

1. The meeting was called to order and the invocation given by Mayor Burdette.
2. Minutes of the February 23, 1976, council meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor Burdette asked the Council members to be considering the immediate need for a new residential landfill. The present site will not be capable of handling both the City and County needs through the end of the year more than likely.

Mayor Burdette stated that he had received a telegram from Mrs. Madge De Graan requesting a 60 day extension on the condemnation of the co-op building on Railroad Street, due to a pending Federal loan consummating a sale or renovations to be started before the end of the 60 day extension. Ald. Harwell made a motion to grant the extension, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

4. Ald. Harwell reported that the Recreation Dept. was participating in a nutrition program for senior citizens. He also reported a deficit of \$2639.00 in the swim program. The only recourse would be to lower salaries and cut employees. Mr. Bill Horner of Fairmount has been appointed as the seventh member of the commission.

Ald. Padgett acknowledged the Council's appreciation to the firms sending flowers for the open house at City Hall and also to the City employees for the excellent job done.

Ald. Lewis requested that the County be contacted concerning the above mention residential landfill.

5. No public comments.

6. Old Business: (a) Tony King gave review of his report on the future of the First Baptist Church Building on North Wall St. The committee's recommendation was to save the building because of the City's need for a Civic Auditorium, because their estimated cost of renovation was only \$40,000.00 and because of historical value and optimistic public opinion. The Mayor requested that this matter be deliberated another thirty days before brought to a vote.

(b) Jack Bell, Electric Supt., reported that he had delivered the letter written by the Clerk stating the Council's decision not to sign the Municipal Electric Authority - Georgia Power Sales contract at this time, but expressed their interest in participating in future discussion if the percentage of purchase in the power plants was reduced. Mr. Bell also expressed the need to be working on the proposed wholesale rate increase proposed by Georgia Power. The Council advised that the Southeastern Electrical Consultants be contacted.

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(c) Ald. Padgett made a motion to approve water taps for Gene Bell, Red Bud Rd.; Danny Barrett, Beamer Road, but to deny the tap for Raymond Bagwell's trailer at Belwood Acres. 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved. Ald. Padgett asked the Clerk to notify any known interested parties of the water shortage in that area.

(d) Jim Hobgood stated that he expected an answer from Gene Edge on the City's proposed purchase of a portion of the Harper property.

7. New Business: (a) Jim Hobgood submitted two paving estimates, one for \$4,050.00 on the parking area north of the Library and one for \$3,075.00 for streets in the older portion of Fain Cemetery. The Council asked that these paving requests be tabled until the outcome of the State paving contract is determined.

(b) Mr. Hobgood stated that a trash container was being made for the field house.

(c) Mr. Hobgood presented totals of departments actual purchases for February to the Council. This will become a normal monthly report.

(d) Mr. Hobgood reported that the liquid waste disposal truck was ready to begin using and that at the present time all drying beds are full at the Waste Treatment Plant.

(e) Mr. Hobgood also stated that the CO chamber at the Rabies Control center was complete except for installation of the filter, motor and trap door.

(f) Mr. Hobgood requested permission to purchase a cub low-boy and mower to maintain the seven acre lawn at the Water Plant. After discussion, Ald. Harwell made a motion to purchase the tractor, but to wait until King Ford's Economy Tractor arrives to be demonstrated. The Council will consider bids at that time, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

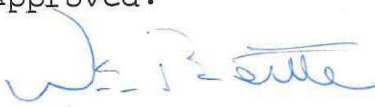
Mr. Maxwell requested that any future bid request be accompanied by a specification sheet. The Council concurred.

(g) Building Inspector, Bruce Bowman, presented a request from Abner McEntyer owner of the Kountry Giant on State Route 53 for a variance on required set-back in order to add a small addition to the store. After consideration, Ald. Padgett moved to grant the variance, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(h) Ald. Lewis admonished the fact that the Clerk had received notice of a rate change for Webbs Cable T.V.

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