

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the Dec. 13, 1976, regular meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments: Mayor Burdette stated that the second public hearing on the Block Grant would be Dec. 28, 1976, at 7:00 p.m. He stated that although the City had received no official word, that Coosa Valley had informed us that the City of Calhoun did not receive any funds from the E.D.A. - Public Works Grant in which we applied for four different projects
4. Aldermen's Comments: Ald. Padgett requested that the cut-off date for items to be placed on the Council agenda be changed from Monday noon to Thursday at 6:00 p.m., so that the Council could receive the agenda on Friday, before the Monday night meeting. The Council concurred with this request.
Ald. Harwell inquired if any changes in the business license ordinance regarding retail sales had been made within the last year. The Clerk explained that no changes had been made but that the notice for last year had been mailed out with the amount paid the year before by the store operator, rather than the formula for computing the amount due.
Mr. Harwell had several comments regarding the audit and the budget. These were discussed at length by the Mayor and other Aldermen.
5. Public Comments: (a) Ann Clemmer director of the nutrition program for senior citizens appeared before the Council to ask for assistance in the transportation cost. She introduced Ms. Ola Ayers director for the the ten county area in the Coosa Valley planning district. Ms. Clemmer and Ms. Ayers proceeded to explain the program and the benefits. After extensive discussion, Ald. Lewis made a motion to participate in the transportation cost up to \$220.00 per month for 3 months until other sources of funding could be found. 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.
(b) Sgt. Kenneth Cronan and Patrolman Jay Phillips appeared before the Council to request back pay for the 10 working day suspension given each earlier in the year. After discussion by the Mayor, Council, City Superintendent, Sgt. Cronan and Patrolman Phillips, Ald. Lewis made a motion to deny the request, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.
6. Old Business: (a) Ald. Cox made a motion to grant 1977 beer license to American Legion 555 and Three J's, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.
(b) No water taps.
(c) Mayor Burdette read a letter from Dr. Bishop regarding the medical cost associated with the Annette Kennedy claim as well as a statement from her employer regarding time off from work.

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After discussion, Ald. Lewis made a motion denying any liability for negligence on the part of the City, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.

(d) A general discussion followed on the matter of making a two lane street or leaving it at one lane on Hicks St. Ald. Lewis made a motion to leave one way for the future, 2nd by Ald. Padgett, approved by Ald. Cox and Mayor Burdette, Ald. Harwell voted negatively.

7. New Business: (a) The Clerk gave a first reading to a peddling on city streets ordinance.

(b) Ald. Lewis made a motion to adopt a resolution covering acquisition, clearance of right-of-ways with control of future encroachments and regulation of vehicular traffic on the following street, listed for paving on State contract PR 2505: Mauldin Road, Maple St., Dorsey St., Roberts St., Jackson St., W. Pine St., Fain St., Nelson St., Pine St., Jones Ave., Burnette St., S. McConnel St., S. Industrial Blvd., 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.

(c) Ald. Harwell made a motion to adopt a resolution allowing the Mayor to sign the maintenance agreement associated with the above. 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

(d) The City Supt. presented three bids on a back hoe for the street department: Ellis Smith Equipment - \$16,789.00 for a "Long backhoe" - Calhoun Tractor Equipment - \$16,800.00 for an International backhoe - King Ford Tractor Equipment - \$17,418.35 for a Ford.

Ald. Lewis made a motion to accept the low bid from Smith Equipment of \$16,789.00, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

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