

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and Rodney Harbin gave the invocation.
2. The minutes of the Oct. 11, 1976, regular meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments: Mr. Burdette announced that the recording equipment had been purchased and was being used for City Court as well as the Council meetings. Mayor Burdette stated that the Mayor's Motorcade to Milledgeville Central State Hospital was scheduled for Dec. 8, 1976. He stated that the city had been spending small amounts each year to buy gifts for the occasion, since there was very little public response. He asked for more participation from the public and local industry.
Mayor Burdette asked the Council's approval to hire a city prosecutor for city court. He stated that more and more defendents are obtaining attorneys and he feels a prosecutor should be there to handle the cases rather than have himself act as prosecutor and judge. After further discussion, Ald. Padgett made a motion to obtain Tom E. Shanahan as city prosecutor at a fee of \$75.00 weekly, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.
Mayor Burdette asked architect Robert Carroll to report on the downtown revitalization program thus far. Mr. Carroll stated that he had worked with four shop owners on specific details for their shops, and four other merchants had requested his assistance. Mr. Carroll proceeded to outline work to be done in seven areas. (1) Sidewalks to be done on a pilot basis (2) Check on financial assistance, State & Federal (3) Feed back on cost of going underground with power lines, (4) Drawing ordinance to protest those shop owners who do remodel against unsightly signs and etc. of those who do not remodel (5) Guidelines for a design review board (6) Selection of a theme for the revitalization effort, and using a common background to place those highway signs on that must remain on the streets (7) Study traffic and parking in the downtown area. The architect's cost for item one would be \$240.00 and \$20.00 per hour on the other items. After discussion, Ald. Lewis made a motion to accept the proposal on items 1 through 6, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved. Ald. Harwell made a motion to spend up to \$2,000.00 for sketches on the downtown area for revitalization plans in cooperation with the revitalization committee, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.
4. Alderman's Comments: Ald. Harwell stated that the Civil Defense Dept. had requested two gasoline heaters for their offices, and a stove and refrigerator. Ald. Lewis made a motion to purchase the heaters at a cost of \$200.00 if approved by the County, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

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5. Public Comments: Roy Davis asked the Council's opinion on granting a 15 ft. front variance on the Baker property on U.S. 41 North. He stated that present buildings were only eight to ten feet from the right-of-way. The Council members stated that they would probably be in agreement to grant the front variance for building purposes, but that other applications must be made in proper order before any official voting could be done. The Clerk stated that the Calhoun-Gordon County Planning Commission had requested a public hearing on the Flood Plain Zoning regulations in accordance with the Flood Insurance Area Maps done by the Federal government. Ald. Lewis made a motion to grant a public hearing on Nov. 22, 1976, at the regular Council meeting, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.
6. Old Business: (a) Mr. G. V. Cate, City School Supt., Board members, Dick Shelton, Ray Weddle, Jimmy Silvers and Rodney Harbin discussed the Red Bud Road property, the high school property and additional classrooms. The growth rate at East Side Elementary has been very small over the past ten years and the board feels that the anticipated growth would not warrant a \$90,000.00 expenditure for additional property at this time. There is a road to divide the school property from adjacent commercially zoned areas. The Board felt that it might be wise to obtain present prices on private property adjoining the high school area. Supt. Hobgood was asked to acquire these and report back to the Council and the Board. The Board also felt that they would not make any proposals for additional classrooms at this time.
- (b) The Clerk stated that no additional people had qualified to run in the city election, Nov. 17, 1976. Those qualifying earlier were Billy Padgett, incumbent; George W. Cox, incumbent, for aldermen posts and Jimmy Silvers, incumbent, Ray Weddle, incumbent and Rodney Harbin, incumbent for school board posts. Oct. 27, Wednesday, will be the final day to register to vote and to qualify to run. City Hall is normally closed, but will open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for the public's convenience in registering to vote and for anyone interested in qualifying to run for office.
- (c) The Clerk reported that the results of the first quarters expenses and revenue were under the projected budget figures since a growth factor had not materialized. The actual expenses were under the actual revenue by a small margin.
- (d) City Supt. Hobgood stated that the paving on the 2.180 miles had been completed. These included Devonwood, Victory and Piedmont Streets. He stated that Mr. Harold Kirby and his crews were to be commended for the tremendous amount of work they have accomplished this year.

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(e) City Supt. Hobgood stated work was progressing on the Water Plant expansion. The raw water pump is in service, valve arrangements were changed on eight filter beds and pumps are being installed. The Plant can pump 8 million gallons a day and now has gained reliability with backup equipment. There could be as much as one and one-half million gallons increase in pumping resulting in the changes. In order to increase the capacity any further, larger lines must be constructed to the City. Mayor Burdette commended the water construction crews and Raymond Fowler for the prompt repair to a burst 8" main at the Goodyear Plant.

(f) Ald. Padgett asked that the road be repaired at Pine Street where a water line was recently installed.

Ald. Cox asked the Clerk to forward a list of those purchasing business licenses to the Police Dept. so that anyone operating inside the City without a license could be notified to purchase a license or discontinue the business.

(g) City Supt. Hobgood asked if the Council would be interested in pursuing the possibility of leasing a portion of the Wildlife Preserve West of Sugar Valley. The mileage would be nine miles, or 18 miles round trip for each truck. The Council asked that the matter be checked into and a report made back to the Council.

(h) City Administrator Edwards stated that we had been informed that unsightly second story windows in the downtown area and merchandise on the sidewalks could cause lower ratings with the certified cities review team.

(i) Mr. Edwards explained that the City could rent a booth for \$250.00 up to \$3600.00 for the five day opening at the Georgia on Parade, World Congress in Atlanta - Dec. 1-5, if we desire to have a display. The Mayor and Council asked Mr. Edwards and Mike Jones to find out how many cities our size would be participating.

(j) City Supt. Hobgood stated that Mrs. J. B. Wright had given the City a sewer easement at Forrest Avenue. The Council asked that the ditch and drain be cleaned for the present.

7. New Business: (a) The Clerk read a rezoning request from Aileen Boston on property at Harlan Street. Advertising was being done and a public hearing was set for November.

(b) City Supt. Hobgood stated that Prater Ford had submitted another bid on a LTD 2 which they felt was more comparable to the Chevrolet Impala. Their bid was \$4846.00 on this vehicle. The bids opened two weeks earlier were \$4850.00 on a Chevrolet Impala and \$5214.00 on a Ford LTD. Ald. Harwell made a motion to purchase one Chevrolet at \$4850.00 since their bid had been made public and the difference was slight, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved. If other police cars were required later, each dealer would be given the opportunity to present sealed bids.

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(c) Bids for a new 20 yard garbage body were presented. Tri-State bid \$10,830.00 on a new 20 cubic yard sanicruiser model Leach refuse body; Williams Equipment Company bid \$11,124.40 on a Cobey Model RL-20 rear loading refuse body. Ald. Lewis made a motion to accept the low bid, Tri-State \$10,830.00, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.

(d) Mayor Burdette asked each Council member to be thinking about naming three members for the Board of Appeals or Adjustments at the next meeting.

(e) Mayor Burdette stated that he had been asked to find out who could be contacted regarding the Boys Scout Hut on City property inside the football stadium. The Council met that Jack Hensley would be the one to contact.

(f) The Mayor asked if any Council member would be interested in attending the Congress of Cities in Denver, Colo., sponsored by GMA on Nov. 27-31. He felt that it would be a worthwhile program, and stated that he would probably attend.

(g) City Supt. Hobgood presented a survey of the landfill property. ^{in Dejeuwood Drive, CH} The total acreage was 4.76 acres.

(h) The Council decided not to pursue the mini bus that might be available for the senior citizens food program at this time, due to the cost of maintaining the bus and furnishing a driver.

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

Approved:



W. C. Burdette,
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,
City Clerk