January 3, 1955

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The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council was held Tuesday night January 3 at 7 P. M. with the following present: Mayor S. C. Carson, Councilmen H. R. Halliday, G. T. Newton, Doyle Elred, C. B. Bryan and Earle Crane, Police Chief N. M. Lawrence, Fire Chief Johnny Harper, Capt. Bill Poole and Firemen L. C. Evatt.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and he asked the clerk to read the minutes of the last meeting. The Mayor asked if there were any changes or admissions to the minutes and the minutes read that all soliciting or begging on the streets be stopped, this was changed to read that all soliciting or begging be stopped except when approved by the Mayor or Chief of Police. On the speed limit through town the Council agrees to cut speed to 35 MPH and do away with the 25 MPH and the highway might not agree with this, but as far as the Town is concerned we will enforce the 35 MPH. C. B. Bryan made a motion that the minutes be adopted with the above changes, G. T. Newton 2nd the motion and the Council voted unanimously on adopting the minutes.

The Mayor asked the Firemen if they had anything which they would like to bring before the Council. Chief Johnny Harper reported that the Fire Department was nominated to do a job and they were trying to do a good one. He had a few proposals and suggestions as follows: First, the fire hydrants are now red and aluminum, they suggest that all hydrants be painted red and be marked off so that no parking will be allowed. If someone does park make them pay a fine of $5.00. Second, prohibit the following of the fire truck, and if they do follow the truck a fine of $25.00 be imposed. Third, a fire inspection and inspections be made. Mr. Newton is our fire inspector, and the Firemen suggest that an inspection be made on January 14 to inspect all buildings. Take name and trouble and ask that this hazard be removed in a week's time. Fourth, repair both doors at the Fire House. Fifth, the firemen suggest that the $75.00 check from J. P. Stevens, for services rendered by the fire Department be turned over the them to buy equipment. Especially smoke masks and some nozzles. A round table discussion between the Firemen and Council followed and appointment of fire police was talked. Chief Harper will appoint these men. The Mayor asked the firemen about running the motor on the fire truck too fast. Mr. Poole stated that this had to be run fast to build up enough pressure to run the pump. The Firemen thanked the council and departed.

The first proposal of painting the Hydrants red and marking off for no parking was ~~passed~~ passed. Mr. Halliday made this motion and it was seconded by G. T. Newton. the Council were in favor.

Next, the following of the fire truck was talked about and the Council agreed that the people should be asked not to do this and a Notice will be written up and posed in town asking them not to follow the truck.

About the inspection, Mr. Newton says that some things will require more than a week to correct and ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ in some cases it would take 30 days for corrections to be made. The number of days will be left up to the inspector, Mr. Newton and the Fire Department.

The Council agreed to fix the doors of the Fire House and also to give the $75 check from J. P. Stevens to the fire department to be used as they see fit.

The Street Committe was asked to study the housed in town about sanatation. The will ask Mr. Durham, the County Health Officer, to make this survey with them. This will be done due to several complaints.

The Mayor called on Mr. Lawrence and asked if he had anything to say. He reported to the Council that he had a car and that Mr. West suggested that he get a siren and red lights. Mr. West is going to Columbia Thursday and if he does he will pick them up if the Council agree to this, also the painting on the car.,

and he would like for the Council to suggest what should be printed on it. Chief Lawrence reported that the door on the jail was in bad shape and he has been carrying all prisioners to Pickens because they freeze in the back, but if the door is fixed and bars over the windows the prisioners can come out to the fire. Mr. Lawrence thanked the Council for the money on the car and he asked that anytime they had complaints or recommendations he would be glad if they would talk with him. The Mayor told Mr. Lawrence that he spoke for the Town in says they had enjoyed working with him and that he was very cooperative in every way. All of Mr. Lawrence's recommendations were okayed by the Council and the Council asked that he put Central Police on the car.

Heaters for the Town Office and the Filter Plant were discussed and the Council asked Mr. Halliday to install these heaters.

The Council voted to have the Registration Board to come down sometime before the County election. Mayor Carson says he wants our boxes in Central to carry a big vote and if it is pushed we should have a heavy vote.

The Palmist in town has asked for a license for the next year. Mr. Lawrence stated that the Sheriff was runing them all out of the County. G. T. Newton made a motion that we have the palmist move by the 15th, H. R. Halliday 2nd this motion and the Council voted unamiously.

G. T. Newton after a round table discussion, made a motion that all single grave spaces sell for $20.00, H. R. Halliday made the 2nd and the Council all voted in favor of this. The Town will keep up these graves. Mr. Newton stated that we will have to get a lawn mower and the rearranging of the cemetery will cost us about a $1,000.00.

The Mayor has had Mr. Stevens to make a map of Central, showing our water, gas and sewer lines.

The meeting then adjourned.

D. C. Carson,
Mayor

Attest:

Sara S. James,
Clerk & Treas.