

MINUTES

November 3, 1952

Town of Central

South Carolina

The November regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council of Central, S. C. was held on the 3rd at 7:30 P. M. and the following were present: G. M. Perry, Mayor, Councilmembers: Doyle Elrod, C. F. James, Bill Wallace, Grady Berry, Tom Newton and C. B. Bryan.

The meeting was called to order and the first business discussed was the bids from 3 firms for a new truck. These bids were read by Mr. Perry and the bids only cover the cab and chassis. A dump for the truck would be about \$700. and it would have to be put on. Mr. Perry then read a financial statement of the Town and also what bonds and interest we owe that will be due before the next tax year. It was talked of borrowing money and the interest is so high and it is so high to finance a truck thru car lending. Mr. Perry told the Council that Mr. Wallace had let the Town have money on the taxes for the following year and that he might let us have enough on taxes to pay for the truck and then we would save the interest. Charles James thought this was a good idea. Mr. Newton said we should check with other towns on what kind of dump and truck that they have. J. W. Wallace thought that Mr. Bryan and Mr. Perry should select the truck since they have had experience with trucks. The rest of the council thought this was fine so Mr. Perry and Mr. Bryan were asked to attend to this.

Next business before the council was the jury box. This is fixed up after each election for the following year. In years past we have put the stubs of our Town Registration certificates in this but this year we do not have this. So the council will have to devise some means of doing this. The law states that they could be in capsule so Mrs. James will type the names out of our books and put them in a capsule and fix the jury box.

Chriswell Rowland went to see Mr. Perry and he had also seen the Council members about the Town swearing him in as a policeman so he could night watch and carry a gun. He went up to see Sheriff Bolding and he sent him to the town. Mr. Perry told Mr. Rowland that he would take it up with the Council. G. T. Newton asked if the town would be liable for him. Yes we would, we are liable for any employee and if he was sworn in he would be one. J. W. Wallace asked what the law was for a night watchman carrying a gun. Mr. Perry said they could carry a gun on private property. Also that the Town had nothing whatsoever with him being a night watchman. Anyone can hire a watchman that wants one. Being an assistant policeman is the only way the Town can bond him. J. W. Wallace said that he didn't think him capable of handling a job. G. T. Newton said that lots of people would pass judgement too quick, and someone might get hurt and the Town would be liable.

J. W. Wallace brought up about an auxiliary policeman. He said we have been relying on Henry Cureton when Bill is out, and Bill has got the whole thing by himself since Jule is sick. Now that Bill is sick we have no one. The incident that happened at school was discussed. J. W. Wallace wanted to get someone to work when Bill is sick or when he is out of Town. It will have to be someone that is cool and level headed. Bill Wallace said something about Lloyd King. G. T. Newton wanted to know if this carried a salary. The Council discussed this and decided if they get anyone just pay for the days he works. A motion was made to get an auxiliary policeman. Let Bill decide the man and check and see if he can risk him when he is off. Let Bill have the big say in this as he will work with him. The council were all in favor of hiring someone as a stand by man to take Mr. Gaines place when he is out of Town or Sick. G. T. Newton then asked about the authority of Council. They have same authority as Police, as they are sworn in to office to keep peace in Town.

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Mr. Bryan wanted to ask the Town about Christmas lightning. The Ruitian Club had ~~XXXXXX~~ asked him to see the Council about this. They want to know if it is alright to have light and also if the Town will pay the curency bill. G. T. Newton asked if they pay for the light and we pay for the power they use. Mr. Bryan said this was coorrect. The Council discoussed this and there was no definite figure of what the power would cost, as they didn't know how long the lights would be up or how much they would cost per night. C. F. James told Mr. Bryan to get the Ruitian Club to see the Duke Power man at Liberty, he's an engineer and can tell them approximately how much the power will run per day. A Community tree wasdiscussed at this time. J. W. Wallace asked Mr. Bryan if this had been discussed and he said at the meeting no, but after the meeting he heard something about this. The lights, Mr. Bryan thinks, will be just in the businees district.. G. T. Newton does not object to the Clubs putting up the Christmas light but object to cost of lightning. Mr. Bryan s s they want to know just about putting up lights. The Co ncil all agreed upon this and will pay some of the current bill but we can not say we will pay all of it because we do not know what it will cost. The Town will help on this it was agreed.

Grady Berry then asked about a street light at Mrs. Claude Thomas. There isn't a street light on that end. C. F. James made motion that a street light be pwt up there at the most convient place. Doyle Elrod 2nd this motion. It was unamicu A light for Bill McAlister was discussed and the Council will lokk into that one.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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G. W. Perry, Mayor

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Sara S. James, Clerk & Treas.