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1. Call to order by Mayor Burdette, invocation by City Chaplain Dr. Bob Maddox.
  2. Minutes of the Feb. 27, 1978 regular council meeting were read and approved.
  3. Mayor Comments: Mayor Burdette commended Ashley Sandrock and City Clerk Harrison on the tax collections of 91.26% for the year 1977.
  4. Aldermen's Comments: None
  5. Public Comments: (a) City Supt. Hobgood stated Trammell Patterson of the Electric Department had fallen from a utility pole on Monday afternoon at Meadow Lane. He has been transferred from Gordon to Hamilton Hospital in Dalton and later to Tri County at Ft. Oglethorpe. His condition was listed as serious. The City's sympathy and prayers go to the family.  
(b) Sam Moss explained the circumstances regarding the original annexation of the Barnwell-Walraven lots near the Arch at the first of the year and the current request to have these lots released. After further discussion, Ald. Lewis made a motion to grant a commitment to release the lots from the City at such time as the building on the lots was completed according to all city zoning and building codes, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.  
(c) Dwight Walraven approached the Council regarding water taps for approximately 8 lots in the subdivision near Blackwood Baptist Church. During discussion it was determined that there was an estimated 14 or more lots left in the subdivision being owned by various persons or firms. The Council had agreed earlier to look at those requests which had been previously denied, once the boost pump for the area was installed. City Supt. Hobgood explained that if taps were made for all the remaining lots it would tax the system and would leave many families out of water completely at such time as the pump failed to operate. The Council decided to hold approval for any of the lots at this time, since there is a possibility of improving the entire area within the next twelve to eighteen months.
  6. Old Business: (a) Clerk Harrison explained that the County had made a few minor requests for adjusting the Rabies Control contract, and presented copies of the proposed changes. On reviewing the changes, the Council felt that the change requesting equal service for County residents within legal limits, would probably increase the number of personnel and associated expense for the department. The City is not interested in spending additional funds for the department, therefore Ald. Padgett made a motion to withdraw the contract and restrict service to the City boundaries, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.  
(b) Ald. Lewis made a motion to appoint Cliff Booker for an additional term to the Industrial Development Authority, 2nd by Ald. King and approved.  
(c) Supt. Hobgood reported on the Chastain property and surrounding areas bounded on the south by the Dews Pond Road and on the east by Chastain Street. Mr. Hobgood explained that a good bit of the area was presently owned by the City, and with the purchase of the Chastain property and a few other vacant lots it could be developed into a new section for Fain Cemetery. Mr. Hobgood stated that he would identify these lot owners and refer the matter back to the Council at that time.
  7. New Business: (a) Ald. Lewis made a motion, after reviewing the Board of Appeals recommendation, to grant the variance for a 20 ft. set back as per the attached, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.  
(b) Mr. Tom David and Russell Burns of Williams, Sweitzer and Barnum, Inc. approached the Council regarding a new contract for engineering services and a further federal

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grant of some \$2,400,000.00 for improvements to the Tom B. David Airport. Approximately \$260,000.00 would be funded by the State, City and County over the next three to five years. There would be a cost of approximately \$4300.00 to be paid by the City and County if the grant was not approved. If it is approved a large portion would be eligible for 90% reimbursement. Ald. Padgett made a motion to authorize Mayor Burdette to sign the contract subject to the County approving the contract and their agreement to bear one-half of the local expense, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(c) Supt. Hobgood stated that Mr. Bill White who contracts for a good bit of the City's curb and gutter work has had to increase his price by 10%. He stated that after getting a state average from the Dept. of Transportation Mr. White's price would still be well below the average. This would increase local citizen's participation to \$2.20 per foot for new projects.

(d) Mayor Burdette stated that he would contact each Council member for a meeting on the McConnel Road building.

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

Approved:



W. C. Burdette,  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,  
City Clerk