

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and Tommy McDearis gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the June 13 Regular and June 20 Special Meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments: None
4. Aldermen's Comments: None
5. Public Comments: Jack Knight presented the Mayor and Aldermen an application for a Wine License at the location of 607 South Wall Street. Ald. Lewis made a motion to accept the application and grant a hearing on July 18, 1977, Seconded by Ald. Harwell and approved.
6. Old Business: (a) Attorney J.C. Maddox presented the Golden Gallon Food Store application. Mayor Burdette recommended that the application be accepted, and a public hearing set. He advised Attorney Maddox of the resolution now on record regarding the types of businesses eligible for Beer/Wine/ Liquor Licenses. Mayor Burdette requested that the owners or representative be present if a public hearing was granted to state the type of business. Ald. Lewis made a motion to accept the application and grant a public hearing for July 18, 1977, seconded by Ald. Harwell and approved. (b) A public hearing was held on the James Thomason Beer Package Store application on Highway 53. The Clerk and Mayor expressed one complaint that they had received from Beatrice Richardson. The Clerk stated that the present Ordinance made it necessary for the City Bookkeeper, Judy Thomason, to resign. She asked the Council's permission to allow Mrs. Thomason to work a 30 day notice. Ald. Harwell made a motion to grant a 30 day notice, seconded by Ald. Padgett and approved. Ald. Padgett, after a clear police report was presented, made a motion to grant the license, seconded by Ald. Cox and approved. (c) A second reading was given on the Joseph Tanner annexation ordinance for property on Derby Lane in Devonwood Subdivision. Ald. Harwell made a motion to approve the annexation, with no stipulation as to the date sewerage would be available, seconded by Ald. Lewis and approved. (d) City Supt. Hobgood reported that curb and gutter work on Woodland was progressing. Completion is expected within the next three weeks. Cherokee Lane would be next. (e) The Clerk reported that all legal advertisement was being done and the property sale on Devonwood Drive could be held on July 23, 1977 at 10:00 a.m.
7. New Business: (a) John Bell presented an application for a relocation of his Beer/Wine Package Store to Highway 156 in the present location of Jimmy's Package Store. A warranty deed, plus receipt from the Superior Court Clerk on recording of instrument, had been attached to the application, granting full title to inventory, equipment and real estate to Otto DeFoor on the Arch City Package Store. Ald. Lewis made a motion to accept the application, public

hearing for July 18, 1977, seconded by Ald. Harwell and approved.

(b) Charles Craig presented a Beer/Wine Package application for the Troy's location on U.S. 41 South. Ald. Lewis made a motion to accept the application and grant a hearing on July 18, 1977, seconded by Ald. Padgett and approved.

(c) J.J. McBee presented a Beer Package application for the former K & K Package Store. Ald. Lewis made a motion to accept the application subject to Keigh Owens not picking up his prior approved license, a public hearing to be held July 18, 1977, seconded by Ald. Cox and approved.

(d) James (Speedy) Owens presented a liquor store application for a store to be built on Highway 53, behind James Thomason's Beer Package Store. A full application was presented and appeared to be in order. Ald. Padgett made a motion to accept the application and grant a public hearing on July 25, 1977, seconded by Ald. Lewis and approved.

(e) Ald. Lewis made a motion to pass a resolution to hold all license applications until the end of the year, except those pending, due to the number outstanding and to allow time to study the Ordinances. Seconded by Ald. Padgett and approved.

(f) City Supt. Jim Hobgood expressed the need to increase water and sewer rates by 5¢ and 6¢. He stated that the increase would not effect the minimums, but only the additional thousand gallons. He stated that due to the increased cost in pipe, labor, and chemicals that we have been fortunate to have had no increase in the past two years. Mr. Hobgood also asked for tap increases explaining that this should only be a break even cost, but presently we are way under cost. A general discussion followed by the Council. Ald. Padgett made a motion to approve the 5¢ water, 6¢ sewer rate increase, and to increase 3/4" water taps to \$150.00, inside and outside City, 4" sewer taps to \$150.00 inside the City. All other water taps to be at material cost plus 10%. The Mayor asked for a vote by individual Aldermen. Ald. Harwell voted negatively stating that although he understood the presentation, utility rates increases must stop at some point. Ald. Lewis voted affirmatively stating that he understood the need to keep rates as low as possible, but he felt that rates must be held in check with cost to avoid extra large increases later. Ald. Cox voted negatively stating that he felt the increase was not large enough to be effective. Ald. Padgett voted affirmatively stating that he was in favor of the increase to keep our systems in a paying position rather than increasing ad valorem taxes. Mayor Burdette voted due to a tie and voted to approve the increase. He stated that water and sewer costs have risen continually and that a small increase will help to offset these cost. The average homeowner will be affected less than 50¢ each month. The increase will affect those using the water, as it should be.

(g) Mayor Burdette stated that Ted Strickland, V.F.W. had asked permission to close Alexander Street on July 4 for a celebration--booths, dancing and etc. The

Council felt it would be satisfactory since Alexander was not a main traffic area and if it would be reopened by 8:00 p.m. (h) A general discussion was held on the refuse dumped behind Preferred Truck Leasing. (i) Ald. Lewis made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Cooperation Agreement with the Housing Authority. ^(Per attached) Seconded by Ald. Padgett and approved. (j) Ald. Cox made a motion to approve joint useage of the Boys Scout Hut near the school stadium by the Jaycees and the Boys Scouts. Seconded by Ald. Harwell and approved. (k) Ald. Padgett made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the architect agreement with John J. Harte & Associates, subject to the City Attorney's approval of the contract, ^{and subject to EDA Grant,} Seconded by Ald. Cox and approved.

8. Ald. Harwell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Padgett and approved.

Approved:



W.C. Burdette
Mayor

Respectfully Submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison
City Clerk--Treasurer