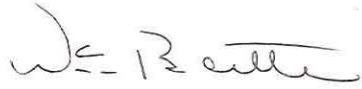


1. Mayor Burdette stated that a public nuisance complaint had been made against Mr. Ralph Alexancer due to continual barking of his St. Bernard dog at 105 Roberts St., Calhoun, Ga. The complaint was signed by Mr. J.D. Ballew and five of the neighbors on Roberts and Burnette Street; Mrs. Judy Cochran, Mrs. Bobby Carter, Mrs. Beulah Bagley, Mr. Loftis Garren, and Ms. Carolyn Robinson.
2. Mayor Burdette proceeded to read the local Ordinance dealing with dog control and the proper procedure for handling a public nuisance complaint.
3. Mayor Burdette opened the floor for testimony by the complaining parties: Mr. J.D. Ballew explained that he had had a heart attack last fall and he felt it was primarily due to the loss of sleep and worry from the continual barking of the Alexander dog. Mr. Loftis Garren stated that he lived behind the Alexander's and that the odor from the dog pen was very offensive, as well as the continual barking. Mrs. Judy Cochran who lives in front of the Alexander's stated that she was nearly attacked by the dog and had requested the Dog Pound's help. The dog was then kept in a pen but the continual barking day and night was disturbing their peace. The only relief they have is to keep the air conditioning running to block out the noise. Mrs. Bobby Carter, the next door neighbor, stated that her husband worked at night and slept in the day time. She said that many nights he would go to work with only a couple of hours sleep due to the dog's barking. She said her children had had to go to school with little sleep as well. She stated that the dog would bark for hours continually and being his size that it was a terrible noise. Mrs. Beula Bagley who lives next to Mr. Ballew stated that the barking disturbed her sleep as well. Ms. Carolyn Robinson stated that she lived two doors down from the Alexander's and the barking disturbed her as well.
4. Mayor Burdette asked Mr. Alexander if he had any response. Mr. Alexander stated that he felt the dog was not a disturbance or public nuisance. He said none of the neighbors had complained to him and he felt like they could not hear any noise from their locations, with the exception of Mrs. Carter. Mrs. Carter stated that she and Mrs. Cochran had attempted to visit the Alexander's but were afraid because of the dog's presence. Mr. Alexander stated that since Mrs. Carter had voiced her discomfort due to the dogs barking that he would remove it.
5. Mayor Burdette stated that since six close neighbors of the Alexander's had each expressed their discomfort due to the dog's continual barking and based on their testimony, he found the dog to be a public nuisance allowing Mr. Alexander 72 hours to remove the dog, or the dog would be removed by the Dog Pound. Mayor Burdette expressed his appreciation to Mr. Alexander for his willingness to remove the dog.
6. Court adjourned.

Approved:



W.C. Burdette

Mayor

Respectfully Submitted:



(Mrs.) Cathy Harrison

City Clerk--Treasurer