

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the Aug. 22, 1977, regular meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments: Mayor Burdette stated that a Civil Defense team was in Calhoun to review the City/County present Civil Defense Department and to make recommendations for improvement. He urged each council member to talk with the team and offer suggestions.

Mayor Burdette stated that many motorists are using the turning lanes on Wall Street as a through lane causing accidents and near accidents. He asked that these lanes be patrolled more closely.

4. Aldermen's Comments: None
5. Public Comments: (a) Discussion on the landfill was opened to the public. Neal Lester, an attorney with Mitchell/Mitchell of Dalton presented the large delegation of land owners near the proposed site. Mr. Lester reviewed the procedures of testing done by the City/County aided by the State Environmental Protection Division. He stated that only one portion, the eastern side, had been tested and this was not adequate for the full acreage. He stated that limestone was prevalent in the area. He reviewed the legal steps that concerned adjoining land owners could take in delaying or stopping the land from being used as a residential landfill. Mr. Lay Fintress, a property owner in the area, stated his concern for the cost that would be involved in the large acreage and operation of the site. He stated that since it was a city/county venture he would be bearing part of the cost as a taxpayer. He was concerned about the effect a landfill would have on adjoining property and wells in the area. Attorney Erwin Mitchell stated that he was City Attorney for the City of Dalton and was in sympathy with the City Council and County Commission on their problem of locating a landfill. He stated that since the area was a highly populated area that another site might be considered that was not quite as populous. Mr. Mitchell proceeded to read a letter from Mr. Jack Bandy an adjoining property owner - as per the attached copy. Mr. Mitchell inquired as to the proposal for the property now being considered. Mayor Burdette stated that the reason for a large tract being considered was to have an area large enough to last the City/County for several years in order to save time and money. The current proposal under consideration is a selling price of \$158,000.00 with a down payment of \$42,000.00 and five annual payments of \$32,480.00, \$30,624.00, \$28,768.00, \$26,912.00 and \$25,056.00 for a total of \$185,840.00 and the City/County would have the timber rights. Mayor Burdette announced that the City would not vote on the site until Sept. 26, 1977, since Ald. Padgett was absent.

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(b) Joe Poole and several ladies requested additional lighting for their apartments at Cologa Homes. After discussion, Ald. Cox made a motion to install the necessary lighting, a maximum of four as soon as possible, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.

(c) John Printup applied for a zoning change in order to construct a garage on a vacant lot on Alexander Street. Since the zoning committee is inactive at this time, the Council asked that the question be held until Sept. 26 for the City Attorney to consider.

(d) Fred Carter, owner of the Dews Pond Spring, asked about the City's future intention for spring water. Mayor Burdette and Supt. Hobgood explained the bacteria testing had been done in his area and three other springs. As a result of these tests the Council asked that the Roe Spring be used as an example project due to its size. City Supt. Hobgood stated that the Water Plant had increased its capacity to 12,000,000 gallons so that the spring water would be for future or emergency growth. The Council stated that it would be interested in a proposal from Mr. Carter on the spring. The Council stated that a copy of the tests from Dews Spring would be made available to Mr. Carter.

6. New Business: (a) Ald. Lewis made a motion to implement the Hotel-Motel tax of 2% along with the County. The tax to be used for tourism and industrial development and to be implemented as soon as possible. The motion was 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved by Ald. Cox. The Clerk stated that although Ald. Padgett was not in attendance, he requested that his objection to the tax be noted in the records.

(b) Supt. Hobgood presented a proposal for a water line extension to the J. Mack Robinson property some 800 ft. south of Calhoun Padding on State Route 41 North. After discussion, Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve the 10" line extension, at a material cost to be paid by the property owner of \$15,075.00, with the provision that the extension would not bind the City to install a line at the City's expense adequate to furnish water necessary for fire protection at this time, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.

(c) A discussion was held on the City paying the difference in plant mix and surface treatment for a street in Spring Valley Subdivision. The proposal was declined to avoid setting a precedent.

(d) Ald. Cox made a motion to appoint Calvin Caldwell, three years; Mike Jones, 2 years; George Brunt, one year terms for the zoning committee. Ralph Gardner and R. G. McClure to serve as alternates 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

(e) James E. Wilson, Jr. requested a pawn shop license. He is interested in purchasing Calhoun Sporting and Pawn Center on Park Avenue. A favorable police report was given. After further consideration, Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve the license, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.

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7. Old Business:

(a) Discussion was held on making Fair Street one way to allow for additional parking during construction of the new auditorium. Supt. Hobgood stated that City School Supt. Cate had requested it be made one way north. The Council approved the temporary change to be made when construction was started and continue during construction.

(b) Supt. Hobgood stated that the water construction department was installing the casing under the ramps at the I-75 Resaca exit and entrance.

(c) Ald. Cox made a motion to sell the Seagrave Fire truck to the Calhoun First National Bank / Gordon County Bank and then to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a five year lease purchase contract with the Calhoun First National Bank or the Gordon County Bank, depending on the most favorable interest rate. Ald. Lewis 2nd the motion and it was approved.

(d) The Council stated that at this time it was not interested in purchasing the Blanche Gardner house at 528 Oothcaloga Street.

(e) Ald. Harwell made a motion to increase the minimum demolition charge for condemned buildings to \$200.00, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

(f) A request to consider condemnation action on a house on N. Wall Street was tabled for consideration by the Building Inspector.

(g) Ald. Lewis made a motion to approve acceptance and authorize the Mayor to sign acceptance of EDA Community Center Grant, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

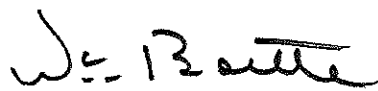
(h) Ald. Cox made a motion to approve acceptance and authorize the Mayor to sign acceptance of the fire station grant, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.

(i) Mayor Burdette and Council set up a continuous discussion meeting on revision of the City Charter and City Code for ever Monday night at 7:30 other than regular Council meeting nights until the project is complete. The meetings to begin Sept. 19, 1977,

(j) Bids were opened on a 1978 pick-up for the Water Construction Dept. Roy Davis Chevrolet \$4833.99, Prater Ford \$4828.00. Ald. Lewis made a motion to accept low bid of \$4828.00 from Prater Ford, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

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

Approved:



W.C. Burdette,
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,
City Clerk