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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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Those present: Mayor Holladay, Furman Hopkins, Calvin Evatt, Phyllis Boyles, Frank Chaka, Troy Porter Clerk Treas. Catherine Hughes, Town Administrator Barney Jones, Chief of Police Arthur D. Besser, News Media Pam Shealy (Messenger), Recreation Director Bobby Busha & a group of citizen from inside and outside the town limits.

Mayor Holladay called the meeting of Nov. 13, 1978 to order. The following items on the agenda were: A reading of the minutes of the last regular council meeting Oct. 9, 1978 and minutes of a called meeting Oct. 30, 1978 were read and approved as read.

Copies of the financial statements for the month of Oct. was presented to the council and approved. Mayor Holladay stated to the council that the audit for the fiscal year 1977-78 was near completion and ask the high lights of the audit be published in the paper.

Report for the month of Oct. was given from the Police Dept. by Chief Besser which consist of the following: Accidents 5, Traffic Summons 8, Verbal Warnings 22, Parking Tickets 0, Complaint calls 27, Escorts 27, arrests 8, Criminal Investigations 6 (2 solved), Assisted other depts. 15, vacation home watch 2, Money collected in court fines \$763.25 and Mileage 5077 (Aver. 55 miles per shift per day). Chief ask the council if there was any questions pertaining to the Police Dept. There was none.

Mayor Holladay ask Council Person Phyllis Boyles, Chairman of the Recreation Dept. for her recommendation of appointment of a citizen committee to administer the Recreation Dept. Council Person Boyles read her letter of recommendation and appointed the following to the Recreation Dept. Committee. they are 1. Sharon Martin Basketball, Kenneth Kennemore Baseball, Al Cureton Football, Troy Porter Teeball, Rev. Bob Waddel Softball & Bobby Busha Director, an ex-officio without voting privileges. As Council Person Boyles was reading her recommendation of appointments to the different phases in the Rec. Dept. voices was heard from the group of citizens inside and outside the town limits who were protesting against the appointment of the Rec. Dept. Committee. Mayor Holladay called for order and ask that one speak at a time his or her opinion. Mr. Tommy McAlister voiced his opinion that he feels that the committee should be nominated rather than appointed, stated he felt that the committee should be those inside the town limits, that Sharon Martin should be deleted from the committee due to being outside the town limits, that Troy Porter should not be on the committee & serving as Town Councilman. Mr. McAlister stated that he was available and qualified to serve on the committee and ask the council to place him on the committee. Jane McAlister stated her opinion that the committee appointed was the group constituted by Mrs. Boyles and Bobby Busha which was of the same bunch and things would be no different than they were.

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Mayor Holladay ask the citizens their motive against the way the Recreation Dept. was being carried out. Jane McAlister stated that because trophies were not presented to each of the football team players when 1,200 was made at their Super Bowl Day held on Sat. Oct. 28, 1978. The group was told that any funds raised was placed into the Recreation Dept. Account along with any accounts receivable to help defray the expense of accounts payable for the entire Recreation Dept. program. Also same said group in a meeting Nov. 6, 1978 with chairman Council Person Boyles, Town Administrator Barney Jones and Recreation Director Bobby Busha was presented a unaudited copy of the receipts & disbursements & outstanding bill to be paid from the Recreation Account.

Mrs. Mae McJunkins was then heard from the floor who ask Mrs. Boyles if she would tell the group what she had told in the drug store the reason her children didn't play in the Recreation Dept. quoted Mrs. Boyles as saying to her sister the reason she didn't let her children play was because she (Mrs. Boyles) didn't like the ^{way} Bobby Busha run the Recreation Dept. Mrs. Boyles ask Mrs. McJunkin to speak for herself and she would do the same for herself and the reason her son had not participated in the sports was due to health reasons and the acquisitions Mrs. McJunkins made were not true. Mrs. Boyles also stated she feel that we have a good Recreation Dept. under the Direction of Bobby Busha and realized that there were problems, in which the appointment of the committee would try to help solve. Discussion went on and voices from others of this particular group were heard in opposition of the appointed committee recommended by the Chairman of the Recreation Dept. (Mrs. Boyles). Mayor Holladay explained to the group the town was backing the Recreation Dept. and a policy know as the Grievance Committee Policy for the town employees which applies to the Rec. Dept. also. This committee serves as planning committee, a working committee and as a grievance committee. At this time Mayor Holladay ask to obtain a motion for appointment of the Recreation Dept. Committee. Motion was made by Councilperson Boyles to accept this recommendation. Councilman Chaka ask the question once the committee was formed would the group here be represented or what? Councilman Evatt stated he feels they should be a representative from each group. At this time Councilperson (Boyles) amends the motion to delete Sharon Martin from the committed due to outside the town limits and appointment of another member would be at a later time. This motion was seconded by Hopkins. Discussion was again open with this amendment. Councilman Porter stated that Councilperson Boyles was chairman of the Recreation Dept., but he recommended to remove all names from the recommendations of appointments. Porter stated that since the Town pays the Recreation Dept; Directors that the Town Council set the policy, rules, guidelines and regulations for the Recreation Dept. Tommy McAlister stated he and the group represented would agree to this statement. Motion by Councilperson Boyles to table the recommendation of appointments of the Recreation Dept. Committee. All Council voted in favor to table motion.

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Town Administrator briefed the Council on the Freedom of Information Act. If any questions the copy of the law in filed in the office.

Discussion of drafted ordinances:

1. Naming of St. & Assignments of House Numbers.
2. Sub Divisions Regulation as to installation of utilities, street etc. and cost thereof.
3. Personnel & Town Equipment on Private Property.

Mayor Holladay suggest to the Council, that the Administrator and Porter work out the drafted ordinance and have a call meeting. Also Council study the other ordinance drafted and make a decision at a later time.

- ** Town Administrator invited the council and their families to a covered dish supper Dec. 19, 1978 at 6 p.m. location Community Park Building. This supper is for all Town employees and their families. Meats will furnished by the Town.

New Business:

Pickens County

- ** Council was noted on the invitation to the Municipal Banquet to be held at the Foxfire Nov. 30, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. Please let us know if you can attend by Nov. 20, 1978.
- ** Council invited to the Firemen's Banquet Dec. 9, 6p.m. at Sonny's Steak Hou Mr. Jones briefed the Council that no response had been received from the Martin Shirley's at this time. Mr. Jones stated he would be in touch with legal council on this matter.

Hopkins ask the Council if they would rent the backhoe to Cannon Mills and the mill repair the backhoe for the cost of rent. Council approved.

Motion by Chaka to advertise to sell the above mention backhoe with the town's right to reject or accept the bid. Motion seconded by Hopkins. Council approved.

Motion by Porter seconded by Hopkins to accept the recommendation on the Policy of Water Turn Offs. Council approved.

There being no further business the meeting of November 13, 1978 adjourned at 9:30 p.m. and executive session was called to discuss personnel business.

Minutes Submitted by:

Catherine Hughes, Town Clerk


H.R. Holladay, Mayor