

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and Chaplain John Allen gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the March 8 regular meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments: Mayor Burdette urged the public to contact any member of the Council concerning their feelings on the disposition of the First Baptist Church building on N. Wall Street. The Council will make a formal decision on April 12, 1976.
4. Alderman's Comments: Ald. Harwell stated that Civil Defense Director Buddy Autry had requested the use of a city truck to pick up a jeep in Montgomery, Ala., that would be used for the Civil Defense Dept. Ald. Harwell was asked by the Council to determine what vehicles were currently being used by the department. The Council also asked Mr. Harwell to find out where joint owned, city and county, vehicles were located and who was using them. A truck will be made available for the Civil Defense to use in picking up the jeep.

Ald. Padgett stated that some immediate action should be taken about the serious incidents occurring at the Waffle House Restaurant at the Red Bud - I-75 Intersection. After much discussion, the Council asked the City Clerk to check with the City Attorney concerning any possible action that could be taken to eliminate the constant disorderly behavior there. The Clerk was instructed to write the company regarding the fact that some immediate action would be taken.

5. Public Comments: Building Inspector Bruce Bowman stated that he had filed a petition with the Zoning Board over 30 days ago concerning rezoning of a portion of Arnold Tippens property on Belmont Drive. No answer had been received in the allotted time, therefore the recommendation would automatically be affirmative by the Board. After discussing the request to rezone from R-1 to R-3 to allow an A-frame house to be built with proper set backs, the Clerk was authorized to advertise the public hearing on April 12, 1976.

Mr. J. W. Ralston requested permission to locate a trailer on his property off Richards Street. The trailer would be used by his mother. After discussion, Ald. Harwell made a motion to grant a temporary permit of six months, subject to renewal, provided written consent of the neighbors was received and provided the trailer met the city's building, electrical and plumbing codes. 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

6. Old Business: (a) City Supt., Jim Hobgood reported that the new truck for the Sanitation Dept. had arrived and was in use. The converted sludge truck was in operation and could haul 1700 gal. of sludge and unload this amount in seven minutes. A sample had been sent to the University of Georgia to be analyzed. One report had arrived, but more information was forthcoming.

(b) Mr. Hobgood stated that the water treatment expansion was under way. Most raw water equipment had been purchased, except electric controls. A 20" line is to be run to the river with a 4200 gal. per minute pump on a steel foundation. The lab renovations have been started. All brick work and half of the tile work has been done. Quotes have been received on the heating and air conditioning. Modification of the filter beds should be coming along well within the next six weeks. Several pumps ordered from FMC had manufacturing errors that would have to be corrected.

(c) Mr. Hobgood stated that sidewalks had been repaired on N. Wall Street and all the double headed meters were up. A few sidewalk repairs are yet to be done. The Council, after much discussion, asked that a one hour time limit be placed on the parking area in the middle of Court Street in front of the Fire Dept. Tires are to be marked.

(d) The Council asked that the following three people be asked to serve on the newly created Personnel Advisory Board, with the latter three being alternates. (1) Wayne Ashworth (2) Dean Hayes (3) George Brunt Alternates (1) Calvin Caldwell (2) R.G. McClure (3) Dick Tribble.

(e) Ald. Padgett made a motion to grant the following water taps: J.B. Smith, Jones Road; George Mashburn, Ridgecrest Drive; Dwight Walraven, Weberdale Heights, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.

(f) The Mayor reminded the Council of the sale of the landfill property on April 3, 1976. Ald. Padgett stated that the Recreation Dept. had requested the use of the property as a practice field. The Council stated that the City owned some five acres at the end of Court Street, adjacent to Line Street School that would be more suitable. Ald. Harwell was asked to notify the Recreation Commission.

7. New Business: The Clerk presented a beer application from the American Legion Post 555. The Clerk explained that provision had been made in the moritorium passed at the first of the year. The Clerk stated that the Charter had been cleared and the commander understood that outstanding taxes would have to be paid in addition to the fee. The Council stated that the hearing would be on April 12, 1976.

(b) The Clerk announced three one-day seminars to be held in Atlanta April 12, 13 & 14. The Mayor asked Hoyt Edwards to attend the City Strategy for National Action Conference on the 12th, he would attend the one for Mayors and Councilmen on the 13th and the Clerk on April 14 on Municipal Finance.

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(c) The City Superintendent stated that a spare 300 GPM pump had replaced a stand by 200 GPM pump at the water tank on Cove Street.

(d) Ald. Padgett made a motion to appoint Jack Bell as delegate and Hoyt Edwards as alternate for Electric Cities.

Jack Bell stated that the annual meeting would be held on April 5 in Atlanta. He stated that new proposals were being discussed on the purchase of power plants from Georgia Power and we should be receiving more information shortly.

(e) Bill Robertson asked that the property in land lot 303, 14th district, 3rd section, located across from Shepherd Motel and lying between Ramada and the Villager Motel be annexed into the City effective Jan. 1, 1976, and be zoned as C-2. Ald. Cox mad a motion to accept the application, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.

(f) Hoyt Edwards stated that we could make application for a solid waste landfill grant and suggested we apply with the County for better results. The Council concurred.

(g) The Clerk, with the Mayor's assistance, read a 21 page personnel policies amendment to the personnel ordinance adopted in December, 1975. The amendment will be voted on April 12, 1976.

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

Approved:



W. C. Burdette,  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,  
City Clerk