

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and City Chaplain John Allen gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the Feb. 9, 1976, regular meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor Burdette stated that the Council had voted last year to demolish the First Baptist Church building when it was vacated. He stated that a committee headed by Tony King had done a feasibility study on saving the building and he would like the Council to consider their findings and open the issue for further discussion. After discussion, Ald. Padgett made a motion to reconsider their earlier decision and study the report, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved. After discussion the Council declined the Braves Community Night offer.
4. Ald. Padgett stated that Mr. Gilbert Patterson had approached him regarding purchasing the frontage property owned by the City and County at the industrial landfill. The County had agreed to the sale provided the City consented. After discussion the Council decided that they would need the frontage as an enticement when they wished to sell the entire property.  
Ald. Padgett asked what work was being done regarding street sign replacement. Jim Hobgood, City Superintendent, stated that new signs were being ordered for several streets. Ald. Cox stated that Fireman Dick Lenning was requesting sewerage to his property on US 41 South and he also wanted to know if there would be any consideration in the charge since he was a City employee. After determining that Mr. Lenning could not annex because of a property blockage, and that the tap would be a normal tap without additional expense the Council agreed to make the tap, but stated that no consideration could be given due to the fact that he was a City employee. The charge would be \$250.00 for the tap with a sewerage cost of \$4.00 for a minimum of 4,000 gallons plus \$1.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons.
5. Mrs. Mary George Robertson of the Girls Scout organization asked permission for a meeting area in the church building if the property is left intact.
6. Old Business: (a) City Superintendent, Jim Hobgood, stated that he felt the single action valve for the Glassrock water tank would be the best after discussion with several firms. Ald. Lewis made a motion to install the valve at an estimated cost of \$11,000.00 when funds were available, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.  
(b) Ald. Padgett made a motion that future requests for curb and gutter be handled by having one-half the cost being paid by two-thirds of the property owners of a particular area before the work begins and the balance being billed to everyone and

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and due ninety days after the work is completed. 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(c) After discussion, Ald. Cox made a motion to make an offer of \$10,000.00 on approximately 16.7 acres of the Harper property adjoining the sewer plant. 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved. The Council asked Jim Hobgood to measure the property desired and make the offer to Gene Edge, attorney for the estate. The Council set a tentative date of April 3 to have a public auction on the 13 acre landfill by the river on State Route 143. The City Clerk was asked to check with the attorney on proper advertisement time and make necessary preparations for the sale.

(d) Jack Bell gave the Council the latest information from the Municipal Electric Authority on the purchase of portions of the Hatch 1 & 2 vogtle 1 & 2 plants. The contracts are to be signed and returned to the Authority by March 8 if we wish to participate in the project. The Council asked that a special meeting be set to study this in detail.

The Clerk announced a meeting with the City Board of Education on March 1, 1976, at 7:00 p.m. at Mr. Cate's office.

(e) Mr. Hobgood stated that Abner McEntyre had requested a two inch line and 2" tap 800 ft. south of McDaniel Station Road. After discussion, Ald. Padgett made a motion to extend an 8" line, charge Mr. McEntyre for a two inch line (\$800.00) plus a 2" tap. The total cost to extend the line would be approximately \$1600.00. 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved. Ald. Padgett made a motion that the following taps be made: Ernest Burton Apartments on Henderson Bend Rd., two taps; John Wayne Hall, River Heights Subdivision lot 7; Ira England, Duvall Circle; R. G. Payne, Dews Pond Road, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(f) Mr. Edwards reported that a representative from Coosa Valley Area Planning would be by to check on our final application on the block grant. Mr. Edwards stated that the Fish and Game Division had lodged a complaint against the project.

(g) The Clerk announced the date for Open House as March 7, 1976 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

7. New Business: (a) The following properties were presented for annexation: B. G. Gravitt, lot 25, Cherokee Acres on Gale Drive; Eugene A. Holland, lot 24, Cherokee Acres on Gale Drive; L.M. Lovingood, Jr. 75' x 203' on Henderson Bend Road; Ebbie Mace and Carol Weir Carney, 90' x 200' West Belmont Drive. Ald. Cox made a motion to annex retroactive to Jan. 1, 1976, with proper notification being given, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.

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(b) Mr. Hobgood stated that he had two bids for a tractor for the Cemetery. A bid of \$1697.00 from King Ford Tractor and \$1799.50 from the International Company. Mr. Hobgood recommended that the International bid be accepted since there were two junk tractors to be used for spare parts which would save more than \$100.00 in the long run. Ald. Lewis made a motion to accept the Ford bid of \$1697.00 (low bid) but the motion received no second. Ald. Harwell made a motion to accept the recommended bid of \$1799.50 from International, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved by a majority.

(c) Mr. Harold Kirby explained that he had had several break ins at the Street Dept. barn and the Rabies Control building. He asked that some immediate measures be taken to prevent further losses. Mr. Hobgood suggested that a 6" security fence might be needed, but for a short while we could use a person from the Federal Unemployment Program for this service. Mr. Hobgood was asked to check the cost of the fence and report to the March 8 Council meeting.

(d) Milton Stewart stated that he had not been aware of the Council's decision to enforce the curb & gutter ordinance on record until informed by Mr. Hobgood. He stated that the subdivision had been started approximately two years ago and no mention had been made at that time. The Council felt that their decision would be binding but after discussion Ald. Harwell made a motion to install the water and sewer taps for the 32 lots involved according to plat 4 at no charge, which would off-set a little more than one-third of the cost. 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.

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

Approved:



W. C. Burdette,  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,  
City Clerk