

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. The minutes of the Nov. 22 regular meeting and Dec. 4 special meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments: None.
4. Aldermen's Comments: Ald. Harwell asked if those people selling fruits and miscellaneous items on Park Avenue had business licenses and why they were allowed to park and sell from city parking spaces. The Clerk advised that they had license and an ordinance in the code was being interpreted by the City Attorney and if necessary would be amended to disallow selling from parking spaces. Ald. Harwell also asked about opening Hicks Street for two way traffic. Street Superintendent Harold Kirby advised that the street had been checked and could be opened for two way traffic after repairs and widening was done.
5. Public Comments: Police Sgt. Kenneth Cronan asked the Council to reimburse himself and one other policeman for ten working days suspension without pay, earlier in the year. Ald. Padgett made a motion to table the discussion until City Superintendent Hobgood could be present, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.
6. Old Business:
 - (a) The Clerk gave a second reading to the amendment of the Business and Occupation Tax Ordinance. Ald. Padgett made a motion to waive the 3rd reading and approve the amendment, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.
 - (b) The Clerk gave a second reading to the amendment regulating the speed on certain city streets. Ald. Cox made a motion to waive the 3rd reading and approve the amendment, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.
 - (c) Ald. Padgett made a motion to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings on the Flood Management Ordinance and approve as read at the Nov. 22 Council meeting. 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.
 - (d) The audit review was postponed until a later meeting to discuss in depth.
 - (e) Ald. Padgett made a motion to approve the annexation of the Charles M. Baker property located on U.S. North 41 Highway, land lot 169, 14th district, 3rd section according to a plat prepared by Carl F. Freeman, Jr., Ga. Reg. L.S. # 1619 on Sept. 21, 1976, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.
 - (f) Ald. Padgett made a motion to approve water taps for Danny Owens, Lover's Lane Road; Mrs. David Manning, 508 E. May St.; D. C. Payne, McDaniel Station Road, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.
7. New Business: (a) Scottie Smith applied for a privileged license to operate a pool parlor on West Line Street. After discussion, Ald. Lewis made a motion to grant the license subject to the new ordinance, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.

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(b) Ald. Lewis made a motion to grant 1977 beer/wine/liquor license to the following established businesses:

Beer - Smitty's, 53 Package Store, Jack's Package Store, Ted Smith's Package Store, Eureka, Jimmy's Package Store, Troy's Package Store, Arch City Package Store, Bobby's, Country House Restaurant, V. F. W. & American Legion.

Wine - Smitty's, Troy's Package Store, Red Bud Liquor Store, Inc., and Ray's Package Store

Liquor - Charlie's, Johnny's Jughouse, Ray's Package Store, Red Bud Liquor Store, Inc., V.F.W., and American Legion.

2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.

(c) Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve the appointment of Jimmy Prater to fill the unexpired term (until Feb. 1980) of Buford Chitwood on the Recreation Commission, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.

(d) A general discussion followed concerning the expiration of the beer/wine/liquor moratorium in January, 1977. No action was taken.

(e) Mayor Burdette explained that the transportation funds associated with the senior citizens lunch program would expire at the first of the year. He explained that several city citizens will be without a way to the community center to participate in the program and that Ms. Ann Clemment, director, had requested the City's assistance. After discussion, the director was asked to find other sources since it was questionable as to the City being legally able to participate in the program.

(f) Ald. Cox made a motion to extend the tax deadline until Jan. 20, 1977, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.

(g) Mayor Burdette opened bids for a new pickup truck approved earlier in the budget for the Street Department. Prater Ford bid \$4,497.00 and Roy Davis Chevrolet bid \$4,449.88 on comparable trucks. Ald. Lewis made a motion to accept the low bid, \$4,449.88 from Roy Davis Chevrolet, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(h) Mayor Burdette announced that two public hearings would be held on the Community Block Grant, one on Dec. 23 at 4:00 p.m. and one on Dec. 28, at 7:00 p.m.

(i) The Clerk reviewed some of the legal reports from Electric Cities attorneys regarding a possible refund on the WR-9 power contract with Georgia Power.

(j) A general discussion followed on growth percentages of the 1975 to 1976 audits.

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