

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and Rev. John Allen gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the regular meeting on Jan. 10, 1977 were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments: Mayor Burdette commented on the correspondence he had received expressing appreciation for the Council's action to help the senior citizens lunch program; the City had received a letter from Central State expressing appreciation for the City's participation in the Mayor's Motorcade. Mr. Burdette reported that 1850 dogs had been picked up by the Rabies Control Dept. during 1976 with 1483 of these being destroyed.
4. Aldermen's Comments: Alderman Harwell expressed sympathy to Ald. Cox at the death of his brother Otis. Ald. Cox expressed appreciation to the Council for the flowers and remembrances.
5. Public Comments: Mrs. Kay Pope, speaking on behalf of the Child Care Center, asked permission to remain in their present building until mid April and possibly longer. The Center has actively been seeking a new location since notice was given by the City to vacate. They have in an application with H.U.D. which would be for 100% financing. They have obtained an option on four acres of land and she is urging the Center's Board to obtain full working building plans so they would be in a position to apply for future E.D.A. funds. Ald. Harwell and Ald. Lewis explained that they had a commitment to a prospective buyer to consider bids when the rock sanctuary was torn down. A general discussion followed with the Council stating that they would give the Center every consideration possible.
6. Mike Jones of the Gordon County Chamber office brought the results of the May, 1976 survey on possible ways to improve the downtown area. Mr. Jones explained that of the 72% of those responding to the survey, 52% stated that the parking meters did not serve their purpose. A general discussion followed. Ald. Harwell made a motion that public hearings be held by the City and Chamber during the next month, with the Council making a decision on the matter considering the results of the hearings at the February 28th Meeting. Seconded by Ald. Cox and approved.
6. Old Business: City Supt. Hobgood stated that he had talked with the Raymond King Construction Company regarding a 20' x 50' building at the back of the fire station. The building would be 14' high and cost approximately \$12,000.00. The truck could enter the building over the hill behind the jail and could leave by the side street next to the present fire station. the building would be connected to the present station by a breeze way. Supt. Hobgood stated that the decision to alter the present building or build a temporary building would depend on the number of years the fire station would stay at it's present location. The Council asked that actual plans and bids be obtained and a title check be made on the property for the next meeting.

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(B) Mr. Roy Davis and Bobby Stansell appeared to request a variance for a building on the property of Charles Baker on U.S. 41 North. The Board of Appeals recommendation not to grant the variance was read. After discussion the Council decided to vote on the variance at the time that Mr. Stansell requests a change of address for his package store.

(C) Supt. Hobgood stated that the bid on the police car from Prater Ford with a size 400 engine, with a heavy duty cooling system LTD-2 would be \$4905.00; the LTD with special cooling system and 400 engine would be \$5400.00. The Chevrolet from Roy Davis Chevrolet would be \$5391.66 for an Impala with the police package. Ald. Lewis made a motion to accept low bid on the LTD-2, 400 engine, at \$4905.00. Seconded by Ald. Cox and approved.

(D) Ald. Harwell made a motion to approve the Delores Smith water tap on the Liberty School Road; and to approve, subject to approval by the State Water Quality Control Dept., the 6" PVC water line to Jerry Bearden's Subdivision off the Harmony Church Road at an estimated cost of \$1675.69, to be paid by Mr. Bearden for approximately 1200' of line. Seconded by Ald. Lewis and approved.

(E) City Supt. Hobgood announced that the State would have a meeting on the 25th of January to discuss the street paving for the City on the 1977 contracts. The Mayor urged the Council to attend if possible.

(F) City Administrator Edwards announced that revised forms had been received regarding Certified Cities. The new deadline would be March 15, 1977

7. New Business: (A) City Supt. Hobgood asked the Council's opinion on considering curb and gutter for two areas--Oothcalooga to King, and North River Street in front of the High School. Further discussion followed, but no official decisions were made.
- (B) The Clerk requested an extension of the tax deadline due to the current gas shortage resulting in quite a bit of unemployment. After further discussion, the request was denied.
- (C) Mrs. Clyde Sisson on Wilson Street requested a six months permit to move a trailer on her lot for her 78 year old father, who is ill but independent. Ald. Harwell made a motion to grant the request on a six months hardship basis as long as the trailer met the City's building, electrical, and plumbing codes. Seconded by Ald. Lewis and approved.
- (D) Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve the appointments of Mr. Ben Goldman, and Ms. Joyce Brownlee for three years on the Library Board, and to approve the appointment of Mrs. John E. Davis to fill the unexpired term (until October, 1978) of Mrs. Dianne Rosencrance.
- (E) Chief Hugh Don Davis presented a police report to the Mayor and Council.
8. Ald. Lewis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Harwell and approved.

Approved:



W.C. Burdette,  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,  
City Clerk