

COX, ALD. PADGETT, ALD. KING AND ALD. LEWIS PRESENT

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1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the June 19, 1978, regular meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments: (a) Mayor Burdette commended city crews for the progress they have made on several projects this spring and summer. He read a letter of appreciation on the work done on Piedmont Street by the telephone company.
(b) Mayor Burdette expressed sympathy to the Ashworth family on behalf of the Council. Ald. Lewis made a motion to have a resolution prepared recognizing Mr. Ashworth's service to his community, and have it spread upon the minutes and presented to Mrs. Ashworth. 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.
4. Aldermen's Comments: Ald. Padgett stated that the turning lane from the new red light at Oak and Wall to Moore's Men Store was being used as a passing lane. He asked that this be given attention by the Police Department.
Ald. Padgett stated that residents on Short North Wall appreciated the work that had been done on their street. They requested resurfacing for the 1200 to 1500 foot street.
5. Public Comments: (a) Tom David expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Calhoun First National Bank for the widening of Piedmont Street. Mr. David described the present condition of the airport and discussed the proposal made by the Dept. of Transportation to the City and County. Total reconstruction would cost approximately \$142,000.00 of which the Dept. of Transportation would pay half with the City and County paying the balance equally. A general discussion followed. Mr. David asked that he be notified within a week of the Council's decision in order to protect the 50% proposal made by the Dept. of Transportation.
(b) Mrs. J. C. Kay made a complaint regarding the Police Department and asked that she not be harrassed by the department.
(c) Owners and operators of the "Disco Inferno" requested that their hours for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights be extended until 12:00 midnight. They explained that they had been in operation for three months and had had no problems nor had they received any complaints. After discussion, Ald. Padgett made a motion to extend the hours until 12:00 midnight for the three nights, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.
(d) R. C. Long requested permission to place a trailer behind the former D. C. Payne car lot 53 spur in order to relieve the current thief problems in the area. A discussion followed. Ald. Lewis made a motion to grant a six months permit for the trailer provided it met all electric, plumbing and etc specifications, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.
6. Old Business: (a) The Clerk gave a first reading to the business and occupation tax ordinance regarding pin ball machines.
(b) Supt. Hobgood gave a report on the progress of the new residential landfill. He stated that the County has done a majority of the work and that it may be ready for operation with in 90 days or more.
(c) Supt. Hobgood gave a report on street work at this point. Piedmont is practically finished, except for walls being repaired. Woodlawn has been dug out, with a new water line installed. After the gas company is finished with line work in the road bed, rock will be set in and allowed to stand for a month or so to allow settling before paving is done. Preliminary work is being done on the north end of College Street and west end of Oothcaloga. Mr. Hobgood stated that some maintenance work was being done over the City as a whole, but that we were behind in this.

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Supt. Hobgood stated that all taps and tie-ins on the new 30" line had been made. The next step was to install chlorine and let it set for 24 hours, then put pressure on the line and check for leaks before resurfacing the street and cleaning up.

The new line on CraneEater Road is 90% complete and the tie-in made at Love Bridge Road. Several feet of two inch line at Resaca had to be replaced to ease a water shortage in the area. The major area of water problems at this time is south of Plainville.

- 7. New Business: (a) Jack Bell, electric superintendent, presented the Mayor a plaque for service on the MEAG Legislature Committee for the past year.
 - (b) Hoyt Edwards, city administrator, reported on the results of the election of the Board of Directors for MEAG held on July 7, 1978. Those elected were W. R. Clayton, Frank Olsen and Gayle Manley. Mr. Edwards stated that he would attend a MEAG meeting at the Holiday Inn in Calhoun on July 11, 1978, regarding the Appling County suit.
 - (c) A budget hearing was held. Since no citizens attended the hearing, it developed into a discussion of the budget with the Council and department heads. Ald. Padgett made a motion to accept the budget based on predicted income and expense of \$2,967,427.00 for the general fund, including an \$897,762.00 transfer from the water-power-sewer dept. and an income and expense budget of \$4,986,230.00 for the water-power-sewer budget. 2nd by Ald. Cox; approved by Ald. King, Mayor Burdette approved the budget; and Ald. Lewis approved the budget with the exception of \$2430.00 for ladies uniforms.
 - (d) A general discussion continued on the airport request made by Tom David. After consideration, Ald. Cox made a motion to accept the Dept. of Transportation offer of paying 50% of the reconstruction contract, provided the County would approve the 25% required by them, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.
 - (e) The Clerk gave a first reading of the annexation request made by the Hospital Authority on the approximate 22 acres on the Red Bud Road, east of Devonwood Sub-division.
8. Ald. Padgett made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted:



W. C. Burdette,
Mayor

(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,
City Clerk