

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the Oct. 10, 1977, regular meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's Comments: Mayor Burdette remarked that 1977 tax notices were being mailed and for most parcels the tax was reduced slightly. He stated that the reports and recommendations on the Civil Defense study had been returned and asked each Alderman to review these and be prepared to decide on all or parts of the recommendations they wish to adopt.

4. Alderman's Comments: Ald. Lewis stated that tax collections for the past five years was:

1973 - 548,976.32 or 99.95% collected
1974 - 634,368.22 or 99.63% collected
1975 - 811,525.70 or 99.55% collected
1976 - 788,775.04 or 98.25% collected

and that Ashley Sandrock and the Clerk were to be commended.

5. Public Comments: (a) Ms. Annie Ruth Washington on Hawkins Street stated that the Charlie Butler house next to her had been rented, but was being used as a storage area and was therefore causing rodents and bugs in the area. The area is zoned R-3 and the Building Inspector was asked to check the area for commercial/industrial usage.
6. Old Business: (a) Supt. Hobgood stated that street lights had been installed on Derby Lane. He reported that the street had not been dedicated to the City and since it had not been repaired by the City thus far was still the property of the developer. After discussion, Ald. Harwell made a motion to follow Supt. Hobgood's suggestion to use surface treatment on the street until spring and then add to the paving list, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.
(b) Discussion on the need for a landfill for the City and County followed. Supt. Hobgood stated that the current residential landfill has received from 15 to 45 points each 30 days for the past two years out of a possible 100 points. The industrial landfill which is properly operated received a 90 to 100 points by the State. He stated that he did not know how much longer the State would allow us to continue to use the present site since they had approved a new location. The proposed site near Resaca would be 6.2 miles from the City barn and maintenance shop. Mr. Hobgood stated that if this area was used, he would recommend starting out by using the trucks for the full route.

Attorney Neal Lester representing landowners in the area stated that in the past two months, they had informed the City of Federal funds available for an incinerator process for garbage disposal as well as a qualified person to advise them. They had also found a property owner with property they wished to sell specifically for a landfill. He stated that he would make every effort for the benefit of his clients. Mayor Burdette stated that he had investigated the incinerator process, and that Calhoun-Gordon County was too small at this time for this method to be feasible. There is some doubt that Dalton-Whitfield County and Rome-Floyd County are large enough for this system. They are now investigating this possibility. He has

talked with Mr. Balliew regarding the process and they have looked into the possibility of Federal funds. They have been informed by Federal authorities that no funds are available at this time. Ald. Lewis stated that he has served on the landfill committee for several months and this is the fourth area to be tested. He stated that he sympathized with the residents in the Resaca area, but that the time factor was a factor, and that he was making a motion to proceed to negotiate a lease for an indefinite time subject to the County's approval. Ald. Padgett stated that he had also served on the committee and that he felt that it was time to take a vote on the area rather than leaving the matter hanging. He 2nd the motion. Ald. Harwell stated that due to the distance involved from the City that he felt he could not vote affirmative on the Resaca area at this time. He would prefer to have more time to look for a site nearer the City. Ald. Cox voted against the motion due to the distance from the City and the population in the area. Mayor Burdette stated that there were no personal feelings involved in his decision, but due to the conditions at the current site, and the time factor, that he would vote to negotiate a lease subject to County approval.

(c) A public hearing on John Printup's request for a zoning change for a lot on Alexander Street from R-3 to C-1 was heard. Proper advertising on the property and in the local legal organ had been done. No comments had been received at City Hall on the request. There were no public comments at the hearing. The Zoning Board's recommendation was to deny the request due to an unfair mixture of commercial and residential structures. Ald. Harwell made a motion to approve the Board's recommendation, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

(d) A variance request on lot 3 of Creekview Estates for a 20 ft. setback from the back boundary was presented. The Board of Appeals' recommendation was to allow the variance, in order to have uniform setback of the buildings on Creekview Drive. Ald. Harwell made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Board, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.

(e) A public hearing was held on the Anti-Recession, general and Water/Power/Sewer amendments to their current budgets. After a review of the budgets and no public comments, Ald. Padgett made a motion to approve those amendments as was submitted to the Council - per the attached, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.

(f) City Supt. Hobgood stated that 2800 ft. of drain tile had been laid in Briarwood Subdivision. The street entrances from the New Town Road had been completely curbed and guttered and paved. He stated that Harold Kirby (Slim) and Dean Harris and the Department had done an extremely good job in the area. The Plainville water line was progressing slower than was anticipated. They now have 1500 ft. of line installed. Sewer lines and water lines to the new industrial plant, Eagle National, on Beamer road have been installed. The water line to the J. Mack Robinson property on U.S. 41, North is 85% complete. The water and sewer work has been completed at the Creekview Estates property.

Mr. Hobgood explained that after further meetings with Mr. Burton Bell and Cochran Brothers Housemovers, that it was determined that the ODell house was too large to be relocated. The Historical Society is looking for a suitable older building to move at this time. Mr. Hobgood stated that every effort was made to find a feasible way to move the ODell building.

7. New Business: (a) The City Clerk asked the Council if they would be willing to look at some "Common Sense" safety programs in connection with City vehicles. The general feeling was that they would be interested.

(b) A discussion following on the necessity of selecting an insurance company for police liability insurance. Two companies was presented. One from Haas and Dodd and one from the National Sheriff's Association. The Clerk read a letter from the City Attorney on the difference in the two companies and his recommendations. After further discussion Ald. Lewis made a motion to accept the Haas and Dodd policy with \$500. deductible. 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.

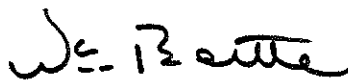
(c) Don Watt of TLM Associates asked the Council to consider having an informative public hearing on the EPA 201 Sewer System Study. The Council agreed to hold a hearing on Nov. 14, 1977, at the regular meeting.

(d) The Clerk gave a first reading on the Fire Department to adopt the 1977 edition of the National Fire Codes.

(e) The Clerk gave a first reading on a newly proposed beer 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