

MAY 23, 1966 - REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL WITH ALL PRESENT.

1. Chaplain T. J. Lance delivered the invocation.
2. Minutes of regular meeting of May 9 and called meeting of May 19 read and approved.
3. The director and all members of the Recreation Commission were present and asked the Council to appropriate \$14,500.00 for the purchase of approximately 35 Acres of land from Oothcaloga Industrial Development, Inc. It was explained that the commission has \$4,500.00 to apply to this purchase, and the federal gov't. is expected to reimburse the City in the amount of \$9,500.00. This would place the City's investment at \$5,000.00, the amount approved at the Jan. 10, 1966 meeting. Ald. David made a motion that the Council comply with the request of the Recreation Comm. with the stipulation that the land is to be under the express control of the commission. Ald. Norton seconded and the motion was passed without a dissenting vote.
4. Ross Bernhard, Wallace L. Burton, Albert W. Head, Jack Holland and Jerry W. Sutherland, all residents of Woodland Drive, told the Council that there were approximately 32 children in their neighborhood whose lives are in constant danger because of speeding automobiles. They asked Council to install speed breakers at strategic points in the street to stop this practice. Council advised the city attorney would be consulted as to the legality of installing speed breakers and assured these gentlemen of their desire to cooperate with them in eliminating this hazard.
5. Gus Cate, Supt. of City Schools, explained some of the financial problems facing the school system. Mr. Cate said the city's share of the school budget for year beginning July 1 is \$142,000 and asked that \$10,000 of this be appropriated in June in order to eliminate our schools from the list of deficit spending systems. Council agreed to advance the \$10,000 and pay the balance in equal quarterly payments of \$33,000.
6. Ald. Woods inquired as to progress on dilapidated bldg. of Robert Acree. Clerk advised that Mr. Acree would not accept a certified letter and the post office had returned it. City attorney to advise proper manner to serve Mr. Acree.
7. Ald. David sought and received approval of Council to send one policeman and one fireman to Macon on June 11-12 for the Basic Rescue Instructors Course.
8. Ald. David heard in the matter of a bath house for the swimming pool at Stephens School. No action taken.
9. Mrs. Beulah Watson's letter, notifying Council/injuries and damages allegedly suffered, from a fall on a city sidewalk, referred to the city attorney. of
10. Supt. Owens said Mrs. Ray (Margaret) Talley had complained that each time the city cut off the water supply to her house, the element in her water heater burned out. Supt. Owens explained that only a few water heaters let the water siphon out this way, and a check valve has to be placed in the water line to prevent this.
11. Supt. Owens told Council of letter from State Highway Dept. re traffic lights and street signs which must meet state requirements by **Dec. 31**, 1968. Council agreed to initiate a compliance program and bring all lights and signs up to state standards by the above date.
12. Supt. Owens said the contract letting on Oothcaloga St. (SR 53) was awaiting procurement of rights of way by Billy Burdette.
13. Clerk reported that the JC's had asked to install a public telephone on the sidewalk on Park Ave. at Calhoun Drug Co. Council approved.
14. Supt. Owens informed council that approximately 15 Acres of land

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belonging to Miss Elnora Harper will be needed for the sewage treatment plant. Council instructed Mr. Owens to negotiate the purchase of this land with Miss Harper.

15. Ald. King moved to adjourn, 2nd by Ald. Woods and done.

Approved:

Frank M. Dickinson  
Frank M. Dickinson, Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

  
Hoyt Edwards, City Clerk