

1. Call to order by Mayor Burdette and invocation by Mr. Howard Robinson.
2. Minutes of the Jan. 12, 1976, regular meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor Burdette stated that a meeting would be held on Jan. 30, 1976, 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse regarding street paving contracts from the State. All Councilmen are invited to attend.
4. (a) Ald. Cox asked that consideration for the school gym roof at the Line Street School and the heating, air conditioning, wiring, and painting of the High School Auditorium be considered. After discussion Mayor Burdette asked the Clerk to set up a meeting of the Council and City Board of Education to discuss these items.
(b) Ald. Harwell reported that he had a street paving request from Mr. Clyde Petty on Devonwood Drive. He stated that he had attended the recent Recreation Commission meeting and had a request to consider the construction of four double tennis courts at a cost of \$21,775.00. The Commission has \$10,000.00 from the Ratner Foundation that could be used for part of the cost. Ald. Harwell stated that the County had no additional funds for the Recreation Commission at this time. The Mayor stated that since the project was a joint City-County project that any further unauthorized expenditures would have to be tabled for the present time.
Ald. Harwell gave an annual report on the Civil Defense Dept. and commended Mr. Autry on the fine job done during 1975.
Ald. Lewis asked that the Council members ^{to} discuss the street priority list after the meeting.
Ald. Padgett asked that the Police Dept. check more closely on trucks and vans selling merchandise in Calhoun without business license.
5. Public Comments: Ms. Jerri Lynn Joiner of VAC asked that the Council consider their request to designate Feb. 14, 1976, as Bill Hill Day in recognition of the many contributions he has made to the citizens of Calhoun and Gordon County. Mayor Burdette concurred with this request not only of Mr. Hill's contributions but of those contributions made by the radio station's management as well. Ald. Padgett made the motion to grant the request and designate Feb. 14, 1976, as Bill Hill Day, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.
Mr. Howard Robinson, Worth Thacker, Ronald Robinson and Mike Powell stated that the street changes on Piedmont and Wall St. were making it impossible for customers to enter and leave their places of business. They requested that the Council consider another solution to facilitate the flow of traffic. Mayor Burdette asked Jim Hobgood to contact the Dept. of Transportation immediately and relieve the situation.

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6. Old Business: (a) Ald. Lewis made a motion to allow the clerk to give customers in North Industrial Blvd. utility credits arising from errors in the interpretation of sewer contracts signed in 1970 with these customers. Ald. Harwell 2nd the motion and it was approved.
- (b) Chief Grizzle gave a 1975 annual report for the Fire Department. He also gave the findings of the recent study done by Insurance Services. The Calhoun area is classified as Class 6 at the present time but could be raised to Class 5 if 126 deficiency ~~ciens~~ ~~points~~ could be cleared. Mr. Grizzle stated that he was in the process of trying to determine how to eliminate the points and what the cost would be. He will keep the Council informed on his findings.
- (c) Jim Hobgood discussed the sewer extensions proposals distributed to the Council on Jan. 12, 1976. Ald. Harwell made a motion to begin on schedule A, using city labor, as soon as weather permits, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.
- (d) Jim Hobgood stated that one water tap on Highway 53 was in Floyd County. The Council stated that this be tabled for the present time. Mr. Hobgood stated that the Thomas, Chattam water taps requests would require extending a 2" line another 200 ft. Ald. Padgett made a motion that this request and the one for W.M. Thomas on Goat Road be made, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.
- (e) The discussion on the Elnora Harper property will be continued at a later date.
- (f) The Council authorized Mr. Hobgood to accept the bid for padding the court benches from Mr. Tom Curtis for \$198.00.
- (g) Mr. Hobgood reported that the C & J Company of Chatsworth would be able to do the borings for the Echota Acres Subdivision water line extension at \$12.50 per linear foot.
7. New Business: (a) Building Inspector Bruce Bowman asked that the following houses be considered for condemnation: Harold Deaton house at 318 Piedmont; Mrs. Roach house and barn at 201½ Line and Harlan Streets; and house at 216 King Street; and house at 104 Rankin Street; James Beamer houses at 106 Rankin and 107 King Street. Ald. Cox made the motion to notify the above property owners, giving them 60 days to begin improvements or ~~th~~ the buildings would be destroyed. Also to be included is the Farmers Co-Op building owned by Mrs. Madge De Grann, 2nd by Ald Padgett and approved.
- (b) The Clerk gave a 6 months budget report. Income is running slightly over budget due to the early collection of taxes and expenses are only over budget by 2½%. A detailed report was submitted to each Council member.

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(c) Mr. Hobgood stated that he would like the Council's views on installing double headed parking meters on Wall Street and repairing the sidewalks. After discussion the Council authorized the double headed meters, but requested that the sidewalk repairs be held at a minimum for the present time, since total replacement cost would run so high.

(d) Mr. Hobgood explained that there was a drainage and flooding problem in North Industrial Blvd. due to excavation dirt being piled up at Shamrock Carpets. The Council authorized Mr. Hobgood to discuss the problem with Shamrock and give them sufficient time to eliminate the situation.

(e) Mr. Edwards reported that the pre application had been filed on the block grant and nothing further could be done until the middle of February.

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