

JUNE 19, 1978 - 7:30 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING RESCHEDULED FROM JUNE 26  
DUE TO ANNUAL GMA CONVENTION. THOSE PRESENT WERE MAYOR BURDETTE,  
ALD. KING, ALD. LEWIS AND ALD. COX

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the June 12, 1978, regular meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments: None
4. Aldermen's Comments: None
5. Public Comments: (a) A request was made from the Beautification Committee to amend the approved plans for the parking area north of the library. The amendment was to install a 4 ft. sidewalk on the east side and plant four trees rather than shrubbery. This would require a loss of five spaces. The Council approved the change. Supt. Hobgood stated that the Committee had decided to obtain the services of a landscape firm in order to coordinate all beautification efforts.  
(b) Mike Jones made a request to amend the Business License Ordinance regarding pin ball machines, to conform with State law. After discussion, Ald. Lewis made a motion to amend the ordinance to conform with state law regarding legality with the tax being set at \$50.00 per machine, 2nd by Ald. King approved.
6. Old Business: (a) After discussion, Ald. Lewis made a motion to deny the claim by Metropolitan Insurance Company arising from an accidental fall on the Herrington property in Oothcalooga Heights, 2nd by Ald. King and approved.  
(b) A general discussion was held concerning the proposed amendment to the business and occupation tax for electric distributors within the City of Calhoun. Wesley Johnson of Georgia Power asked the City to consider a 35 year or more franchise contract, which would include a 4% payment to the City on all industrial, residential and commercial sales within the City. He stated that the business license method would require his company to add the tax back to the customers account. Attorney Henry Tharpe, of North Georgia Electric Membership Corp. stated that they would contest the proposed ordinance as it was presently drawn. City's Attorneys Shanahan and Shanahan stated that a new ordinance would be drawn to offer Georgia Power and North Georgia Electric Membership the option of a franchise or taxation under the business and occupation tax ordinance. The ordinance would be presented on July 10, 1978, for first consideration.  
(c) A second reading and discussion was held on the ordinance for annexation of one lot fronting on U.S. 41 South to be included in the proposed shopping center. The request was for a C-2 zoning. Ald. Cox made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings and to accept the ordinance, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.  
(d) Bids were opened on the TD 20 E dozier plow discussed at the June 12, 1978, meeting. Yancey Brothers - \$14,420.00 F.O.B.; Tri-State Tractor - \$12,095.00 F.O.B. Ald. Cox made a motion to accept the low bid of \$12,095.00 from Tri-State, 2nd by Ald. King and approved.  
(e) A variance request was presented from John Wayne Hall concerning a corner lot on Powell and Gallman Streets. The Zoning Board of Appeals had reviewed the request and asked the Council to seek advice from the Building Inspector and City Engineer before making a decision on the 20 ft. variance. After discussion, Ald. King made a motion to grant the variance, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.  
(f) Ald. Lewis asked City Supt. Hobgood to check the stop lines in front of Robinson Tire Company and have these repainted as soon as possible.

(g) Mayor Burdette presented a request for reconsideration of two water taps in the Blackwood area for Mr. Bearden. These taps would be in the area that the Council had previously agreed not to grant any further taps until the existing line was improved or replaced. The Council asked that the request be considered again in three months if the grant application has not progressed at that time.

(h) Mayor Burdette stated that residents in the Pisgah Way area had made several complaints on the renter duplex at the south end of Pisgah Way owned by Pauline Tucker. The Council requested that it be determined when the house was converted to a duplex by checking the second water tap date.

(i) The City Clerk and City Supt. presented the proposed 1978-79 city budgets to the Council and a general discussion followed.

8. Ald. Cox made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.
9. Ald. Cox made a motion to reconvene at 9:33 p.m., 2nd by Ald. King and approved.
10. Ald. Cox made a motion to adopt a resolution covering acquisition and clearance of right-of-way of 2.69 miles of various city streets, as covered in Dept. of Transportation project # PR-8530-129, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.
11. Ald. Cox made a motion to authorize Mayor Burdette to sign the paving contract and to approve the maintenance agreement on the above project, 2nd by Ald. King and approved.
12. Ald. King made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

Approved:



W. C. Burdette,  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,  
City Clerk