

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the Aug. 23, 1976, regular meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments: Mayor Burdette welcomed the audience. A curb and gutter petition was presented to the Council by Mrs. Ken Herron. Ald. Lewis made a motion to accept the petition as third priority for the area of Woodland-Sherwood to Highland Court for work in the spring or summer as the funds are available. First priority is Sherwood to Highland Court, and second priority is Cherokee Lane, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

Mayor Burdette announced that the deadline for appeals had passed on the flood insurance study and insurance rate maps as prepared by the Federal Government and its agent. Mayor Burdette asked that ordinances be prepared for adoption.

4. Aldermen's Comments: Ald. Harwell stated that he had gotten several complaints from the Garden Hills neighborhood regarding the dog situation. Ald. Harwell asked that the area be patrolled by the Rabies Control Department and any untagged dogs be picked up.
5. Public Comments: Mr. Herman White from the Oostanaula Community explained that most of the visitors present were there to discuss the proposed landfill in that area.

Mayor Burdette and Jim Hobgood proceeded to explain what had expired thus far in locating the property and obtaining an option. They explained what requirements would have to be met before the the area would be approved by the State or Federal agencies.

Mr. Ernest Avery, Mr. Bobby House, Mr. Eugene Pullium, Mr. Everette Holbrook, Mr. Dwight Walraven, Mr. Calvin Blankenship, Mr. C.L. Hawkins, Mr. Hershell White, Mr. Claude Carnes, Mr. Gary White and Mr. Herman White discussed the area with the Council. They discussed the water situation, devaluation of their surrounding property, the population of the area, how much of the acreage that could actually be used for the landfill, and the testing of the area.

The Mayor and Council assured the group that no decision would be made until the borings had been done, not only of one designated area, but random borings from the acreage that was originally considered to be useable. They explained that the Council had no desire to bring undue burdens on any group or individual, but that their concern was for the health and safety of the County as a whole. A suitable landfill area must be obtained as soon as possible, since the present site is subject to being closed by the State at any time.

6. Old Business: (a) The Clerk announced that a public hearing would be held on Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. on the City's rezoning proposals. The date had been changed from Sept. 13, due to improper advertising time.

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(b) The Mayor and Supt. Hobgood explained the results of a meeting on the grant resulting from the Public Works Employment Act. The bill has not yet been funded and it seemed to be the general opinion that the larger projects involving more labor would be more likely to have an acceptable application. They were in favor of adding the main water line from the water plant to the fire station project. This would increase the labor and price of the project to some \$400,000.00. The Civic Building on Line Street School property west of McConnell Road, and the maintenance building would serve as the second and third projects.

(c) Mike Jones gave a report from the committee appointed by the Mayor to study the proposed Welcome Center. Mr. Jones stated that he had checked two similar centers, one at Macon and one at Brunswick. The Macon center is funded by the City and County and operated by the Chamber of Commerce. It is manned by three full time and one part time employees. The operating cost is from \$53,000. to \$58,000 per year, with \$10,000 being refunded by the State. The initial staffing cost was \$17,000.00. They have 1,000,000 visitors per year 90% tourist related and 10% seeking directions.

Brunswick invested \$49,000 to \$50,000 for water and sewerage facilities and \$5,000 for furniture and fixtures. Their operating cost is \$60,000 per year. Their benefit is entirely tourist orientated.

The Council felt that any decisions on the proposed center would not be made until the new commission came into office.

(d) Supt. Hobgood stated that the Commissioner, Sheriff and Police Chief were in agreement to change the angle parking to parallel parking at the rear of the Courthouse and at the front of the jail.

(e) The Clerk announced that certified notifications had been mailed to the Day Care Center, the Speech Therapy Clinic and the Church. Mayor Burdette presented a request from the Church. The air conditioning unit housed on top of the educational building serving both the educational building and the sanctuary had been donated to the Church. They requested that the unit be returned to the Church when the building was vacated by the Day Care Center.

(f) Ald. Cox made a motion to have a plat drawn on the old land-fill property on Devonwood Drive, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.

(g) The Clerk explained that the maintenance agreements had been returned from the Dept. of Transportation on the 2.180 miles and 1.5 miles. The actual paving contract is forthcoming.

(h) Mr. Joel Ables and Dady Patel stated that there was a shortage of water at the Glassrock Plant and the Oothcaloga Subdivision. The plant had installed new equipment increasing their water useage. The Supt. and Bruce Bowman stated that a large tap could be installed to alleviate the problem. Supt. Hobgood stated that they would study the problem on Highland Street and determine

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what could be done to help the situation.

7. New Business: (a) Kenneth Williams stated that he was building an 18 house subdivision on the Herrington Bend Road. An approval could not be obtained from the State Water Control Division on the existing two inch main. After discussion Ald. Harwell made a motion to replace the two inch with a six inch line which will help the entire area. The line for the subdivision would have to be purchased by Mr. Williams. 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.
- (b) Bruce Bowman stated that the State Patrol headquarters had requested that the red light call for a four way stop at all times on Pine and River Street, due to recent accidents in that area. The Council concurred.
- (c) Supt. Hobgood stated that the first section of drain tile had been placed at Court Street.
- (d) Supt. Hobgood stated that work was in progress on Second Avenue.
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