

PADGETT, ALD. KING AND ALD. LEWIS IN ATTENDANCE

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Dr. Robert Maddox.
2. Minutes of the regular council meeting of April 24, 1978, were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments: none
4. Aldermen's Comments: None
5. Public Comments: (a) Lewis Diprima stated that he had a problem of roofers repairing adjoining roofs and leaving debris on his roof which caused problems. He asked the Council's assistance in stopping this practice. The Council asked Building Inspector Bowman to talk with the roofers responsible and get the matter cleared up. (b) Mrs. Bobbie Mathews, chairman of the Beautification Committee, and several members presented an outline of their programs of work for the next several months. In order to carry out the work they asked the City for the balance of the Beautification allotment in the 77-78 budget (\$3,800.00) to be carried over to the 78-79 budget in addition to the annual \$5,000.00 allotment. They also asked that a qualified person be hired to protect this investment by providing continual care and maintenance of city property and beautification areas. One project in particular was discussed with the Council, the parking area north of the Library. Ald. Padgett made a motion to carry forward the approximate \$3800.00 to the 1978-79 budget plus appropriate \$5,000.00 as usual to Beautification. 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved. Ald. Cox made a motion to approve installing curb and to pave the parking area north of the Library. 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved. (c) Ald. Lewis stated that Buddy Autry had made a request to hold a twenty-four hour dance-a-thon at the Disco Inferno for Muscular Dystrophy. Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve the request, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved. (d) Discussion was held on the question of business license fees for wreckers on the rotation list for city wrecker service. The Council asked that each participant be billed for a business license.
6. Old Business: (a) A second public hearing was held on the Block Grant request by the City. David Howerin of Coosa Valley Area Planning conducted the hearing. (b) The Clerk gave a 2nd reading to the Harold Bennett annexation ordinance. Ald. Lewis made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings and approve the request to annex approximately seven acres on U.S. 41 North at the overhead bridge for Industrial G zoning, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved. (c) Mayor Burdette announced that the new personnel ordinance to be adopted would abolish the Personnel Advisory Board with all personnel hearings going directly to the City Council. In view of this, he stated that the Council wished to give three distinguished service awards to Mr. Dean Hayes, Mr. Wayne Ashworth and Mr. George Brunt. The three have served faithfully without compensation for two years on the Board, under adverse circumstances on occasions. Certificates were prepared for each.
7. New Business: (a) Discussion was held on the zoning change request from Dick Tribble for lots 61 & 62 of Boulevard Hills on Boulevard Road and Woodrow Street. The request was to change from R-1 to R-3 zoning. The recommendation by the zoning board was favorable. Ald. Cox made a motion to approve provided set-back requirements were met. The request 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.

(b) A discussion followed on Crown Crafts, Inc. request for a zoning variance to allow building within twelve feet of the back property line adjoining the Medical Arts Center property. A letter was presented from owners of the Medical Center objecting to the variance being granted. The opinion of the Board of Appeals was to leave the decision up to the Council. Ald. Lewis made a motion to deny the request, 2nd by Ald. King and approved. Mayor Burdette stated that Crown Crafts needed to discuss the problem with the Medical Arts Center property owners.

(c) Discussion followed on the zoning variance request by Gordon Hills Shopping Center. The Council asked that further discussion be held until May 22, 1978, to allow time for each Aldermen to view the area in question.

(d) Discussion followed for the names of the new fire station and auditorium. Ald. Cox made a motion to use, Calhoun Civic Auditorium and City of Calhoun Fire Station No. 1, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

(e) Bids were opened on a new truck chassis to hold the sewer cleaning machine. Prater Ford's bid was \$8,748.00; Roy Davis Chevrolet's bid was \$9,150.00. Ald. Lewis made a motion to accept the low bid of \$8,748.00 from Prater Ford, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(f) Ald. Padgett made a motion to authorize Mayor Burdette to sign the contract with the County for Ashley Sandrock to work with both governments for collection of taxes, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(g) Ald. Cox made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings of the Personnel Ordinance and approve as previously read, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

(h) Changes in the Personnel Policies were read and discussed. Ald. Padgett made a motion to adopt the new Policies containing the discussed changes, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(i) Supt. Hobgood explained that the City of Dalton has applied for permission to take water out of the Coosawattee River. He stated that he was opposed and had contacted the Dept. of Natural Resources and had made a request for the City of Calhoun to obtain water from the river. He asked for the Council to join him at a meeting in Rome at 7:30 p.m., May 11, 1978, at the Shorter College Auditorium.

- 8. Ald. Lewis made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.
- 9. Ald. Padgett made a motion to reconvene, 2nd by Ald. King and approved.
- 10. Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve a contract with the County for accepting dogs from the County delivered at the Rabies Control Center, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.
- 11. Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve a contract with the County for sharing expenses and work at the Calhoun-Gordon County Recreation Department located on River St., 2nd by Ald. King and approved.
- 12. 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