

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the Nov. 28, 1977, regular meeting and Dec. 2, 1977, special meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments: (a) Mayor Burdette stated that he and Hoyt Edwards would leave on the motorcade to Central State at approximately 9:00 A.M. on Dec. 14 and invited anyone interested in the project to attend.  
(b) He announced a luncheon for the Mayor and Council prepared by the ladies at City Hall on Dec. 22, 1977, at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall.
4. Aldermen's Comments: None
5. Public Comments: (a) Mr. E. C. Pate presented the Council a petition signed by residences on Devonwood Drive requesting that heavy through truck traffic be eliminated from the drive. A general discussion followed, with the Mayor stating that a new House Moving Ordinance to be approved during the meeting should help the situation to some extent.  
(b) Jerry Strickland inquired about changes in business license fees. He had been billed previously on a retail sales rate of \$35.00 annually, but was changed to an industrial rate based on number of employees. After further discussion, Ald. Padgett made a motion to adopt a category for industrial services, identified by contract of labor only, no inventory required, for an annual fee of \$50.00, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.
6. Old Business: (a) The Clerk gave a 2nd reading to the House Moving Ordinance and a general discussion followed. Ald. Lewis made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th reading and adopt changing the permit fee to \$25.00 for each structure, with the permit being good for ninety days, but with the Building Inspector being notified any time in the ninety day period that the house is to be moved. 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.  
(b) City Supt. Hobgood reported that work had been started on both grant projects the fire hall and city auditorium on Dec. 5, 1977. He stated that Fair Street had been changed to a one way north to help with the school parking since several spaces were eliminated due to demolition of the old auditorium.  
(c) Supt. Hobgood stated that the traffic light for East & West May Streets intersecting with U.S. 41 had been approved. After discussion, Mr. Hobgood was asked to check into the possibility of obtaining aid from the State on the estimated cost of \$6500.00.  
(d) Fourteen beer/wine/liquor license applications were presented for approval for 1978. The Clerk explained that these were applications of previously established businesses with the applicant holding the license for that particular location in 1977, therefore the newspaper advertisement and advertisement on the location was eliminated. The distance from schools and churches was considered in the fourteen situations and no public comments had been received concerning reissuance of any license. Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve James Thomas, A.B.C. Oasis beer application for highway 53, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved; Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve Ben Morrow's, 53 Beer Package Store, application for Highway 53, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved; Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve R. Ted Smith's beer package store application for highway 156, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved; Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve John M. McBee, J J's beer package application for U.S. 41 North, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved; Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve Otto L. DeFoor, Arch City beer package application for 1227 N. Wall Street, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved; Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve Roy Davis's, Bobby's beer package application for 709 N. Wall Street,

2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved; Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve John Bell's, Jimmy's Package Store applications for beer and wine at Rt. 5, Red Bud Road, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved; Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve Charles W. Craig's, Troy's Package applications for beer and wine at 344½ S. Wall St., 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved; Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve Clifford W. Smith, Smitty's applications for beer and wine at 109 S. King St., 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved; Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve John D. Meadows III, Johnny's Jughouse liquor application at 607 S. Wall St., 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved; Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve Charles F. Giddens Charlie's liquor application for 1305 U.S. 41 South, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved; Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve John L. Ray, Jr., Ray's Package liquor and wine applications for 900 N. Wall St., 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved; Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve James Samuel Owens, Speedy's Spirit Shop liquor application for highway 53, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved; Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve Champ H. Kelly, Red Bud Liquor Store, Inc.'s liquor and wine applications for Rt. 5 Red Bud Rd, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.

(e) Supt. Hobgood gave a report on the water, sewer and street projects underway at this time. He stated that the McDaniel Station water line was yet to be started.

(f) Mayor Burdette read the lease purchase for the lot behind City Hall belonging to Mrs. Ruth Chance. After a brief discussion Ald. Harwell made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract as read, the motion received no second.

A lengthy discussion followed concerning the City's financial position regarding a \$10,000.00 down payment at this time. Ald. Padgett then made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the lease purchase contract as read, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(g) Ald. Lewis stated that a tentative meeting had been set up with the County regarding a landfill site on Thursday night at 7:30 p.m., City Hall Annex. Each Alderman would be notified of the confirmed date.

(h) City Supt. Hobgood stated that the City would observe Dec. 23 and 26 for the holidays.

(i) Jack Stepp requested a 6" water line extension of approximately 300 feet on the Crane Eater Road to the Baugh property. Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve the request at material cost, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(j) Ald. Padgett made a motion to install a street light on West May Street on the nearest City property to Mrs. Ayres property, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

(k) A general discussion followed on a proposal for the hospital board from private individuals.


7. New Business: (a) A discussion on the liquor ordinance changes was held.

(b) A first reading was given on the new proposed liquor ordinance.

(c) A first reading was given on the new proposed wine ordinance.

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

Approved:



W. C. Burdette,  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,  
City Clerk