

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the April 10, 1978, regular meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments: (a) Mayor Burdette gave special recognition to Jack Bell on his being elected a Chairman of the Executive Committee for Electric Cities. This group is comprised of fifty Georgia Cities and one County.
(b) Mayor Burdette stated that Ald. Padgett was on vacation in Hawaii.
4. Aldermen's Comments: None
5. Public Comments: (a) The Mayor and each Aldermen were presented copies of a request for the balance of operational funds in the current year's budget, specified for the Calhoun-Gordon County Child Care Center be designated for their current building fund. After discussion, Ald. Cox made a motion to allow all excess operational funds be designated for the building fund for the Center, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.
6. Old Business: (a) City Supt. Hobgood stated that Raymond King Construction Company had bid \$48,000.00 on the proposed civic building for McConnell Road. After further discussion, Ald. Cox made a motion to accept the lowest bid, John Wayne Hall, \$42,000.00 which includes a finished building, except for floor covering; unpainted interior walls and no outside work. The building is to be used by the general public with scheduling and general maintenance and care handled by the Gordon County Civic Club's Committees. Should this arrangement prove unsatisfactory, the building would be placed under the supervision of the Recreation Department, 2nd by Ald. King and approved. Ald. Lewis voted for construction of the building, but stated that he had reservations about turning the care and scheduling of the building over to a private organization.
(b) The Clerk gave a second reading to the annexation request from the Church of Christ of Calhoun. The property being located on Highway 41 South including the Church and lot, plus an additional vacant lot. The zoning requested being C-2. Ald. Lewis made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings and approve the ordinance as requested, 2nd by Ald. King and approved.
(c) The Clerk gave a second reading to the Gordon County Board of Education annexation request for two tracts of property being located off Columbus Circle and containing the Wayne L. Ashworth school and the county superintendent's office building, being a total of 69.168 acres of land. The request was for C-2 zoning. Ald. Lewis made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings and approve the ordinance as was requested, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.
(d) City Supt. Hobgood gave a brief review of the current work in progress. He stated that approximately 1000 ft. of water line had been placed on Victory Drive and a fire plug set; more water line had been installed from College Street to Pisgah Way with a fire plug being set with a "T" being placed which will enable an 8" line to be placed on Woodlawn when the street is ripped up and replaced. A 6" water line had replaced smaller lines on Cherokee Drive and ran around into a loop. The 30" water line is being installed down King Street at this time. Briarwood is almost ready for paving. Piedmont is in the process of being ripped up on the sides for widening; streets in the Mt. Vernon Mill Village have been paved. One federal and one state inspector were here last week to inspect the airport runway. Due to two bad winters and the heavy traffic the runway is almost gone and needs immediate repairs. Both officials promised to give as much help as possible.

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(e) The Clerk gave a reading to the changes Attorney Shanahan had advised on the Personnel Ordinance. The Ordinance and policies can be adopted at the May 8 meeting.

7. New Business: (a) A public hearing was held on the City's application for the block grant. David Howerin with Coosa Valley Area Planning was present and conducted the hearing. After discussion, the City elected to use the area and project that was submitted last year. The Council asked that the City Supt. and Coosa Valley work with the County for a possible joint application for next year to provide sewerage to the Fox Subdivision area.

(b) A general discussion followed on the workman's comp. claim settlement with the dependent of Trammell J. Patterson. The Clerk outlined the courses available to the City as was stated by Judge Greenholtz of the Workman's Comp office. Ald. Cox made a motion to approve the settlement of \$95.00 weekly for 400 weeks as was one of the two choices outlined, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

(c) Discussion was held on the large hospital bill arising out of the above accident. Ald. Cox made a motion to approve payment of the \$19,357.83 Tri-County Hospital bill out of current workman's comp savings account, 2nd by Ald. King and approved.

(d) The Clerk gave a first reading to an annexation ordinance request from Harold and Harry Bennett on 7 acres on U.S. 41 at the overhead bridge.

(e) Ald. Lewis made a motion to grant a business license to Marvin Black for wrestling at the East Line School gym for the balance of the year, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(f) A general discussion followed on the grant the high school obtained to renovate the old school buildings on Oothcaloga Street.

(g) Sealed bids were opened on a sewer cleaning machine. \$14,232.00 from Enviro Equipment and \$14,341.00 from Bradley-Ewing. Ald. Lewis made a motion to accept the low bid of \$14,232.00 from Enviro-Equipment unless the bids did not meet the pre-bid specifications after examination by Supt. Hobgood, 2nd by Ald. King and approved.

(h) Supt. Hobgood discussed the Impala bid from April 10, 1978, with the Council. They submitted a bid of \$5,135.00 on a Nova with a police package. Ald. Lewis made a motion to accept the bid of \$5,135.00 for delivery after July 1, 1978, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(i) Ald. Cox made a motion to adopt a resolution for acquisition and clearance of right-of-way on River Street, from Court to Oothcaloga. 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

(j) Ald. Cox made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the paving contract and maintenance agreement on the above project, 2nd by Ald. King and approved.

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

Approved:



W. C. Burcette,
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,
City Clerk