

1. Call to order by Mayor Burdette, invocation by City Chaplin John Allen.
2. The Mayor was sworn into office by the City Clerk.
3. Mayor Burdette in turn swore in Alderman Lewis and Alderman Harwell.
4. Minutes of the Dec. 22, 1975, regular council meeting and the Jan. 3, 1976, special council meeting were read and approved.
5. Mayor Burdette made his address to the Council as per the attached copy.
6. Ald. Lewis made the motion to elect Ald. Padgett as Mayor Pro Tem, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.
7. Ald. Cox made a motion to appoint the following Department Heads, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved:  
City Superintendent - James (Jim) Hobgood  
City Administrator - Hoyt Edwards  
City Clerk - Treasurer - (Mrs.) Cathy Harrison  
Asst. City Superintendent - Roy Fox  
Street, Sanitation, Cemetery, Rabies Control - Harold (Slim) Kirby  
Police Chief - Edward Macomber  
Fire Chief - Ferrell Grizzle  
Electric Department - Jack Bell  
Water Plant - Estes Pass  
Sewer Plant - Jimmy Fox  
Water, Sewer Construction Lines - Raymond Fowler  
Building Inspector - Bruce Bowman
8. Ald. Lewis made a motion to appoint Thomas Shanahan as City Attorney, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.
9. Ald. Padgett made a motion to appoint Rev. John Allen as City Chaplin, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.
10. Ald. Cox made a motion to designate the Calhoun First National Bank as the official depository, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.
11. Ald. Padgett made a motion to appoint R. M. Dobbs as City Auditor, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.
12. No comments from Aldermen.
13. No comments from Department Heads.
14. Old Business: (a) City Superintendent Jim Hobgood made a report to the Council on the question of a sewer tap for Mrs. Grace Bryan. After discussion and upon the superintendent's recommendation concerning the charge, Ald. Padgett made a motion to approve sewer taps to those people outside the city limits, requiring only normal sewer taps. A tap fee of \$250.00, plus a minimum of \$4.00 for the first 4 thousand gallons and \$1.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons. Each county customer would be required to sign an application to be annexed when possible, provided the City Attorney approved of this action. 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.  
(b) Mr. Hobgood gave each Council member proposed sewer extensions for existing city customers. These are to be studied and discussed at the Jan. 26 meeting.

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(c) No Water Taps.

(d) After open discussion Mayor Burdette asked City Administrator Hoyt Edwards to make a study and determine how many beer-wine-liquor establishments a city of our size could support. Ald. Padgett made a motion to continue the beer-wine-liquor moratorium for six months, except for any change in ownerships of existing established businesses, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(e) The discussion on the Code and Charter changes were continued until Jan. 26, 1976.

15. New Business: (a) Asst. City Superintendent Roy Fox stated that the party that had contacted the City inquiring about the old landfill property by the river, regarding a radio tower had withdrawn their inquiry.

(b) Mr. Fox suggested that the Council consider the sixty odd acres in front of the water plant and by the river owned by the Elenora Harper Estate. This property is for sale and could possibly be used for a new residential landfill. Mayor Burdette asked Ald. Lewis to check into this, look at the property and approach the County.

(c) The City Clerk reported on special questions appearing on each individual's 1975 Federal Tax Return, inquiring about the County and City you currently reside in. This information will be used in any General Revenue Sharing funds that might be available to the City and Gordon County in 1977.

(d) Ald. Padgett made a motion to adopt a resolution calling for a sales tax referendum election, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(e) Ald. Cox made a motion for the Civil Defense to occupy a portion of the unused space at the First Baptist Church property on Wall Street when vacated, provided Ald. Harwell was able to work out an agreement with the County on payment of utilities and etc. and provided Ald. Harwell felt the move was in the best interest of the City and County, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.

16. After discussion Ald. Lewis made a motion that this year and each year hereafter that a picture of the City Council be made at the first meeting of the year and that it become a permanent part of the minutes, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.

17. Ald. Harwell made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Ald. Cox and approved.

Approved:



W. C. Burdette,  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,  
City Clerk