

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and Ald. King gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the Sept. 25, 1978, regular meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments: Mayor Burdette commented on the excellent GMA district meeting held on Sept. 28, and the annexation hearing held on Sept. 29. He read a letter from Georgia Water and Pollution Control commending the City for the fine job being done at the Waste Treatment Plant.
4. Aldermen's Comments: (a) Ald. Padgett asked the Council to consider a proposal made by Harbin King regarding water from Johnson Spring near the Floyd-Gordon County line. Supt. Hobgood was asked to check into the request and report back to the Council.
- (b) Ald. King stated that he had been notified by O'Jay Mills regarding the city water content in relation to their dye operations. Supt. Hobgood stated that he and the Water Plant Supervisor Estes Pass were working with O'Jay officials trying to resolve the problem.
5. Public Comments: (a) Billy Tierce, representing merchants of the Gordon County Shopping Center, requested the City's assistance with lighting and sweeping of the parking area of the shopping center. A general discussion proceeded. Electric Supt. Bell was asked to give immediate assistance on a minimum scale; while he and Supt. Hobgood surveyed the area at night and made a proposal for the lighting needed and the cost. These proposals are to be presented at the next regular Council meeting.
- (b) Mrs. Jean Miller of Woodland Avenue, presented a petition asking for patrolling of the street to and including Colbert Cemetery located off Peters Street. The Council asked Police Chief Davis to work with Sheriff Baker on a regular patrol of the area.
6. Old Business: (a) Jim Burgess, President of Public Research and Management, Inc., discussed his proposal to revise the City Charter and recodify the Code of Ordinances. Ald. Padgett made a motion to accept the proposal to rewrite, and prepare a new City Charter and to recodify the Code for \$7,500.00, plus a travel allowance not to exceed \$200.00, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.
- (b) Supt. Hobgood reported on progress made on the water line up Henderson Bend Road. Three thousand feet of line was installed last week, this is a total of six thousand feet to this point.
- The extent of damages to the road for prior water line extension for Bruce Enterprises has been determined, and corrections will be made as soon as possible. Once these corrections are made the City will be paid for the extension. The second request for line extension will be considered at that time.
- The curb and gutter work has been done at the parking lot on Park Avenue. Paving will be done as soon as the contractor can get to the job.
- A new trench has been made at the Industrial Landfill. This puts the operation in good shape at this time. The equipment will be moved to the new City/County Sanitary Landfill. If concentrated efforts are made by the City and County on final preparations, the landfill can be opened soon.
- (b) The Clerk gave a second reading to the pinball ordinance. Ald. Cox made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th reading and approve the ordinance as read. 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

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(c) A second reading was given to the annexation ordinance request from Wallace Bryant for two tracts of land, one being a triangle containing 1.26 acres and one containing 5 small lots measuring 25' x 140'. Both tracts are located in the proposed shopping center on U.S. 41 South. The request includes zoning of C-2.

7. (a) Discussion was held on accepting surety bonds in lieu of cash bonds on liquor and beer deposits. The Clerk was requested to take a survey of surrounding cities and report back to the Council.

(b) The Clerk distributed a list of past due utility customers and asked that these be charged to bad debts. After discussion, Ald. Lewis made a motion to charge the attached list of customers to bad debts, and remove from accounts receivable. 2nd by Ald. King and approved.

(c) The Clerk stated that to date, the three current members of the Board of Education had qualified for re-election, Ray Weddle, Jimmy Silvers, and Rodney Harbin. Two current members of the Council, Ald. Cox and Ald. Padgett had qualified for re-election, and Bob Pack has qualified for post 3, now occupied by Ald. Padgett.

(d) Ald. Lewis made a motion to auction two surplus vehicles at the first available Saturday following advertising time. 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.

(e) Mayor Burdette asked the Clerk to work with the V.F.W. regarding a water leak which had caused the sewer charge to be too high.

(f) Discussion was held on the corrective work that had been done on the driveway of Ernest Neal and his present request. The Council stated that several areas needed assistance where no corrective work had been done.

(g) A general discussion followed on the conditions existing at the apartments on Louise Avenue. Ald. King made a motion to condemn the apartments due to unsanitary conditions, giving the owners 90 days to correct the situation. 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

(h) The Council asked Supt. Hobgood to obtain two appraisals on the property owned by the City near Meadowbrook Dairy, and present at the next meeting.

(i) City Clerk Harrison gave a first readings on the Ralph and Gloria Brunt annexation ordinance for lot number 2 on Melea Lane off Peters Street, with R-1 zoning requested.

8. Ald. Lewis made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.

Approved:



W. C. Burdette,
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,
City Clerk