

1. Mayor Burdette called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.
2. Minutes of the Feb. 14, 1977, meeting were read, with the wording of John Bell's operation in two package stores being changed to interest in three package stores. The minutes were then approved.
3. Mayor Burdette presented the card from Ald. Padgett's family acknowledging the Council's thoughtfulness at the death of his mother. Mayor Burdette expressed regret at not being able to attend the Corridor City meetings last week in Dalton and Calhoun.
4. Aldermen's Comments: Ald. Harwell commented on the dog situation, on the heavy truck traffic on residential streets, and on non owners using private trash dumpsters inside the City. Supt. Hobgood was asked to consider lettering private trash dumpsters for private use only or something similar to help the situation.
5. Public Comments: (a) Attorney Bill Bailey representing the Gordon County Grain Co., explained that they had purchased a 12 acre site on the Oostanaula Road. The City water line is some 6300 feet from the site. He stated that the company would be willing to spend the \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00 cost for drilling a well toward extending the City's six inch water line. Supt. Hobgood stated that material cost would be approximately \$8,000.00. A discussion followed with the Council requesting Supt. Hobgood to do a survey of the 20 homes in the area to determine how many would use city water. Further discussion would be held at the March 14 meeting.
(b) The Clerk presented an annexation ordinance request from the Ann Ramsey Estate for the lot and log cabin on U.S. 41 South. The request was for C-2 zoning. The Clerk explained that the property could be annexed but no taxes could be derived from the property until 1978. The power companies would be notified and the annexation ordinance voted on at the March 14 meeting.
6. Old Business: (a) Public hearing on relocation of Bobby's Beer Package Store to 709 N. Wall Street. No adverse comments had been received at City Hall. Ald. Harwell made a motion to authorize relocation, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.
(b) Ald. Harwell made a motion to approve the demolition of the First Baptist Church property, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved.
Ald. Lewis made a motion to sell the former church property at public auction, with a minimum price, on the first Saturday at 10:00 a.m. following legal advertisement. The sale to be conducted by Hoyt Edwards on the site, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.

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to be held at
Street Barn
on Kirby Rd.

Ald. Lewis made a motion to sell surplus vehicles and equipment at public auction at 10:00 a.m. on the first Saturday following legal advertisement. The auction would be conducted by Ronald Strickland, auctioneer. 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(c) Supt. Hobgood asked the Council to consider increased rates on water and sewerage. He restated last year's cost compared to the sale price. He compared Rome and Cartersville's rates with the City, which had somewhat lower minimums but the price per 1000 gallon doubled or tripled our present price. The Council asked to hold any decision, until they could have a special called meeting and devote more study to the request.

(d) Ald. Harwell made a motion to approve the Donald Bearden water taps for lots 1,3,4,8,9,10 & 11 of the Little Fawn Sub-division; Richard Nesbitt, Water Works Road, 2nd by Ald. Lewis and approved. The Council stated that future normal outside taps could be approved by the City Supt. after being checked by the Water Const. Supt., Raymond Fowler. Any taps requiring additional pipe to be laid would need to be brought before the Council.

(e) Supt. Hobgood reported that the parking meter bags had arrived and everything was ready for the 90 day trial period. Ald. Lewis made a motion to begin the trial period on Tuesday, March 1, 1977, 2nd by Ald. Harwell and approved.

7. New Business: (a) Ald. Cox made a motion to adopt a resolution requesting engineering assistance from the Dept. of Transportation on the King Street extension. Ald. Harwell 2nd the motion and it was approved.

(b) Supt. Hobgood explained the plans he and the Dept. of Transportation had arrived at concerning the widening of Piedmont Street. By removing the grass strips and reducing the width of the sidewalk in one area, the street from East Line to North Court could be increased to four ten feet lanes, at an estimated material cost of \$13,900.00. Ald. Harwell made a motion to adopt the recommended plans and proceed with work, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(c) Ald. Lewis stated that the City Attorney was unable to attend the Council meeting to render an official opinion on the question of a beer store operator owning and leasing a building to a liquor store operator. Ald. Harwell made a motion to table the discussion until the next meeting, 2nd by Ald. Cox and approved.

(d) The City Clerk was asked to obtain copies of Rome's Dog Ordinances and Nuisance Ordinances and incorporate these into the present Dog Ordinance. These would be done under the direction of the City Attorney and presented for a first reading at the March 14th meeting with a public hearing on the 28th.

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(e) City Administrator Edwards requested that street trash receptals be repaired and repainted, as an extra clean up effort for the Certified City inspection in the near future.

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

Approved:



W. C. Burdette,
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison,
City Clerk