

NOV. 14, 1977 - 7:30 P.M. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WITH MAYOR BURDETTE,
ALD. LEWIS, ALD. HARWELL AND ALD. PADGETT PRESENT

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the Oct. 24, 1977, regular Council meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor Burdette stated that he was happy to have the annual Civil Defense convention in Calhoun this year. He stated that Ald. Cox had had an accident and was unable to attend the meeting.
4. No Aldermen's comments.
5. Public Comments: (a) Lewis Diprima requested that Oothcaloga St. from N. Wall to Park Ave. be made a one way street, going west. He had talked with Mason Furniture and with Moore's Cleaners and received their approval on the request. After further discussion Ald. Padgett made a motion to accept the request on a 30 day trial period, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.
(b) The Clerk stated that Mrs. Ronald Chance had submitted an offer on the lot directly behind City Hall (former Post Office property on N. Wall St.) for \$35,000.00, consisting of a lot approximately 85' on the north and south side, 93.8' on the east and 99' on the west. This would also be in consideration of the City deeding to Mrs. Chance 5 ft. from the outside of the wall on the north side of the current City Hall property for a length of approximately 120 ft., approximately 600 sq. ft. After further discussion, Ald. Harwell made a motion to pay a maximum of \$30,000.00 on a three year lease purchase at a top interest rate of 7% on the unpaid portion, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.
5. Old Business: (a) A public hearing was held on the EPA 201 Sewer System Study. Mr. Don Watt, TLM Associates, explained that the flow monitoring, physical survey and smoke testing had been completed and the computer runs would follow. The final plans for the system should be submitted in nine months. No members from the public attended the hearing.
(b) The Clerk gave a 2nd reading to the Fire Code Ordinance, and Ald. Harwell made a motion to waive the 3rd and 4th readings and adopt the ordinance, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.
(c) Ald. Lewis made a motion to waive the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th reading on the new proposed beer ordinance and approve as was read Oct. 24, 1977, 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.
(d) City Supt. Hobgood reported that curb and gutter was being poured on Highpoint Dr. He stated that Derby Lane had been paved rather than using surface treatment since there was only a few hundred dollars difference in price. The water line to Plainville is 75% completed and the 30" line from the water plant to the existing 16" line near Big Star was tied in over the weekend.
(e) The City Clerk stated that there were 1519 registered voters for this year's election on Nov. 16, 1977. She stated that all candidates had filed the campaign disclosure forms in accordance with the time frame as required by State law.

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7. New Business: (a) Bids were discussed on the City's liability insurance for all city vehicles. There was only one bid of \$13,559.00 from Starr - Mathews. Ald. Padgett made a motion to accept the bid, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.
- (b) Ald. Lewis made a motion to adopt the resolution granting approval for the City to enter into a contract with the Environmental Protection Division of the Dept. of Natural Resources and authorizing County Commission Chairman, Milton Stewart to sign all forms, applications and contracts concerning the State grant. 2nd by Ald. Padgett and approved.
- (c) Ald. Lewis and Ald. Harwell introduced Mr. L.M. Lovingood who stated that he had a 96 acre tract approximately 11 miles from the center of town that he was interested in leasing to the City and County as a landfill. He stated that he was interested in leasing the land for fifteen years at \$600.00 per acre, or selling at a price of \$850.00 per acre on a lease-purchase plan. After further discussion the Council stated that they would talk with the County about the site and other sites in consideration and let Mr. Lovingood know at the earliest date possible.
- (d) Mayor Burdette stated that he had met with Attorneys Ronald Chance, J. C. Maddox, Milton Stewart, Harold Faith and Tom Moreland concerning the proposed welcome center north of Calhoun. Mr. Moreland gave the City and County 30 days to make a proposal on the center or the issue would be dead. An estimated cost to provide sewerage to the area is \$125,000.00 by the nearest route. The County felt that it could not contribute toward this cost. After talking with Macon concerning their present center, it was determined that they were requesting the State to assume the operation of the center because of the cost involved and of having no effective way of measuring the contribution by the center. It was felt that the City could not bear the cost of the sewer expansion but Supt. Hobgood did request that an offer be made to Mr. Moreland to build a rest area with the City providing water and with the possibility of including a welcome or information center at some future date.
- (e) A request from the County Administrator was presented for seven reserve parking spaces on the north side of the courthouse. After discussion, the request was tabled.
- (f) The Council authorized a survey of property belonging to Mr. and Mrs. J. Roy McGinty behind the City Hall Annex which they wished to donate to the City.
- (g) Ald. Harwell made a motion to approve a resolution requesting the Governor to increase state grants to local A.P.D.C. from \$65,000 to \$100,000 annually. The motion did not receive a second.
- (h) Discussion was held on the method of appointing members to the Industrial Development Authority. The City and County were to draw up an agreement to appoint three members each and the Chamber one after current members expire.

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(i) The Clerk gave a first reading to the proposed Hotel-Motel Tax Ordinance. Ald. Lewis made a motion to disburse the taxes derived from the ordinance to the Industrial Development Authority after each collection period, with the understanding that quarterly reports on expenditures be submitted to the Council and that the authority devote a portion of the taxes toward tourism, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.

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

Approved:



W. C. Burdette,
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,
City Clerk