

LEWIS, ALD. PADGETT AND ALD. COX IN ATTENDANCE

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the March 27, 1978, regular meeting were read, with one correction in item 11, changing reference of 2 years to 4 years. The minutes were then approved.
3. Mayor's Comments: (a) Mayor Burdette expressed sympathy to the family of Trammell Patterson on behalf of the Council and all City employees. Mr. Patterson, a line-man in the Electric Department, fell from a utility pole on March 13, 1978 and passed away on April 6, 1978, without regaining consciousness.
(b) Mayor Burdette stated that he had attended a three day traffic court seminar at Unicoi State Park last week. He stated that the seminar was most beneficial and that he was pleased with Calhoun's present court system in comparison with other North Georgia areas.
4. Aldermen's Comments: None
5. Public Comments: (a) Steve Pischke of Arch W. Roberts Securities made a few brief comments regarding favorable bond market conditions should the need for additional bonding be necessary at this time for the City water and sewer departments.
(b) Sheriff Pat Baker made a few remarks regarding operation of the jail and handling of city prisoners. The Council concurred that prisoners were turned over to the County at the time of incarceration; but that the City was responsible for medical expenses for city prisoners and city personnel would be consulted about the need for medical attention of prisoners if at all possible, as well as transportation to the hospital. The City and County attorneys are requested to review the City/County liability insurance for peace officers and their jurisdictions.
6. Old Business: (a) The Gordon County Civic Club submitted the following committee members for the proposed civic building on McConnell Road: Scheduling committee: Peggy Watters, David Chattam and Ned Childers. Rules Committee: Carrie Chattam, David Chattam, Matthew Chattam, Janie Aker, Peggy Watters, Ned Childers and Lelia Childers. Matthew Chattam would be responsible for the opening and closing of the building.
A general discussion followed on the method selecting builders, time of construction and the current budget trend. The majority of the Council requested that one or two additional bids be obtained if possible and submitted at the April 24th meeting.
(b) Building Inspector Bowman reported that the Dorsey building on N. Wall Street had been contracted out for demolition, but that it was being delayed. The Council stated that the City would remove it for the normal cost of \$200.00 when the current work load would allow. Another house on Oothcaloga Street was discussed. The Council requested that a building, electrical and sewer inspection be made and recommendations given the Council for consideration.
(c) The Clerk gave a second reading to the amendment to the Charitable Fund Raising Solicitations Ordinance. Ald. Lewis made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th reading and approve as read, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.
(d) Supt. Hobgood stated that the City had had to agree to relocate the power lines near the Beamer Road bridge project in order to secure the \$50,000.00 contract with the Department of Transportation. The move would cost a small amount compared to the benefits of the project.

7. New Business: (a) A first official reading of the Church of Christ of Calhoun, Inc. annexation ordinance was given by the City Clerk.

(b) A general discussion followed on the grant offer of \$60,000.00 from Farmers Home Administration for a larger water line extension up to Calhoun Padding. Ald. Cox made a motion to turn the proposal over to Sweitzer and Peoples to work in with the larger F.H.A. grant application for water line expansion, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.

(c) Ald. Padgett made a motion to adopt a resolution covering acquisition and clearance of right-of-ways for College Street, SR 156 to SR 3, Oothcaloga Street-SR 53 conn. to railroad crossing and Briarwood Drive, Highpoint Drive to Hawthorne Drive. 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

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

(e) City Clerk Harrison gave a first reading to the Personnel Ordinance Amendment.

(f) Ald. Cox made a motion to approve the appointment of Claude Nichols to the Housing Authority until April 10, 1983, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

(g) Ald. Lewis, police commissioner, and Police Chief Davis discussed the police department's need for one additional car. After an in depth discussion, Ald.

Lewis made a motion to authorize Supt. Hobgood to purchase a car for the police chief excersing sound business discretion as to price, size and type, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

Bids were reviewed for two additional patrol cars; Prater Ford, LTD 2, 400 motor, \$5,246.00; Roy Davis Chevrolet-Olds, Impala, 4 door with police package \$5,925.00. Ald. Lewis made a motion to purchase the Ford vehicle for \$5,246.00 for delivery by July 1, 1978 to August 1, 1978, but to hold up on the second car until the Chevrolet price could be checked, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(h) City Clerk Harrison gave the first official reading of the annexation ordinance from the Gordon County Board of Education involving the Wayne L. Ashworth school property and the administration building property.

(i) A general discussion followed on the City's 1977-78 general and water/power/sewer budget amendments. Ald. Padgett made a motion to adopt the amendments as per the attached and specify that the \$88,731.00 excess be directed to sewer line expansion for two areas that have been within the City for some time but are without sewerage, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(j) Ald. Padgett made a motion to allocate the MEAG refund of \$86,039.64 toward the following electric line expansion projects: (1.) Bring a circuit out of sub-station No. 1 to the Red Bud area. (2) Regulators for sub-station No. 1 (3) Bring a circuit out of sub-station No. 2 to South Industrial Park 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

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

Approved:

W. C. Burdette,
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:

(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,
City Clerk