basis. After discussion, Ald. Harwell made the motion 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.

(g) Jack Bell stated that there would be a meeting on Feb. 17, 1976 in Atlanta regarding the electric authority's operation agreements. He asked for as many Councilmen to attend the meeting as possible. Mr. Bell proceeded to give a report on the City's cost of electricity for the past few years as opposed to the sale price. The margin of profit has deteriorated by 43% in the past eight years.

(h) City Building Inspector Bruce Bowman requested that the Council consider condemning of the partially burned house on Nelson Street owned by Ted Collins. The lot would then be used as a parking area for the Church. Ald. Cox made a motion to condemn the house, waive the 60 days to begin restoration and notification since Mr. Collins had agreed to the condemnation, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

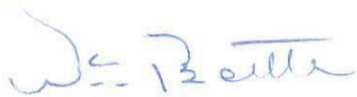
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(i) Mr. Hobgood recommended that TLM be appointed to do a study on waste treatment flow and water flow since this would need to be done before requesting an increase of capacity at the Water Plant. Ald. Lewis made a motion to authorize the study at an approximate cost of \$2,000.00 by TLM, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.

(j) Ald. Padgett asked the Clerk to set the date of an open house for the new City Hall and inform the Council.

8. Ald. Harwell made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

Approved:



W. C. Burdette,
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,
City Clerk