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At the special meeting called October 2, 1952 for the purpose of making an Ordinance calling for a special election on Oct. 21, 1952 for electing 1 Mayor and 1 Councilmember, present were G. M. Perry, Mayor; W. A. Gaines, Chief of Police; Councilmembers: T. A. Phillips, Frank Abercrombie, J. W. Wallace, Jr., C. F. James, S. C. Carson and Mr. Carson's lawyer, Mr. Carpender of Greenville,

Mr. Perry called the meeting to order and explained that this meeting had been called due to the hearing at Pickens, and the recomendation was that another election be held or carry this matter to a higher court. After a discussion between Mr. Carson and myself and the two other canditates that are involved, it was agreed to call a special election to elect 1 Mayor and 1 Council member. At this time Mr. Carpender read an Ordinance to call an election on the 21st day of October.

Mr. Perry then asked is there was any discussion. Mr. Carson said they talked about a change in the election managers. Mr. Perry said that the same managers were always used in a primary election, and that he had absolute confidence in the managers but he wanted everything settled here today. Mr. Carpender, Mr. Carson's lawyer, then stated that if the managers were changed it would be like a slap in the face, so they decided to keep the manager's that are now on.

Mr. Carpender then read a statement from Mr. Horton stating that he wanted to withdraw from the Council race and give this to Mr. Bryan. Mr. Perry said that a run off in the primary election the man can withdraw but then the next high man goes on the ballot. Mr. Perry gave an example on this. Mr. Carpender then took the withdrawal back and said that he would talk this over with Mr. Price and Mr. Mann.

J. W. Wallace made a motion that we call a Special election for Oct. 21, 1952 to elect 1 Mayor and 1 Councilmember, C. F. James 2nd this motion. Mr. Perry then asked if there was any discussion. Mr. Carson asked would this Ordinance be adopted in full. Yes, but if it is legal then Mr. Horton can withdraw. Then if Mr. Mann agrees that he can withdraw he won't be on the ballot. Mr. Perry said that was right. The council's vote was unamious.

Mr. Perry then stated that he had discussed with Mr. Carpender and Mr. Mann for the Council to declare the Commissioner for Public Works and the 5 duly elected Councilmembers. At this time Mr. Perry read the Manager's return, so arrording to this reading Mr. Newton with high 153, Berry 148, Elrod 148, James 147, Wallace 146, XXXX which gives t council members and the next two men are Horton and Bryan with 137 each. These five were duly elected to Council and Mr. Hopkins was duly elected to Commission of Public Works. Mr. Perry wanted the council to declare that they are duly elected for this office. He then asked is there was any objection to the Council for the new council that were duly elected to take their office and continue the operation of the Town. Is there any objection to the new council taking their office on October 6, 1952. XX Bill Wallace said how about waiting until after the Special election. Mr. Carson asked what good would that do as the new council was supposed to take office Oct. 1. Bill said he didn't know, and asked if our Ordinance would stand above the S. C. Law and Mr. Perry and Mr. Carpender said it was in accordance with the S. C. Election Law. Mr. Perry and Mr. Carson

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then agrred not to advertise the Special Election as it has already been in the Pickens Sentinel, The Gre enville News & Piedmont and the Anderson Independent. Mr. Carpender says that no one can say anthing since the two parties concerned agrees to this.

About declaring the council, there will be six men if Mr. Horton's withdrawal is alright and if it is not there will be a majority of 5 men. Frank Abercrombi made the motion that the new members be declared duly election to the Council for the next two years, and S. C. Carson 2nd this motion. There was no discussion and the vote was unamious. Also for F. W. Hopkins to be declared duly elected to the Commission of Public Works to suceed J. H. Chapman for six years. J. W. Wallace made this motion and Frank Abercrombie 2nd this motion. The vote was unamious.

Mr. Perry then asked if there was any other business. If not the meeting 's now adjourned.

Mr. Carpender said he wanted to ask one more thing. If.Mr. Horton is permitted to withdraw, Mr. Perry want need any authority to let him withdraw, and his name will not be on ballot. Mr. Perry said that he would not need any authority and if the other lawyers do not agree to this withdrawal there will have to be another get together.

The meeting then adjourned.

G. M. Perry, Mayor

Attest:

Sara S. James, Clerk & Treas.