

1. Call to order by Mayor Burdette
2. Invocation given by Rev. John Allen of Belmont Baptist Church.
3. Minutes of the Nov. 25, 1974, regular meeting and the Nov. 29 special called meeting read and approved.
4. Mayor's Comments: Mayor Burdette reported on the procedure under way to upgrade the Police Department. Alderman Lewis stated that a training course was being coordinated to begin Jan. 6, 1975, including instruction on city ordinances, state laws and general instruction from the FBI. Mayor Burdette stated that Policeman David Long had been dismissed effective Dec. 6, 1974, with one month's all inclusive severance pay. He also stated that Sgt. Larry Bowen had been demoted to patrolman. Mayor Burdette announced that the cost for a much needed caution "Flasher Light" on U.S. Highway 53 would be \$653.00 including installation. Ald. Padgett made the motion to install said light as soon as possible, 2nd by Ald. Mathews and approved by the Council.

Mayor Burdette announced that a Human Relations Council meeting would be held in the near future and requested that each alderman attend if possible. The Mayor will notify everyone of the time and place.

Mayor Burdette stated that he had been asked for assistance in solving the lack of parking space for the county employees at the court house. He asked for general discussion by the Council. It was the consensus of opinions that the county had the property available near by and the city would assist in any way possible to help construct a parking lot.

5. Public Comment: (a) Mr. Vern Kuhlman made a request for reimbursement of \$3750.00 on damages suffered since the City delayed in repairing the water tank in North Industrial Blvd. Mayor Burdette stated that the Council would take the request into consideration and report on their findings at the next meeting -- Dec. 23, 1974. Each Councilman was asked to view the sight and consult the city attorney before any conclusions were reached.  
(b) The City Clerk of Plainville, Mrs. Lana Autry, requested the privilege of collecting the City's water bills for that area at the Plainville City Hall. The cost would be \$.10 per bill for approximately 327 customers due on the 15th of the month. The Clerk stated that the City had a safe for the collected monies. A motion was made by Ald. Padgett to grant the request on a six month's trial basis when the proper contracts were drawn and signed, 2nd by Ald. Collins and approved.

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6. Old Business: (a) Bruce Bowman read a proposed change in the business license ordinance governing plumbing, electrical and heating and air conditioning licenses. "Council agreed that beginning Jan. 1, 1975, all skilled craftsmen that require state license must display state license prior to being issued 1975 city license. City Clerk to notify. Exception plumbers have until Jan. 1, 1976, to comply. These crafts to be deleted from general contractors license." The City Clerk was requested to notify each plumber of the change and to notify him of the dates the state tests were given. A motion was made by Ald. Collins to proceed with the change as outlined, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.
- (b) The City Clerk reported that each mobile home owner within the city limits without a permit had been notified and asked to apply at the clerk's office for an application for a temporary permit. There were three such requests submitted. The Council felt that each application should be individually checked and each site photographed before any action would be taken.
- (c) Ald. Padgett stated that there was one water tap request, Mrs. George Mashburn on Woodland Drive. A motion was made by Ald. Padgett to grant the tap, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved. One emergency tap was made for Mr. Claude Fite on the Dews Pond Road. A motion was made by Ald. Padgett authorizing the action, 2nd by Ald. Collins and approved.
- (d) Roy Fox reported that there were several properties requesting annexation. The city attorney was asked to draw the ordinances for voting on at the next meeting.
7. New Business: (a) The City Clerk presented the budget for the first six month's of 1975. The Council asked that a copy be presented to each council member for his consideration and their findings will be presented at the next meeting.
- (b) Ald. Lewis stated that due to the new overtime pay scales for firemen and policemen it would be feasible to hire three more firemen. Ald. Lewis requested any job vacancies be approved by the Council before anyone is hired. The slow down in new projects gave an excellent opportunity to do several "at home" projects rather than entertaining the idea of any job "lay-offs".
- (c) A request was made by the clerk for the Council's opinion regarding city employee Christmas bonus. A motion was made by Ald. Padgett to authorize the plan used in 1973 -- " $\frac{1}{4}$  of month's pay for Dept. heads; <sup>70.00 c.H.</sup> ~~75.00~~ for salarized employees; \$50.00 for hourly employees and \$35.00 for part-time help", 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

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(d) The City Clerk requested blanket approval for the present beer, wine and liquor license holders since they need their city licenses before applying for state license by year end. The Council voted to approve this action but stipulated that an information form would be mailed to each license holder after the first of the year. Each license holder would be notified before hand if any change in policy was made regarding these privilege licenses. A motion was made by Ald. Padgett, 2nd by Ald. Collins and approved.

(e) Tommy Shanahan stated that Dr. Lewis Lang wished to donate the Ester Lou Gravitt lots in M. H. Dobson Subdivision. He stated that Dr. Lang and the City would need to agree on a value. Tom Shanahan also presented a draft of the Cemetery Trust as requested earlier by the Council. The Council clarified cemeteries as being all present and future cemeteries or additions owned and operated by the City. Each member is to be furnished a copy for their study and their findings will be presented at the Dec. 23, 1974, meeting.

(f) The Council asked that the street and police departments mark and enforce a no parking zone in front of Dr. Ben Youman's parking lot and indicate "Do Not Block the Intersection" at Trammell and Piedmont Streets.

8. Motion by Ald. Mathews to adjourn, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.

APPROVED:



W. C. BURDETTE,  
MAYOR

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



(MRS.) CATHY HARRISON,  
CITY CLERK