

SPECIAL MEETING - MARCH 20, 1953

Town of Central

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South Carolina

A Special meeting was called March 20, 1953. Present were G. M. Perry, Mayor, C. B. Bryan, G. T. Newton, and Doyle Elrod, Council members; S. C. Carson and Tom Folger, Business Men's Association. Mr. Hall & Mr. Ghormley were here to discuss an extension to the present Water lines. Mr. Perry asked Mr. Hall to take the floor. Mr. Hall then asked Mr. Ghormley as he was to furnish money. It was understood that Central would like to know cost and finance of improving the water mains and fire protection. Mr. Hall says that they will finance, and Mr. Ghormley says that it will be the best way and the engineer will find out how much it will cost the town and that they will furnish report with the cost and all the figures. Mr. Perry then said that he did not want to raise the water bills. Mr. Ghormley stated that he will buy the bonds at the time the engineer's report is finished and will come with the Town body and agree on a rate of interest, they will also furnish bond attorney, resolution, bonds and legal opinion. If the Town does not want to go on with the work when the engineers are finished there will be no cost, if you do go ahead with the work there will be a small fee. If this does not go through then you will pay the engineer \$1.00. Mr. Ghormley recommended Mr. Hall and said that he did not know of any firm that could give a more definite information and to tell you exactly what you are going into. They will furnish maps, etc. They will make survey and purchase bond issue. The people will know exactly what the facts are, because Mr. Hall will give them all to you before any bonds are issued. Mr. Perry then said that he could see no avoiding raising water rate as we are merely enlarging the facility of our present system to people already using water. Mr. Hall then asked if we already had meters. Yes. Mr. Hall then asked if we would serve any outlying areas. Mr. Perry then answered that we would be glad to have the survey on all outside people and if Mr. Hall thinks it feasible then we would give them water. Mr. Ghormley then said that they would fix the bonds low so that the water rate would not be raised so much also that the Town can retire these bonds at anytime they want to retire and when they get some extra money. Mr. Perry stated that if we should go into this we would have to set back so much for the bonds that the Town now owes \$13,000 and the interest. Mr. Ghormley says that it is such a very small amount that it will not effect the new bonds at all and that the new bonds will be let the same as the old ones were. Subordinate with the original issue. Mr. Hall then told the Council to feel free to ask any questions. Doyle Elrod asked did we figure on more storage space. Mr. Perry says that he thinks a rim can be added to our old tank. The Council asked if all this extra storage, etc were included in the survey. Mr. Hall said that all this will be included. Mr. Perry thinks that the settlement base will have to be increased. Mr. Hall says that everything will be included in the survey. Mr. Perry asked that after the survey is made and we do not want to undertake this all that we will owe is \$1.00. Mr. Ghormley and Mr. Hall said that the Town would owe nothing except \$1.00 to Mr. Hall. Mr. Ghormley left an agreement with Mr. Perry and he will get the Council to look into this. Mr. Ghormley signed on copy and left it also.

A round table discussion about the new Clemson line was discussed and then the meeting adjourned.

G. M. PERRY, Mayor

Attest
Sara S. James, Clerk & Treas.