

SEPTEMBER 18, 1995

9:00 A.M.

SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
WITH REGULAR AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
226 SOUTH WALL STREET

PRESENT: JOHN D. MEADOWS, III, MAYOR
THOMAS BOND, MAYOR PRO-TEM
JOHN D. SHELTON, COUNCILMAN
PAUL MCENTIRE, COUNCILMAN
JIMMY PALMER, COUNCILMAN

ALSO: WILLIAM P. BAILEY, CITY ATTORNEY
KELLY CORNWELL, DIRECTOR UTILITIES/PUBLIC
WORKS
CATHY HARRISON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Mayor Meadows called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance, and gave the invocation.
2. Mayor Meadows led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.
3. Minutes of the September 11, 1995 Regular City Council Meeting were approved as written.
4. Mayor Meadows asked that the Council consider the special matter for which the City Council was called, that being the matter of setting the 1995 Tax Millage for the City of Calhoun. Mayor Meadows stated the values forwarded to the City from the Tax Assessor's Office for City M&O was \$363,704,201.00. Those values for the Board of Education were \$353,797,133.00, however, Mayor Meadows stated the County Assessor has received over \$9,500,000.00 in appeals in terms of valuation of property. His office had recommended that the Council consider that there may be a loss of at least 50% of that value, which would reduce the City M&O Digest to \$358,954,201.00, and the School Digest to \$349,047,133.00. Harrison stated that based on the appeals that had been filed, and the margin which must be allowed for errors on the tax digest, that she would recommend a millage of 17.08, which breaks down as follows: City School M&O 12.90 mills; City School Debt 2.28 mills; Gross City M&O 3.71 mills less roll back, because of sales tax collections of 1.81 mills, for a net City M&O of 1.90 for a total of 17.08 mills. The Council reviewed the history of the City M&O, which indicates the City Budget had requested the same dollars as from the prior year, however, with an increase in the Local Option Sales Tax, the actual millage from the prior year for the City is set at a lower amount, however, the school millage is increased because of the increase in salaries and other associated cost, all of which are not paid by the State, and must be picked up at the local level, which reflects over \$300,000.00 in actual increases for the City School System. Following further discussion, Councilman Shelton made a motion to set the 1995 tax millage for the School, School Debt and City M&O at 17.08 mills, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman Shelton, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman McEntire and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
5. Mayor's Comments:
 - a. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council of the public hearings scheduled for October 9, 1995: (1) Beer/Liquor Pouring License Request of the former O.P.M., & Trust, Inc. d/b/a Brangus Cattle Company, Curt Lucas, Managing Partner, to

be changed to the name of S.G.P., Inc. d/b/a Brangus Cattle Company, Curt Lucas, Managing Partner; (2) Public Hearing on the Zoning Amendments to the Ordinance and policy adoption.

- b. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council of the dedication of the State marker at the Civic Auditorium in memory of Roland Hayes on September 19, 1995 at 10:30 A.M.
 - c. Mayor Meadows stated that Robert Agee would not be ready with his projections on telecommunications, since he had been unable to receive all of his information from other sources. He asked that an alternate be set within the next two weeks for a decision on the project.
 - d. Mayor Meadows stated the City Elected Officials and the Downtown Development Authority held a meeting on September 14, 1995 at 7:00 P.M. with a few downtown merchants in attendance. As a result of the meeting, the Mayor and Council received the agreement of the Downtown Development Authority for the Council's decision to hire a part time Main Street Director, in the hopes that a director will be able to come into the area and show the merchants the benefit of the program with funding to follow.
6. Public Hearings & Comments: None
7. Old Business:
- a. Mayor Meadows reminded the Council to continue to review the study 13 North Georgia water systems which had been reviewed and data accumulated by Eddie Peterson. The study included not only connection fees and water and sewer rates, but also development cost. Following discussion, the City staff was asked to draft policy, and also give recommendations for implementing some increases over the next three years for the City's water, sewer and development cost.
 - b. A 2nd reading of the Pawn License Application for PCI Capital Corporation d/b/a Pawn Mart to be located at 121 Highway 53, East was given. Mayor Meadows stated a Police Report on the proposed manager was clear, and he also stated that the Police Department had contacted several of the cities in which the pawn coporation is operating, with no negative reports. Following this information, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond , made a motion to approve the request, and issue the license, 2nd by Councilman McEntire with Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman McEntire, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.
 - c. Harrison reviewed the anticipated BFI cost for the balance of the fiscal year, with those being approximately \$90,948.00 for residential pickups for 2,650 residents for eight months, with pickups for the downtown customers at \$20.00 per month for eight and a half months of \$11,390.00 for city containers for eight and a half months at \$3,910.00 with a contingency cost for extra customers of \$7,594.00 for a total of \$113,842.00. Harrison proposed that these costs be paid from the current budget for the Sanitation Department with the cutting of seven employees for eight months in the amount of \$76,734.00 and benefits for eight months in the amount of \$37,108.00 for a total of \$113,842.00. She stated the City had been holding openings at the Cemetery, Street Department, Water/Sewer Construction and Sewer Plant in the hopes that these seven employees would be able to file applications for those positions, and be able to transfer to new departments without any layoffs. As for the Capital Budget for the Sanitation Department, she stated there presently is \$253,500.00 in capital

cost, of which \$110,000.00 for residential containers was attributed to the City remaining in the residential garage business. She asked that the \$110,000.00 be used to fund the \$17,000.00 short fall for the front loader truck on which bids had been taken for the City's commercial pickup service which it will retain, and also could be used to fund \$80,000.00 of cost for a truck and bed on which the City's current commercial body can be moved, giving the City a new truck as backup for the new front loader truck on order. This would leave approximately \$13,000.00 as contingency for the department. Following discussion, Councilman McEntire made a motion to approve the request as outlined, and to authorize these budget amendments for the January official amendments, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman McEntire, Councilman Palmer, Councilman Shelton and Mayor Pro-Tem Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.

8. New Business:

- a. Harrison stated the City currently has its recycling service with the Rome/Floyd County Center, which pays the City approximately \$1,300.00 annually for its recycled items, however the hauling cost from Calhoun to Rome is approximately \$3,185.00 for a net loss on the operation exclusive of salaries and benefits is \$1,885.00. Harrison stated the County proposes to pickup at our recycling center at no cost, and will handle our recycled items, however, they will not pay anything for the recycled items, but, the City will save approximately \$1,885.00 in the net loss on hauling cost. Harrison stated the Rome Center had been notified originally, that we would go with the County landfill and their operation when it was up and ready to handle the items. Following further discussion, Councilman Shelton made a motion to authorize a 30 day notice to be sent to the Rome/Floyd County Center for canceling the contract with the understanding that this service will be handled by Gordon County, 2nd by Councilman Palmer with Councilman Shelton, Councilman Palmer, Councilman McEntire and Mayor Pro-Tem Bond voting affirmatively, motion carried.
- b. Following discussion of the Georgia Emergency Management Agent Briefing Schedule for later in September regarding a mock airplane crash, the group selected Councilman Shelton to attend as an elected official.

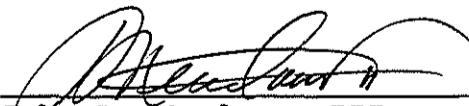
9. Other Written Items Not on the Agenda: None

10. Director Cornwell's Work Report: None


11. Councilman McEntire made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Mayor Pro-Tem Bond with Councilman McEntire, Mayor Pro-Tem Bond, Councilman Shelton and Councilman Palmer voting affirmatively, motion carried.

Approved:

Submitted:



 John D. Meadows, III
 Mayor



 Cathy Harrison
 City Administrator

