

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the Aug. 14, 1978 regular council meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments: Mayor Burdette announced a reception to be held at the Atlanta Gas Light - Georgia Natural Gas office on Friday, Sept. 1, 1978, from 1:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. for J. N. Fox. Mr. Fox will be retiring after 42 years of service. Mayor Burdette asked that all department heads attend the reception. The Mayor stated that he and Jack Bell, electric superintendent, had attended a GMA board meeting in Augusta. He asked that the City work closely on legislative issues sponsored by GMA this year, as these will benefit the City.
4. Aldermen's Comments: None
5. Public Comments: (a) Mrs. Bobbie Mathews and Mrs. Buddy Norton commended the City on behalf of the Beautification Committee for hiring Crawford Greeson to take care of city grounds and maintenance. The committee has hired a professional architect. He will be preparing designs for Park Avenue, the Arch, intersection at Highway 41 and Highway 53, Chandler Cemetery, Fain Cemetery, and the new auditorium. After further discussion on planting of trees, Ald. Lewis made a motion to allow the planting of trees in Fain Cemetery on property owned by the City which will not be sold for grave sites, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved. Ald. Cox made a motion to approve extension of a sidewalk and curb and gutter from the parking area north of the Library almost to the end of the triangle, and to put in two grates on either side of the street. 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved. (b) The Council asked that Supt. Hobgood approach the railroad headquarters about tiling the open ditch adjacent^{xo} the railroad behind the Dorsey, Franklin and Diprima property on 41 North. (c) Mrs. Ernest Dixon complained to the Council about her irregular water usage. Her meter has been changed twice, but the usage has not leveled out. Mayor Burdette assured the Dixons that further checking would be done.
6. Old Business: (a) A general discussion followed concerning the advantages and disadvantages of having a retail electric franchise or an amendment to the business license ordinance. Mr. Wesley Johnson from Georgia Power was on hand to answer various questions by the Council. A major concern other than the 35 year length of time involved was the power company's right to tear up any city street for line expansion without first notifying the City. Mr. Johnson stated that the contract would not be altered, but that he felt a letter could be sent to the City, stating that notification would be made. Discussion ended without official action being taken. (b) City Supt. Hobgood discussed the demand for water in the North Industrial Park and in the Resaca area. This demand has caused water problems plus increased construction in the industrial park has made it necessary to increase the line size to the area. The best solution for the dollars involved is to change a 2" line down the Henderson Bend Road to a 12". The cost of materials consisting of ductile iron will be \$96,955.00 if ordered before Sept. 1, 1978. Supt. Hobgood recommended the project be financed with the funds in the GA-159 account. Ald. Padgett made a motion to proceed with the project, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved. (c) City Supt. Hobgood stated that at the suggestion of Sweitzer & Peoples, engineers for the proposed FHA grant on the water line extension property, he had applied for an additional \$60,000.00 grant from the State Environmental Protection Division. This would match funds requested from FHA to increase the water line north toward Calhoun Padding and other industrial sites.

Ald. Lewis made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing City Supt. Hobgood to sign the Environmental Protection Division grant application for \$60,000.00 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(d) Discussion was held on the property owned by Mrs. Lois Chastain on the Dews Pond Road. After considering her proposal to sell the back portion of the lot, the Council suggested an offer be made for the house and lot, on a 5 year lease purchase at 7% interest, giving her the right to remain in the house as long as she desired to make it her personal residence. Ald. King was asked to discuss the matter with her and her family.

- 7. New Business: (a) City Building Inspector Bowman made a recommendation to condemn the following properties: house on Gordon Ave. owned by Peoples Finance, Partially burned houses on Rankin St.; Fain Street (Stewart House): 41 North (A & W Root Beer Building); 2nd Avenue (Roach House); also in deplorable condition the house on Oothcaloga St owned by Mrs. K.C. Roach; and the house on Alexander and Court, owned by James Beamer

Ald. Cox made a motion to condemn the above, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

(b) Ald. Lewis asked City Superintendent to have plat drawn of the triangle property next to Meadowbrook Dairy and to find out if the Historical Society was interested in locating there.

(c) Ald. Lewis made a motion to adopt a resolution for clearance and acquisition of right of ways for 2.67 miles of city streets: Alexandra St., Memory Lane, South Fair St., Donna St., Brian St., Stewart Dr., Spring Valley Blvd., Court St., and Woodland Circle. 2nd by Ald. King and approved.

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

(e) Ald. Cox made a motion to use a \$2500.00 sprinkler credit on the McConnell Road project for carpet and painting of inside walls, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.

(f) City Supt. Hobgood commended Harold Kirby and Dean Harris and the Street Dept. for completion of Oothcaloga and River Streets, plus the sidewalk on Meadow Lane.

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

Approved:



W. C. Burdette,
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Caty Harrison,
City Clerk