

Regular Council Meeting
May 8, 1989

Present: Mayor Alton Cumbie; Councilmen: Stan Thompson; Frank Chaka; "Doc" Evatt; Clarence Phillips; Harry Holladay; Troy Porter; Administrator Herbert Thompson; Jenni Munroe of the Greenville News; Brian Garner, The Messenger, Grace Towe, Clerk; Chief Frank Cantrell.

Mayor Cumbie called the meeting to order.

Invocation by Stan Thompson.

Minutes of the April 10, 1989 meeting were read. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Troy Porter to adopt as read. Vote unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stan Thompson: Noted that the final reading on the fire referendum had been held and forwarded to the Justice Department and September 12, 1989 was the projected date for the referendum. Chief Frank Cantrell was recognized to brief council on the loitering problem on Watkins St. Chief has informed the people that they would be prosecuted when caught by stake outs, that the neighbors do not have to put up with this kind of action. Chief noted that the drainage problems with ruts and holes prevented some of them from getting into drive ways. Needs this problem taken care of. Chief will use the state stature for parking in streets and when convicted the cost is \$43.00 per violation. Mr. Thompson brought the problem of high grass on Gaines Street and junk cars at R. T. Martin's Exxon. Need to talk to Mr. Martin for cooperation in solving this problem. Report back to next work session.

Frank Chaka: Gave financial report. Little over in income in General Fund. Expenses running some over. Water and Sewer within budget and water loss reasonable. Police and Fire Department some over budget.

Troy Porter: Grass has been cut at park and catch basin cleaned out.

Clarence Phillips: Water and Sewer supplies from a vendor in Anderson will be available for repairs at north and south plants.

Harry Holladay: Mayor Cumbie noted that some merchants are ready to begin repairs to upgrade the appearance of the buildings on Main Street.

"Doc" Evatt: Streets and Sanitation--Problem on Foot Street discussed by Mr. Herbert Thompson. To help with the drainage problem, need to take the pipe out and ditch to trees, but this would be a short term fix. The committee needs to get a report on the needs for a permanent solution to the drainage problem. Also, the owner needs to share 1/2 the cost if rift raft is used.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stan Thompson: Siren on top of school building discussed. Chief Head feels we need a new siren, but is the siren necessary since all of the firemen have beepers. Discussion of safety belt policy for next work session. Council needs to attend Pickens County Municipal Association meeting as they are beneficial. The next meeting is May 22, 1989 at Dr. Webb's lake house.

Troy Porter: Recreation. Baseball League totals 11 teams: 2 Little League, 1 Pony League; 4 Coaches Pitch; 4 Tee Ball for a total of well over 100 children, boys and girls. Men's softball has 7 open ^{teams} ~~leagues~~ and there are 6 church teams. Mr. Porter recommended that we purchase 1 set of aluminum bleachers. These could be transferred to the gym in the winter, then by fall of the year possibly purchase another set. Cost range \$662 to \$840.

Herbert Thompson and Bobby Busha to make decision to purchase. Really need two sets now.

Motion by Mr. Porter, second by "Doc" Evatt to go ahead and buy one set now.

Vote was unanimous.

Clarence Phillips: Noted that by next year the same kind of repairs that were done this year to the south plant would have to be done to the north plant. Need to keep this in mind at budget time.

Harry Holladay: Noted that the caboose needs to be put in permanent place. Herbert Thompson to get the cost to move to permanent location.

"Doc" Evatt: No report.

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Thompson noted that the computer was in place. Training session set for May 12 and another at a later date. CAD Mapping--Proposal to be brought back to next work session. OSA--All items have been corrected and report sent to Columbia with explanations of corrections made.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Cumbie scanned the state law on soliciting. People can solicit if the governing body permits it.

Motion by Harry Holladay and second by Stan Thompson to create a policy for no permits at all to be issued for soliciting in the streets. Mr. Holladay ammended his motion so that proper wording could be constructed and brought back to work session. Second to this motion was by Mr. Porter. Vote unanimous.

FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM ROAD NAMING AND NUMBERING SYSTEM. Motion by Mr. Chaka, second by Mr.

Porter to accept. Vote unanimous.

SECOND READING ON SOUTHERN BELL FRANCHISE AGREEMENT. Motion by Mr. Porter, second by Mr. Chaka to accept. Vote unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Evatt, second by Mr. Phillips to go into executive session for personnel review. Vote was unanimous.

Return from executive session:

Clarence Phillips made a motion to increase Matthew Hughes salary to \$12,269.00 per year. This was seconded by "Doc" Evatt. Vote unanimous.

Frank Chaka made a motion to pay Teresa Crowe \$3.50 per hour for 16 hours per week. The administrator was authorized to increase the hours if necessary.

Harry Holladay made a motion to allow Mayor Cumbie to appoint Mr. Thomas Earle to the position of Assistant Municipal Judge provided that Mr. Earle would accept. This position salary to be as we are paying our present Asst. Judge, Patricia Finley. This motion was seconded by Clarence Phillips.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Diane A. Jones, CMC
Clerk

W. Herbert Thompson
Administrator for Executive Session