

To Mental Health— City To Give Funds

At the regular Pell City Council meeting Monday night, on a motion by Councilman Paul Turner, it was decided that the city would donate \$1,000 to the Birmingham Area East Side Mental Health Authority and \$1,500 to the St. Clair Child Development Center.

In other business, it was decided to enter into a trial-basis cost-plus contract (four weeks of five working days each) with Tucker Brothers Contracting Co. in an effort to get gas and water

leaks in old lines under control.

Tucker proposes to furnish an experienced crew and equipment as follows: Superintendent at \$9.50 per hr., Equipment Operator at \$6.50 per hour, two pipe layers at \$5.50 per hr., one laborer at \$4.00 per hr., a loader/backhoe comb. unit at \$16.50 per hr., a one-ton truck at \$8.50 per hr. and six caution signs at 40 cents per day. The loader/backhoe will only be used on those days that it is actually needed, and Tucker Bros. will add 20% to over-all costs for its overhead and profit.

Based on bids opened at the previous regular meeting the City is purchasing two (2) new police cars from the low bidder (John Rogers Ford) at \$5,032.00 each. And a decision was voiced to purchase a Royal copying machine from Anniston Business Machines Co. at bid price of \$3,695.

At Mayor Hugh Williamson's suggestion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to seek bids on surplus automotive equipment which includes three (3) old police cars and one or two old dump trucks. A minimum price will be set and bids will be sought.

A group of citizens residing near Powell Hideaway Road in between the Smith and Skyline Subdivisions have requested city water service. The Council voted to have the City Attorney write a legal

description of the area involved with view to granting this request.

The City Attorney will also be asked to draw up a corrected deed to certain property adjacent to the National Guard Armory. It has been proposed that his property might be leased to Julian Gossett who proposes to use it for the construction and operation of a miniature golf course.

Councilman Joe Sawyer brought out the fact that many of the approved new street lights which were to be erected by the Alabama Power Co. are not being put up. A letter will be written dealing with this grievance. A councilman was heard to say "If you tell 'em that R.E.A. is fixing to put 'em up they'll get on the ball".

Councilman Joe Sawyer

expressed the serious need of two dump trucks and an over-head hoist at the City Shop. Specifications will be drawn up and bids will be sought.

The possibility of leasing or otherwise acquiring the old T.L. Harmon land-fill area was discussed and will be investigated.

The Council approved an on-premises beer license for Laura Frazier doing business as Laura's Lounge off Highway 34. An off-premises beer license was also approved for Howard Hurst at Macon's Union 76 Service Station on Highway 231 North. The Council rejected an application for an on-premises beer license for Ernie McGowan doing business as Lakeview Lounge.

Councilman Paul Turner brought before the Council a request from city school that the City furnish them, without charge, water, sewer and garbage. The finance committee will consider the matter and report to the next regular Council meeting.

The Council also refused to

do street work on a road in Billy Walker's Subdivision at Seddon after deciding that his was a private subdivision. The Council has taken action in September, 1975, declaring that the City would work on subdivision roads only after they have been prepared and dedicated to the City.

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City To Apply For HUD Child Development Grant

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The Pell City Council met in regular session Monday night and agreed to authorize city Urban Planner Don Cosby to study the possibility of applying for HUD grant funds for the St. Clair County Child Development Center for handicapped and profoundly-retarded children.

Malcolm Carpenter told the council that \$2,100 has been raised by the center itself for the coming year, but more than \$5,000 was still needed by the center.

The council agreed to study the possibility and advised Cosby to find out whether such an application might be favorably received in

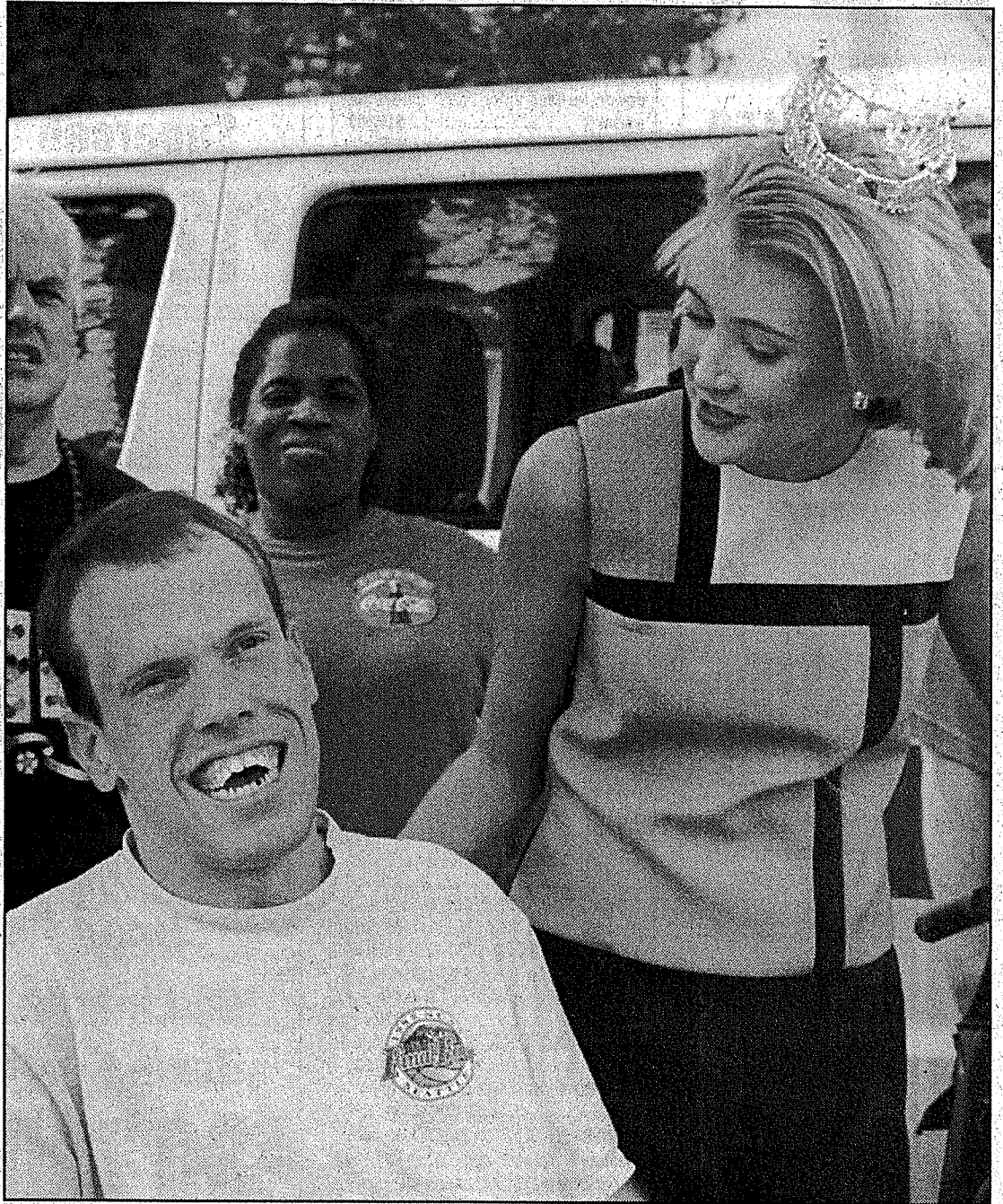
Washington.

Also appearing before the council were Billy Perry and Jerry Lee who asked that the city take action to prevent the dumping of household garbage near the old chert pit off Hwy. 174. The two also asked that city "cover" refuse dumped in the pit itself by the city and complained that water standing in the pit was becoming a health hazard by providing a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Perry said that rats were becoming an increasing problem in the area.

Agreed to send letters of appreciation to the cities of

Oneonta, Arab and Guntersville, following the council's school-study trip week to the three cities. The purpose of the trip was to assess the effect of the switch to city systems by the city governments. The results of the trip were not discussed, although the council reportedly received favorable reports on the status of city systems from two of the three cities toured.

The council, in final action, reviewed the city's insurance coverage and agreed to make an in-depth study in the coming weeks. Artis Weems described the coverage as "adequate."



Laura Nation/The Daily Home

New Miss Logan Martin makes first visit

Madelen Raughton, the brand new Miss Logan Martin, visits with Lee Rowe at the St. Clair County Adult Development Center in Pell City. Miss Raughton was named Miss Logan Martin Aug. 29 and started making appearances last week.

City Endorses Plan For ARC Day Care Center

The Pell City Council Monday night unanimously endorsed a program presented by Malcolm Carpenter of the St. Clair County Association for Retarded Children which includes efforts to establish a day care or child development center in Pell City for mentally retarded children.

St. Clair Federal Savings and Loan Association will permit the use of its part of the old hospital building for the facility and a portion of the program will be financed by Mental Health.

Mr. Carpenter said that the program will need verbal as well as local financial support of the cities, county and Board of Education. On a motion by Councilman Bam Cox the Council endorsed the proposed program in all respects and assured Mr. Carpenter that the Council would help in any way

Mayor Dill Nixon told Mr. Perry that the study committee recommended that the people involved in any accident within the city limits be given the choice of which wrecker they wanted to use and if they had no preference, then the call should be given to various wreckers on a rotating basis, and that the Council went along with the recommendation. He said "that was the way things would stand."

The Council also discussed recent arrests for selling beer on Sunday made by plainclothesmen from Birmingham. Mayor Nixon said that he was not aware that the action was going on and told Councilman Harvey Watson that he thought the Mayor should have been informed and that a matter of this kind should have been discussed in full council.

Four local businesses were

expressed an interest in knowing what was going on in the departments on which he was a committeeman.

Mayor Nixon said that the Records Court did not come under the Judiciary Committee

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which was set up to prepare ordinances and resolutions such as the business license schedule.

In other business, the Council authorized City Attorney Billy Church to start legal proceedings against Urban Sanitation in Pell City for removal of garbage trucks on 3rd Avenue South and 19th Street; decided to contact Mitchell Construction Company about another set of plans for the civic center as well as

James Perry of Perry's Chevron in Pell City met with the Council again to request that city wrecker business be placed on a rotation plan by the week or month and said that he thought he deserved to know why the committee did not recommend putting the business on such a rotation plan.

Councilman Watson said that he had assumed that such action came under his authority as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and that he did not know that Recorders Court did not come under that jurisdiction. Councilman Forest Walls, also a member of the Judiciary Committee, said that he did not know about the matter and

League of Municipalities about a recommendation of an architect and calling a special meeting of the Council to discuss the Civic Center.

Mayor Nixon reported that he had received a phone call from Ken Dyer, an applicant for the job of Director for the Center and that Mr. Dyer said that he was interested in the job. He said he would contact them again in a few weeks.

Bids were opened for a tractor with rotary mower and front blade for the Park and Recreation Board and Fouts Truck and Tractor of Ashville was low bidder at \$1,706.00.

Ed Ash reported on recent industrial development activity and said that three industrial prospects have been in the city recently looking for existing buildings. A contractor has agreed to build a 20,000 square foot metal building for \$55,000 until the building is sold with the agreement that he will get \$5,000 profit when the building is sold. After discussion, the Council agreed to go along with the building erection if approved by the Industrial Development Board.

The Council also commended Mr. Ash for his work with the Industrial Development Board and expressed appreciation for the time and money he had spent in these efforts.

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