

Regular Council Meeting  
Dec. 8, 1980  
Minutes

Those present: Councilmen Gambrell, Chaka, Porter, Calvin Evatt, James Evatt, Jr. Carl Rampey, Mayor Summey, Clerk & Treas. Hughes, Administrator Jones, Chief of Police Cantrell, news media from the Pickens Sentenial & Messenger and citizen of the Town. Fire Chief John Head & Assistant Chief Jeff Cooper.

Mayor Summey called the meeting to order and minutes of the last council meeting (Nov. 10, 1980) were read and approved as read.

Motion made by Rampey seconded by Chaka to adopt 1st reading of an ordinance in change of code pertaining to Garbage & Refuse. Motion carried without opposition.

Motion made by Chaka seconded by Gambrell to accept petition of request on annexation of property located on Spring Forest Dr. known as Central Properties (apts. built by Jimmy Langston) & the vacant ground from the apts. to Hwy 93. This request was signed by a majority of the property owners (6~~to~~ 8). Motion carried without opposition. Copy in office file.

Motion made by Chaka seconded by Gambrell to adopt 1s reading of an ordinance on annexation of the property listed in above petition. Motion carried without opposition.

Mayor Summey noted council of a Special Call Meeting Dec. 15, 1980 at 7 o'clock.

Complaint of a corrected water bill in the amt. of \$26.40 mailed to Frank Johnson 203 Woodside Lane Spring Forest for the 12/1/80 billing was brought before council. Council was informed that the reading was crossed with another meter reading beside his meter. Mayor Summey stated he had been out and read the meters himself, had taken the beginning reading when customer (Johnson) moved in and according to reading when checked Johnson was responsible for this bill. Motion by Chaka seconded by Rampey to charge \$26.40 for actual consumption. Motion carried without opposition.

Complaint was heard from Michael Wilson (Spring Forest Lot 12) concerning his 12/1/80 water bill in the amt. of \$39.15. Customer stated he lived by himself and was away from home 2 weeks during this billing period. Motion by Gambrell seconded by James Evatt, Jr. to charge only a min. bill for sewer(\$3.00-) and charge for actual consumption for water according to the meter reading. Council approved without opposition.

The audit report for Oct.1, 1979 Sept. 30, 1980 was presented to council by town auditor's Doug Gaskin & Garris Harris CPA. Auditors stated the books and information was in very good shape. Copy in office file.

Appraiser's report of property owned by the town located on Hwy. 18 consisting of 10.3 acres were as follows.

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1. Appraised @ 1,650 per acre
2. Suggested that Town hold onto this property for later years since property was appreciating, but would appraise at \$1,000 acre. After discussion motion was made by Porter seconded by Gambrell to hold onto property until a latter date. Council approved without opposition.

Financial report for the nomth of Nov. was presented to Council and notation was made of a 13% in income should have been 17%, expenditures were 14%.

Police report for the month of Nov. was presented to council by Police Chief Cantrell. Copy attached.

Chief ~~Cantrell~~ Cantrell informed council of a program being worked out through the Juvenile Placement Officers of Pickens County of where juveniles works under supervision in differnt parts of the county. Cantrell stated no obligation to the town & he was working on a job description for these juveniles that would be working in the town.

Reports of the Committeemen:

Recreation Dept. Calvin Evatt-- Evatt asked the question concerning the School pertaining to the gym for the basketball program. Evatt was informed that a letter had been received from the school board giving permisson for the use of said gym until Jan. 26, 1980, at that time the board would either accept or place the school building up for auction if this should take place it would take approx 6 weeks in which this would carry through basketball season. Evatt then asked the question concerning heat & water for the gym. After discussion council asked that a letter be written to the school board withdrawing the Town bid if not accepted by Jan. 27. Council ask the Mayor & Mr. Jones to check into the source to give heat & water to the gym and report at the called meeting Dec. 15, 1980.

Police & Fire Dept. Rampey: Rampey stated the Central Fire Dept. had voted 100% to sell the 1970 Ford given to the Fire Dept. for their use by the Town of Central. Motion by Gambrell seconded by Calvin Evatt & approved by council to sell said 1970 Ford with open bids with the Town reserving the rights to accept or reject the bids.

Water & Sewer Chaka: Chaka stated he received only (1) complaint this month pertaining to water & sewer.

Planning & Development Porter- Stated he had no business to bring before the council.

New Business:

Administrator Hiring of:

Chaka stated he felt the town should advertise for an administrator to feel the vacancy fo Mr. Jones. Stated he felt with the size of the town and growing of the town an admin. was much needed at this time. Motion was made by Porter seconded by Chaka to advertise

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for the hiring of an administrator. Discussion was then heard, Rampey stated he would like to see if the town could be operated without an administrator that we had only had a administrator for the last 4 years & operated all these past years without.

Discussion was then heard from Calvin Evatt who stated if the town didn't hire an administrator who would be in charge, that under the council form of government the Mayor has no other power than the (6) councilmen.

Discussion then heard by Olin Gambrell stated that he felt that the town needed an administrator to call the day to day operations of the town.

Jimmy Evatt stated that the form of government did not state we had to have an administrator but felt that an administrator was needed as neither of the council had the time to spend on matters that needed to be taken care of.

Porter stated that under the Town Code of Ordinances & Policy the town was under it did call for an administrator.

Summey stated at the time he started his campaign he campaigned that he would serve as a full time mayor & his feelings still was the same.

Porter then called for question Mayor Summey address Porter & said his question was to be heard. Porter called for a vote on the motion & second that was on the floor of hiring an administrator. The council then voted on the motion of hiring an administrator with all council voting in favor with the exception of Carl Rampey & the mayor. (5-2) Rampey's reason for voting a negative was he would like to see if the Town could operate without an Admin. Mayor Summey stated his reason was the same as Rampey. Motion carried. It was recommended that a committee be appointed to screen the resumes that had been mailed in & present back to Council Dec. 15, 1980. Mayor Summey appointed Chaka, Porter, Gambrell & himself with Chaka acting as Chairman of the committee. Motion by Rampey seconded by Gambrell to accept the committee appointed by the Mayor. Council approved without opposition.

Motion by Chaka seconded by Gambrell to postpone item 2 & 3 on the agenda of hiring a Clerk of Court & Attorney and have something definite for the call meeting Dec. 15, 1980. Council approved without opposition.

Council gave approval for the Central Fire Dept. to extend its rural fire protection plan to the areas surrounding Norris & parts of the Six Mile areas. Norris was ceasing coverage Jan. 1, 1981 to those customer outside the city limits & Six Mile was ceasing at the river on Hwy. 137. Total customers of approx. 200. Motion by Porter seconded by Chaka to accept recommendation from town Administrator on charging a \$25.00 fee to new customers beginning with Jan. 1, 1981 & charging our present customers of \$18.75 from March 15, 1981 to Dec. 31, 1981. The charge for Woodside Plant was to be reviewed and presented at the Dec. 15, 1980 meeting.

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Item 5 on the agenda pertaining to the garbage will be discussed Dec. 15, 1980.

Motion by Chaka seconded by Porter to accept resolution from the S.C. Highway Dept. concerning the Brock St., Joseph St. & Johnson Rd. in bulding of the new rd. Council approved without opposition.

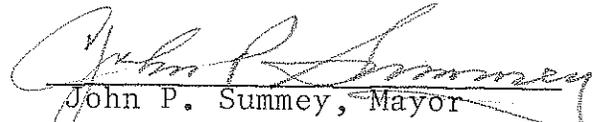
Mayor Report:

Informed Council on bid situation for the School Building.  
Informed Council on Agreement for Central Garage. Had been Signed by the owned L.O. Evatt Jr.  
Informed Council on the extra tap for the basement of Cecil Bice  
Bice not interested at this time.

Motion by Calvin Evatt seconded by Gambrell to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Council approved without opposition.

Minutes submitted respectively:

  
Catherine Hughes, Clerk & Treas.

  
John P. Summey, Mayor