

MINUTES

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

January 16, 1973

Those Present: Messrs: Cumbie, Fowler, Thompson, Kennemore Hopkins, O'Dell, Duncan, Head, Williams and Mayor Holladay.

The Mayor called the meeting to order a bit late due to a Committee Meeting previously held. The Mayor briefly reviewed the recent scare from Appalachian Council regarding our Sewer grant. When the Revenue Sharing came into effect, the government starting closing previously granted aid and we were afraid that our money may be stopped and this was bad since we had already spent about half we expected to receive.

The Mayor read a letter received from the Appalachian Council (Mr. Larry J. Lassiter, Program Director) stating that our grant was in tact and would proceed as originally stated.

The Palmetto Life Insurance Rep. from Pickens (Mr. Boone Crisp) gave a brief summary of his solicitation to our Town Employees on the Group Life Insurance Program proposed. He stated that he had retained the required 6 to form the group and that we would be receiving the first payroll deduction forms around the first of February and the policies (individual policies) would be in effect starting March 1, 1973. He also stated that he had 2 or 3 more employees to check out and that he would be in touch with them this week. He then left the group.

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The Mayor then brought up the fact that the man from Appalachian Council (Monday night meeting) had stated that we had until February 7th to file for Appalachian Funding for a Police Bann (Communication System). The break down of the funding was brought out as: 75% Appalachian; 18% Municipality; and 6% state. Chief Duncan stated that this funding was for police communications only. The Mayor asked the Council if they wished to submit the necessary papers for the funding: Chief Duncan then stated that we had previously hoped for a 7 frequency unit, shared with other small towns, but since the Appalachian Council was wanting to make this State Wide, we are now limited to 3 frequencies. Many of the smaller towns now do not wish to share. Pickens will not combine with any other town. The Mayor then put it matter before the Council again. Mr. Fowler made the motion that we submit the necessary papers for the funding, it was seconded by Mr. Kennemore and the Council was in agreement. The Mayor asked Chief Duncan to handle the necessary paperwork for the application. The Mayor then asked the Council if they were interested in sharing with other Towns around us. The Council agreed on this since it would be less expense. Dr. O'Dell made the motion to meet with members of the other towns jointly to discuss this prospect. It was seconded by Mr. Fowler.

Just before Chief Duncan was dismissed, Dr. O'Dell asked the Chief if he would start making out a weekly roster of the work schedule of the Policemen and giving it to the Town Clerk

so that we would be aware if no one was on duty, should an emergency arise. He agreed to do so and was dismissed.

The Mayor then brought up the matter of Duke Power, and our trespassing on their right-of-way in front of the American Enka Plant (Clarence Merck Property). We had infringed on their rights but they were willing to allow this with the following

stipulations: We would replace the grass
We would be responsible for the damage done
to Mr. Merck's pond (wash problem)
They would have no responsibility for our
sewer lines in their maintenance of their
structures and lines.
No man-holes should be placed on their right-of-way.
No crossings made within 25 ft. of a structure.
They relinquish none of their legal rights to the
right-of-way.

They requested a letter in writing agreeing to these stipulations. Mr. Cumbie stated that they were in line on these requests, the Council agreed and the motion was made by Mr. Cumbie to write the letter, seconded by Mr. Fowler. It was brought out by Mr. Fowler that the Wash problem around Mr. Merck's pond was already a problem before our lines were placed, but we agreed to be responsible for the stipulation.

The Mayor asked up to date information on the Old School House. We had purchased all the necessary plastic for the covering of the windows, but they were not all completed. The Mayor stated that Mr. S. C. Carson had mentioned having some of his people complete the job. The Mayor asked the Councils' opinion on having this work completed. Mr. Hopkin was motioned by the Council to handle the hiring of personnel to complete the work and it was seconded by Dr. O'Dell. It was mentioned we should have written contract of the cost so we would know how much was involved.

The Mayor brought the matter of a new gas heater needed at the community center before the council. It was discussed among the council members and they finally agreed that it would be best to install 2 small heaters in the community center to have better heating. It was suggested that 2 30 BTU's be installed. Mr. Kennemore made the motion to go ahead and replace the heaters, it was seconded by Mr. Fowler.

The Mayor then made a report on the two revenue sharing checks received in total amount of \$26,752.00.

The Mayor then asked if they had any recommendations ready on purchasing of new equipment: Mr. Thompson took the floor and gave bids for the new garbage truck we wanted to purchase. The Holder bid was the best for the price. After a lengthy discussion on the garbage trucks, Mr. Kennemore stated that they had preferred to buy a diesel truck. It was stated that this was cheaper, the engine would last longer and we would be better off for many years of service from it. The Mayor then asked Council's opinion. The Council was in agreement that The Committee be responsible for the purchase of the necessary truck and their judgement be final. They decided to look into the diesel further and will report on the decision later.

The Council agreed to go ahead and purchase the following equipment from the Revenue Sharing Money:

Packard Unit	\$6,800.00 plus tax
Backhoe	\$6,300.00 plus tax
Trailer for backhoe	\$1,602.00

The matter of the 3/4 ton truck was brought up. We had bids submitted

on this cost, but the members of the Committee then felt we should look into the matter of a 4-wheel drive vehicle because of the areas the truck would be used. They will look into the prices and report at a later date.

The matter of the Trencher was brought up. The Committee felt that we should go ahead and purchase this after prices have been checked out. The Council added to their previous motion that the committee be authorized to purchase the necessary equipment. It was seconded by Mr. Cumbie. The Committee will report back on the prices of the Trencher.

John Head then stated to the Council that the South Plant should be starting up in about a week. The North Plant was running way behind because of the road into the plant.

Mr. Thompson then asked Mr. Head his need for several requests for small supplies and subscription renewals. The Council agreed to renew the subscriptions and purchase the necessary meter tubes requested. Dr. O'Dell then asked Mr. Head why the meters that are stopped or broken within the Town have not been replaced. Mr. Head stated that they just had not had time to take care of them all, but that they were working on them now. It was recommended that Mr. Head try to keep spares of meters and hydrants to cover emergencies. Mr. Head was then dismissed.

Mr. Thompson then submitted a bill for Engineering Services to the Council for approval for payment. The council felt that the bill was not suppose to be charge to us. Mr. Cumbie was given

authority to look into the matter and was given the bill to hold until he reports back on the situation.

Dr. O'Dell then presented the cost of the new typewriter to the Council and it was approved. The cost will be out of the Revenue sharing money also in the amount of \$514.00.

The Mayor then read a form from the Revenue Sharing on the figures used to base our funding. The Council agreed that the figures be accepted and it was seconded by Dr. O'Dell.

The Mayor then brought up the matter of the previously overlooked memo on the rules for the park. It was stated that we had plenty of insurance to cover the increase in traffic there. The matter of the reservations for the shelters was brought up and the Council felt that they should be handled in the Town Hall. Reservations for large groups only should be kept for the smaller shelters. We do not charge for their use, but donations will be accepted. They Council brought up the fact that they wanted to look into the matter of hiring a part-time part attendant and eventually a full-time. A temporary part-time attendant could be paid from the Revenue Sharing. A motion was made by the Mayor to accept the rules and regulations and hours set forth by the Park Committee; it was seconded by Mr. Cumbie.

The matter of the building of the shelter for our Town equipment was brought forth. The Council members felt that the workers were not going to have time to handle this and maybe we should look into the matter of having it contracted. The Council recommended the Committee responsible, go ahead on this matter and will report at a

later date.

The Mayor then brought up the matter of the list of unpaid taxes due the town. He felt that a committee be appointed to review this list for possible deceased persons or those moved away before taking further action on it. The Council agreed it should be reviewed, but collection made, since this is the last chance we will have to collect ~~XXXXXXXX~~ these past due taxes as we will be letting the County handle this from now on. The Mayor, Chief Duncan and John Head will review the list and report back at a later date.

Mr. Kennemore stated that he had a request from Mr. Dobson to have a street light put up . ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Thompson made the motion to go ahead and Mr. Fowler seconded the motion.

Dr. O'Dell then submitted the matter of changing the sick leave for City Employees from 14 days to 15 days, because of the monthly record keeping. Mr. Fowler made the motion it be accepted and Mr. Kennemore seconded the motion.

Dr. O'Dell then submitted for motion that all penalties on water billings that are not paid when due, but charged on the next month's billing. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion.

Dr. O'Dell then submitted motion that Mrs. Williams give a montly report of office situation and improvements necessary. Mr. Fowler seconded the motaion.

Dr. O'Dell submitted for motion that Mr. Hughes be given her notice since Virginia Smallwood had returned to work. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. The Mayor stated that he would give Mrs. Hughes her notice and thanks.from us all.

Mayor R.H. Headley
Respectfully Submitted *Robert D. Williams*