

Special Called Meeting  
May 4, 1988 5:30 P. M.

Present: Mayor Alton Cumbie, Councilmen "Doc" Evatt, Harry Holladay, Clarence Phillips, Henry Law, Frank Chaka, Troy Porter; Mandy Bobo, The Messenger; Rev. James Wiggins; Rev. Billy Huff; Rev. Dan Christopher; Rev. Jack Hester; Mr. Elmer Curren, Herbert Thompson, Administrator.

Mayor Cumbie called the meeting to order.  
Invocation by Rev. James Wiggins.

Mayor Cumbie advised council that the meeting had been called to hear the request of Mr. Ronnie Hughes, this request being that the town withdraw the letter of protest to his liquor on premise license and the building of a liquor store.

Discussion proceeded.

Mr. Phillips voiced his opinion that since the town did not protest the Arc, he was for treating Mr. Hughes the same.

Mr. Porter—"Should not protest one, if did not the other" and should treat all alike. Rev. James Wiggins asked to speak. As a member of the Ministerial Association he voiced the opinion that two wrongs does not make a right. Noted that the town should acknowledge the mistake made in the case of not protesting the Arc license, but the Ministerial Association would be in Columbia on Monday to protest at the hearing. Mr. Law noted that he was against alcoholic beverages in any form and realized that the Arc being on main street would cause problems later.

Mr. Chaka voiced his opinion, but said he would abstain from voting because of his close association for 25 years with Mr. Hughes and his business being so close to his house.

Mayor Cumbie noted that even though the announcement was in the paper, a notice posted on the door of the Arc, and the Police Department had been notified, it was carelessness on his part for not following through with the procedures of the town policy to protest the license.

Mr. Holladay stated that we own Mr. Hughes a letter of apology for not doing our job at the Arc, but not in favor of revoking the letter of protest, this being a residential area, more so than main street.

Mr. Evatt informed council that they knew how he stood and "I still stand where I stood".

Mr. Curren was recognized. He disapproved of the liquor license because of the closeness to his house.

Motion by Mr. Porter to withdraw the letter of protest so as not to protect one business and not the other.

This died for lack of a second.

Motion by Mayor Cumbie, second by Mr. Holladay to send letter to Mr. Mike Green and Mr. Ronnie Hughes publicly acknowledging the town's mistake at Arc and relating that there was no bias in what happened and protest should have been carried out.

Council to review letter before being sent to each. Vote was unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Holladay, second by Mr. Porter to follow same trend as last year to go to Municipal Association at Hilton Head. Vote unanimous.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Dray D. Lowe, CMC  
Clerk