

1. Call to order by Mayor Burdette, invocation by Richard Wilson.
2. Minutes of the July 12, regular and special council meeting were read and approved.

3. Mayor Burdette welcomed the visitors to the meeting and extended an invitation for them to attend future meetings.

4. Alderman's Comments: (a) Ald. Harwell made a motion that the City approve the move of the Civil Defense office to the former soil conservation offices by the Oostanaula River. Very little maintenance would be required -- painting, etc. and air conditioning. The County had previously given permission, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.

Ald. Harwell made a motion to take the necessary steps to allow sale of the Civil Defense's excess equipment: two boats, motor, trailer, International van and jeep. 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

Ald. Harwell made a motion for the City to assist the County in getting the abandoned landfill on the Oostanaula River filled and ready to serve as a practice field for the Recreation Dept. by fall. There was no second to the motion. After discussion, the City agreed to contribute the time and equipment as was available to the request -- but with the projects underway at present the fall deadline might not be met. The County could begin the fill work as had been planned and the City could do the finishing work as soon as possible.

(b) Ald. Cox asked that the matter of selecting a Police Chief be discussed. Mayor Burdette stated that Mr. Davis was not certified, and would need to attend school for six weeks in order to become certified. He also stated that it had been reported that Mr. Davis had health problems which might hamper his job performance. Ald. Cox had been asked to check with Mr. Davis. He reported that approximately one year ago he had pulled a muscle in his back, but had had no problems since then.

Ald. Padgett stated that he had reconsidered the situation, but he could find no reason to change his original views. He stated that he felt Mr. Davis would do a fine job with the support of the Mayor, Council, and City Superintendent. He commended Lt. Johnson and Lt. Mincey for the fine jobs they had done as acting Chief. Ald. Cox was in agreement with Ald. Padgett's statement.

Ald. Harwell stated that he appreciated the interest of the public. He felt that the Police Department had not deteriorated a considerable amount. He had given the matter a lot of consideration and would stand firm on his decision to hire Mr. Davis as Chief of Police.

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Ald. Lewis stated that he was still opposed. He felt that Mr. Davis had several good points as a law enforcement officer, but that he would prefer to have a man for the job that could have the towns full backing, rather than the apparent 50% backing that Mr. Davis would have.

Mayor Burdette asked for public comments: Mrs. Madison Byrd commended Mayor Burdette and Ald. Lewis for standing by the Council's original decision to seek someone outside the City and County for the job. Miss Elaine Boaz also stated that she was hopeful that the Council would still consider someone from outside the City and County and not make a decision at this point. Mike Jones asked what the process of receiving applications had been. Mayor Burdette stated that City Superintendent Hobgood had been asked to obtain applications and review the applicants and pass on those qualified to the Council for consideration. Mayor Burdette stated that he would like to see a two week extension granted to receive applications. He felt the City Supt. did not make any effort to obtain additional applicants after Mr. Davis applied for the job.

Ald. Padgett stated that he felt the matter had been considered quite some time and that the people being considered had waited and were due a decision at this time. Ald. Padgett made a motion to over-ride the Mayor's veto and hire Hugh Don Davis as Police Chief, 2nd by Ald. Cox, Ald. Harwell voted affirmative, Ald. Lewis negatively and Mayor Burdette negatively.

Mayor Burdette and Ald. Lewis stated that they would respect the decision of the majority and would pledge their support to Mr. Davis.

5. Public Comments: (a) Leon Greshem presented a petition for curb and gutter for the remainder of Woodlawn Drive. Mayor Burdette accepted the petition and stated that it would be taken under advisement.

(b) Jack Hamilton and Tolbert Galmon presented an application for a pawn shop license for a shop on Park Avenue. After discussion, Ald. Padgett made a motion to grant the license, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.

(c) Mayor Burdette asked that the group recognize Mr. George Brunt who had agreed to serve as chairman of the newly formed Personnel Advisory Board.

6. Old Business: (a) City Clerk Harrison read a recommendation from the zoning commission requesting that before any rezoning on College Street be granted, that the zoning ordinance be amended to allow a more restricted commercial zoning of office buildings. Ald. Padgett made a motion to follow this recommendation, and table any rezoning request of the area at this time. 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved. Ald. Lewis stated that since several residents of the area were in the audience at this

time, he would like their opinions on any future rezoning requests. Mrs. Dan Strain, spokeswoman for the group, stated that since a majority of the residents were widows that they had been upset by the notice of the rezoning request. She stated that since they were not familiar with the zoning terms, she had asked her son, Danny an attorney, to look into the matter and that he would speak for the group.

Danny stated that he appreciated the Council's decision to amend the zoning ordinance to allow for office buildings, and that he would be interested in seeing the classification after it was written. He stated that he felt the general conscience of the neighborhood was to retain the residential zoning as long as possible and not allow any commercial zoning in the area since it was not declining and as long as this was the case.

(b) Superintendent Hobgood asked for the Council's opinion on altering the fire station to make room for the new fire truck that had been ordered. He asked if they were in agreement with the plans as had been outlined earlier. After discussion and a request from Anthony King that the building not be altered from its original design, the Council asked that Mr. Hobgood meet with the Chamber and an architect on Wednesday, Aug. 4, at 5:00 p.m. He was asked to report any findings at the next Council meeting.

(c) No water taps.

(d) Mr. Bill Avery with GMA presented the retirement plans that had been formulated from information given from the City. The Clerk was asked to have these plans reviewed by the City Auditor and City Attorney and report back to the Council.

7. New Business: (a) Mr. A. R. McDaniel called the Council's attention to the quit claim deed granted to the City from him in September, 1962, stating that he could repurchase the property for \$6500.00 any time within 30 days after the grantee (the City) corrects the title, or at any time the grantee was in a position to convey to the granter (Mr. McDaniel) 100% fee simple title to the property. He stated his interest in regaining ownership of the property by a quit claim deed which would eliminate the City's position in granting clear title.

Mayor Burdette asked that the matter be checked by the City Attorney before any decision was reached.

(b) The Clerk presented a draft beer request from Douglas Thompson, d/b/a This Old House on North Wall Street. The previous moratorium expired on July 12, 1976. The Council granted a public hearing for Aug. 9, 1976, at 7:30 p.m.

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(c) Ald. Harwell made a motion to set a six months moratorium (until Jan. 26, 1977) on all beer-wine-and liquor applications, 2nd by Ald. Padgett, voted affirmatively by Ald. Cox and Mayor Burdette and negatively by Ald. Lewis who was opposed to closing applications to eating establishments requesting draft beer licenses.

(d) Ald. Padgett made a motion to grant a outside sewer tap to Mr. C. R. Morrison on U.S. 41 North who met all previously stated qualifications, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(e) The Clerk read the application for annexation by Charles Carson. There was some discussion as to where the property was and continuous city boundries. The matter was tabled until Aug. 9, 1976.

(f) Ald. Cox made a motion to pay half the cost to resurface Dan Cheri Drive. The County had agreed to pay half. 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.

(g) The Clerk presented a request from Calhoun Watch Shop, owner Vincent Bagwell, to renovate his shop. After discussion, the Council asked that Mr. Hobgood discuss the situation, with Mr. Bagwell and try to coordinate his ideas with those of the Chamber's revitalization committee, since Mr. Baywell's shop is a focal point in the area. The Council did not wish to deter anyone from renovating their businesses.

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