

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and Rev. John Allen gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the January 24, 1977, meeting were read and approved.
3. Mayor's comments: Mayor Burdette spoke of the two meetings of Feb. 7 & Feb. 10, 1977, public hearings concerning parking meters in downtown area and expressed disappointment in low attendance at both meetings. Acting clerk read the minutes of both hearings and motion by Ald. Harwell, second by Ald. Cox that these minutes be made an official part of the City Council minutes. Motion approved.
4. Alderman's comments: Ald. Harwell said the demolition of the old Baptist church sanctuary was progressing rapidly and should be complete in a few days.
Ald. Cox stated that he had received several calls from city employees complaining about the raises given in different amounts. Brief discussion followed as how the raises were determined.
5. Old Business: (a) J. D. Balliew presented a petition signed by residents of Roberts Street requesting Council take action against continuing destruction of neighborhood dogs. A copy of the Rome ordinance for control of dogs was presented. Suggestion made to have new ordinance drawn up and published in the newspaper and have a public hearing if necessary before voting on adoption of the ordinance. No official action was taken.
(b) Bill Slaughter made application for privilege license to operate a pool room on Hicks Street. Motion by Ald. Harwell, second by Ald. Cox to issue license as requested. Motion approved.
(c) Request read for application to move package store of Bobby Stansell from present location to 709 N. Wall St. Sign has been posted on the property and request will be advertised in the newspaper.
(d) Ald. Lewis presented ruling by City Attorney that in his opinion John Bell's ^{interest in} ~~operation in~~ ^{three} ~~two~~ package stores (Troy's Grill Package Store and owns the Jimmy's Package Store building) was in violation of the city ordinance for sale of malt beverages. Motion by Ald. Lewis, second by Ald. Harwell that Mr. Bell be given sixty days (60) to divest himself of his interest in one of the locations. City Clerk to send letter to Mr. Bell notifying him of Council's decision. Sixty day period to begin with this date.
(e) Discussion on parking meter situation. James Boyd attended meeting and stated he did not know about the two public hearings and gave his opinion. Motion by Ald. Cox, 2nd by Ald. Lewis to have a 90 day trial period and cover the parking meter heads, allowing two hours of free parking and marking tires. Warning tickets will be issued to overtime parking violators for a period not to exceed 30 days and if problems develop by overtime parking violations, fine tickets with \$2.00 fine will be issued.

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Motion approved.

(f) Supt. Hobgood presented three bids he received for construction of new building to house new fire truck on parking lot area behind present fire hall, motion by Ald. Cox, 2nd by Ald. Lewis to accept low bid of \$9,915.00 submitted by Raymond King Construction Company. Construction bid is subject to approval by Fire Marshall and title to property or satisfactory lease. Motion approved.

6. New Business: (a) Wayne Hall presented request for extension of water line between Franklin Road and old Plainville Road, a distance of 5300 feet. Wayne Hall to pay for all material and city absorb the labor cost. Ald. Lewis made motion to proceed with installation, 2nd by Ald. Cox. Ald. Harwell abstained from voting so Mayor Burdette voted for the motion. Motion approved.

(b) Supt. Hobgood said that preliminary planning had been done on extension of sanitary sewer from Hood Oil Company property south to Rosser Motel. Discussion held to obtain most suitable route to connect sewer line from Rosser Motel to city line. Further investigation will be made on two or three possible routes.

(c) Supt. Hobgood also presented possible sewerage line for Wellco Carpet Co. Ray Weddle of Wellco Carpet Co. was present and stated Wellco was willing to pay for all materials including pumping station. City to pay labor cost. Mr. Weddle stated that he was not pushing for immediate construction unless the State started putting pressure on Wellco Carpets. Motion by Ald. Cox, 2nd by Ald. Harwell to install sewer line for Wellco Carpets Co. Motion approved.

7. Mayor Burdette announced meeting of National League of Cities in Washington, D.C., March 7, 1977, and requested motion to authorize expense money to send Ald. Harwell and City Clerk Harrison to represent our City. Motion by Ald. Lewis and 2nd by Ald. Cox. Motion approved.

8. Motion to adjourn by Ald. Lewis and 2nd by Ald. Harwell.

Approved:



W. C. Burdette,
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



Ashley D. Sandrock,
Acting City Clerk