

FEBRUARY 22, 1993 7:30 P.M.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
226 SOUTH WALL STREET

PRESENT: JOHN D. MEADOWS, III, MAYOR  
THOMAS BOND, MAYOR PRO-TEM  
H.A. OLDFIELD, JR., COUNCILMAN  
JOHN D. SHELTON, COUNCILMAN  
PAUL MCENTIRE, COUNCILMAN

ALSO: KELLY CORNWELL, DIRECTOR UTILITIES/PUBLIC WORKS  
WILLIAM P. BAILEY, CITY ATTORNEY  
CATHY HARRISON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Mayor Meadows called the meeting to order and gave the Invocation.
2. Mayor Meadows led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.
3. Minutes of the February 8, 1993 Regular City Council Meeting were approved.
4. Mayor's Comments:
  - a. Mayor Meadows congratulated Erin Nance as 1st runner up in the Miss U.S.A. Pageant on February 19, 1993.
  - b. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council of the Public Hearing scheduled for March 8, 1993: (1) Annexation Ordinance Request of Gus Holbrook for .66 acres on U.S. Highway 41, South for C-2 zoning. (2) Annexation Ordinance Request of Paul Lusk for approximately 9 acres on the Northeast side of Springs Industries, Inc. on North Industrial Boulevard for Ind-G zoning. (3) Liquor Pouring Ordinance and two additional B/W/L Ordinance Amendments. (4) 4th reading, continued public hearing of Hall/McBrayer d/b/a Boeing Investments, Inc. Annexation Ordinance Request for 6.937 acres for R-2 zoning.
  - c. David Lance and W.W. Balliew reviewed the grant request for the Winner's Club. Mr. Lance explained the benefits provided by the Winner's Club. He also expressed concern that several young people were denied admittance into the club because of lack of funds. He stated that the Board of Directors are continually applying for funding, but a requirement on most applications is for a local effort by the City or County, which has not been the case in the past. Following discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to apply for local legislation for an annual grant of \$5,000.00, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Councilman Oldfield stating that while the legislation would allow a City Council to review the request, it did not necessarily mean the request would be granted. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond stated the Winner's Club provided a service which the City or County would be required to pay if it was not handled by this organization. Following discussion, the motion was approved with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Oldfield voting affirmatively, motion carried.
  - d. Mayor Meadows reviewed the following items from the February Golf Commission Meeting:
    - (1) Golf Cart Purchases - The Golf Commission recommended purchase of the golf carts with financing to be handled by Club Car for a total of \$32,695.80 at an interest rate of 6.21% for 48 months. Following discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to approve the recommendation, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond,

Councilman Shelton, Councilman Oldfield and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- (2) Mayor Meadows stated the Golf Commission also recommended that the liability hazard on the 13th hole be remedied as soon as possible. To date 10 to 12 golf cart windshields have been broken due to golf balls entering the area. Following further discussion, Councilman McEntire made a motion to approve a transfer of funds in the amount of \$12,000.00 to re-route a cart path in order to remedy the problem, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Oldfield voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. Ms. Molly Jenkins made a request from the Women's Club for a free annual membership at Fields Ferry Golf Club to be auctioned at their May 8, 1993 annual event. Ms. Jenkins stated the proceeds would be used in research and architectural cost for a community center which would house several events. She stated to date, the annual event has raised \$77,000.00 which has gone back into the community for various projects. Attorney Bailey stated this request was the same as the request made by the Winner's Club, that it was for public funds to be diverted to a private organization, and that prior to approval, there would need to be a local legislation passed at the state legislature in order for it to be eligible for approval by the Mayor and Council. Mayor Meadows asked if the request could be held for other alternatives to be considered.
- e. Mr. W.H. Wyatt of Calhoun, Georgia stated he was opposed to the proposed sales tax being implemented in lieu of the expired sales tax for the landfill in December, 1993. Mr. Wyatt stated he understood the proposed sales tax would be for a senior citizens center. He stated he qualified as a senior citizen being over 70 years of age, and that he felt additional sales tax only added to the burden of the elderly and to young couples who were having a hard time buying a home with both husband and wife working at this time. He stated he felt any number of churches with fellowship halls would allow these for service to the senior citizens. He asked the Council to consider this before endorsing the additional 1% tax.

5. Public Hearings & Comments:

- a. A public hearing was opened on the closure of Rankin Street 175' North of Court Street to its intersection with King Street. Fire Chief Ferrell Grizzle reviewed the area, and stated that he was concerned about the response time in providing proper fire protection to the businesses in the area. A plat of the street was reviewed by the Council and Fire Chief. It was stated that the section running north and south would remain open due to a sewer easement which would be maintained by the City of Calhoun, therefore, emergency vehicles would have an entrance to the back of the buildings. There were no further comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman McEntire made a motion to approve closure of Rankin Street 175' north of Court Street to its intersection with King Street, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Oldfield voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Mayor Meadows read a resolution which could be adopted which would sell the property presently known as Rankin

Street to Wheeler's, and Wheeler's would in turn sell property known as Lot 4 in Land Lots 260 and 261 in the 14th District, 3rd Section of Gordon County, Georgia, and being described in a plat recorded in Plat Book 20, page 157 of the records of the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court in Gordon County, Georgia. Following discussion, Councilman McEntire made a motion to adopt the resolution, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Oldfield voting affirmatively, motion carried.

- c. A public hearing was opened on the request of Harjinder Singh for a Beer Package License at the building located on U.S. Highway 41 South across from Horizon. Mayor Meadows stated the request had been withdrawn by a telephone request, and no one representing Mr. Singh was present for the hearing. Members of the community produced a petition, signed by the residents of the area requesting the Council deny the petition, as well as, a written statement which requested the petition be denied. The residents stated the additional traffic on the narrow limited streets would endanger the children in the area. There were no other comments, and the hearing was closed. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to deny the request, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman Oldfield, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- d. A public hearing was opened on the B & L, Inc. Liquor and Wine Package License, Lindsey Lewis, President; Cindy Bockholt, Treasurer; Lindsey Lewis, Manager. The license request to be for the package store located on Highway 53, East, presently operated under the name of Lindsey Lewis and Cindy Bockholt, partners. The police reports were clear, there were no comments and the hearing was closed. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to approve the license, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Oldfield voting affirmatively, motion carried.

6. Old Business:


- a. A 3rd reading of the Annexation Ordinance Request of John Wayne Hall and Russell McBrayer d/b/a as Boeing Investments, Inc. for 6.937 acres on Dews Pond Road for R-2 zoning was given. Mayor Meadows stated the request will be held for a 4th reading on March 8, 1993 at 7:30 p.m.
- b. Harrison stated the Police Department had received bids on the police repeater system, one being from Tri-County Communications, Dalton, Georgia for a GE repeater system with a control station package, and upgrade existing equipment for a cost of \$8,500.00, with a warranty for one year. A 2nd bid was made by Coosa Valley Communications, Inc. on a Motorola System repeater, control base, upgrading of existing equipment for a total of \$9,949.00. The warranty would be for one year on parts with the base having a 3 year warranty. Harrison stated the bids had been reviewed by the Police Chief, his assistant, Kelly Cornwell and herself, and that the Police Chief and his assistant had selected the higher bid from Coosa Valley Communications since the radio. which is in use at this time is a motorola, and would be compatible with the equipment in the bid from Coosa Valley Communications. Also, the City has 90% of its radio communications presently with motorola, and they are being served well by Coosa Valley Communications. Based on these factors, the recommendation would be to purchase the motorola system at a price of \$9,949.00. Following discussion, Councilman Shelton made a motion to approve the recommendation for purchase of the equipment a \$9,949.00, and to authorize withdrawal of funds from

the Special Police Account which is to be used for capital items only, 2nd by Councilman Oldfield with Councilman Shelton, Councilman Oldfield, Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.

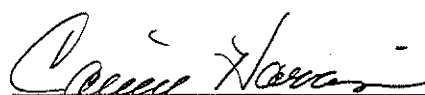
7. New Business:

- a. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to approve the recommendation by the Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Ray Denmon for the balance of the year 1993 by an appointment of Joyce Brownlee, 2nd by Councilman Oldfield with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Oldfield, Councilman Shelton and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
  - b. Mayor Meadows gave a 1st reading of the Fee Ordinance Amendment regarding a lowering of building inspection and permitting cost for residential housing; an increase in the dumpster pickups for commercial customers, due to the increase in landfill cost; an increase in the water line extension cost for developers; an increase in the sewer septic tank permit fees; and also, to set a sewer connection fee for the special sewer line extended on Highway 53, East of I-75. The rate to be \$10,000.00 for retail sales business. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to set the public hearing for March 8, 1993 at 7:30 p.m., 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Oldfield voting affirmatively, motion carried.
8. Director of Utilities/Public Work's Cornwell reviewed the bids taken on February 8, 1993 for a trencher, and stated that he recommended the bid from Ditch Witch for \$33,789.00 which met the specifications, and was the low bid according to the specifications. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to approve the recommendation, 2nd by Councilman Shelton with Councilman Oldfield, Councilman Shelton, Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
9. Councilman Oldfield made a motion to move to Executive Session for legal matters, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman Oldfield, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
10. Councilman Bond made a motion to move to General Session, 2nd by Councilman Oldfield with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Oldfield, Councilman Shelton and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.
11. Mayor Pro-Tem Bond made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Councilman Oldfield with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Oldfield, Councilman Shelton and Councilman McEntire voting affirmatively, motion carried.

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John D. Meadows, III  
Mayor

Submitted:

  
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Cathy Harrison  
City Administrator