

September 3, 1956

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At the regular monthly meeting of the Town Council held Monday night September 3 at 7:30 P. M. the following were present: S. C. Carson, Mayor; Councilmen C. B. Bryan, Doyle Elrod, Grady Berry, Earle Crane, H. R. Holliday and Chief of Police N. M. Lawrence.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and the minutes of the August meeting were read. The clerk was asked to read the section about the square dancing again and after this C. B. Bryan moved that we adopt the minutes and Doyle Elrod 2nd this motion. The Council were in agreement.

The Mayor talked with the Council and expressed his appreciation for their help and cooperation.

The finance sheets were discussed and a report of the 1956 taxes collected as of August 31 was \$23,808.10 against our assessment of \$24,966.64. The Business License are almost complete in collection.

Mr. Lawrence reported that everything was fine except he wanted to get some stop signs. Mr. Carson asked that he see Mr. Powell if he would furnish these if not we will buy them. Mr. Berry said that we needed about three slow signs to put at the Park. Mr. Lawrence would like to get slow signs, children playing. The speed of the trains coming through town was discussed and Mr. Carson said he would talk with the railroad about this and see if we could get their speed down to 35 or 40 miles an hour.

A round table discussion on our telephone system followed. All independent companies were notified about bidding for this system and Southern Bell was high bidder, now an independent company says they did not have a chance to bid and has asked the Public Service Commission for a new hearing. A letter from the Mayor was read to the Council asking that Southern Bell be given this bid, as we did not want an independent because our service would be no better. This letter was sent to Mr. Folger with a copy to Mr. Brown of the Public Service. Mr. Folger has been very nice and if an independent company was going to have our system he might as well keep it.

Mr. Holliday expressed how nice everyone was to work with and that he enjoyed his two years on the Council with them. If at any time he could be of help to anyone please feel free to call on him. He stated that his heart was in the town and he will work with whoever is elected. He also stated that he saw the need for a full time police, if we could pay him, so that he would not have to do the magistrate's work. One individual can not work 24 hours a day, and if the town could consider a night police in the future it would be nice. Mr. Holliday stated that Mr. Lawrence had done a good job.

Mr. Lawrence said he had not done so much but had the backing of all the good men on the Council and the Sheriff and Deputies had cooperated fully with him.

The meeting then adjourned.

Attest:
Sarah A. James

S. C. Carson
S. C. Carson, Mayor