

Town Council
Regular Session
January 5, 2004
7:30 PM

After due notice to the press. Town Council met in Council Chambers of the Town Hall. Mayor and three Council Members were present. Absent was Sandra Gantt.

1) MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

December 1, 2003 Work Session 6:30 PM
December 1, 2003 Public hearing 7:00 PM
December 1, Regular Session 7:30 PM
December 15, 2003 called meeting 6:30 PM
December 15, 2003 Work Session immediately followed.
December 30, 2003 called meeting 4:30 PM

The above Minutes were read. Before approval of the Minutes, Mayor Burdette said that item #5, which is the Ordinance #2, An Ordinance Providing for Council Rules of Order and Procedure at Meetings, and Procedures For the Enactment or Ordinances and Resolutions was to have the second and final reading, but this will be at the February 2, 2004 Meeting.

Before going to Public Comments, Mayor made a statement to the Citizens concerning the dismissal of Chief Jesse Harris. Mayor Burdette assured the Public that although it being quiet embarrassing she also applauded the Town Council for regardless of how embarrassing it is for standing up and supporting the Administrator and herself for doing what was right. This council will preserver and we will go back to work in looking at how we can improve the Department and bring in the appropriate leadership

2) POLICE REPORT:

Interim Police Chief Lt. Harold Hudson gave a report on the Police Department for the Month of December. Mayor Burdette praised all the officers for doing a fine job.

Mayor Burdette gave Citizens an update on the impending Impact Study form the Council of Governments of the Development on Lebanon Rd. stating that it should be ready this week. When received, the Public will be able to hear the results of that study.

3) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bill Kester of 108 Windward Court. Mr. Kester expressed concern with the Police Departments situation and the turnovers that have occurred. He thinks Council should reassure the Citizens of what they are doing. Maybe the Council could seek advice form the ACOG in this matter. Mr. Kester stated that he was glad the Report was coming From ACOG for public concern. He also said that he had heard rumors of a high-density project being located on Mechanic St. He hopes the residents will have a voice in this matter before Council makes any decisions.

Lee Hill of 208 Lebanon Rd. spoke to Council in reference to Pets and Pet Owners in the Community. Mr. Hill having lost a Dog over the holidays wanted to know if the ordinance, which prohibits the posting of signs of, lost pets could somehow be amended. Mr. Hill said that if signs had been allowed to remain posted that his pet and future lost pets might be found before something happens to them. Mayor Burdette told citizens that the current sign ordinance doesn't

allow this type of sign, but can be sent back to the Planning Commission for review. Mayor Burdette suggested to call the police department when you find that your pet is missing.

Caroline Jamison of Woodland Way thought the use of fireworks within the city limits might be looked into to alleviate future problems with animals around the holidays.

N. A. Willimon of Cherry St. said that there is another N.A. Willimon in the Town of Pendleton, all of his problems are coming back to him. Mayor Burdette directed Mr. Willimon to the Police Department to help him with this problem.

4) **UPDATE OF CLEMSON AREA TRANSIT AL BABINICZ;**

Clemson Area Transit asked to be placed on our Agenda in February.

5) **APPOINTMENT OF GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE**

The following committee member's names were and will serve as The Grievance Committee per town policy. Members will serve a 2-year term, which will begin immediately and end December 31, 2005.

Eriko Harley, Public Works Department

Leonard Williams, Public Works Department

Crystal Pressley, Administration Department

Michael Cullen, Waste Water Treatment Plant

Tim Striss, Pendleton Police Department

Motion was made by James Allen to appoint the above employees to the Grievance Committee. LeRoy Galloway seconded. Vote was unanimous.

6) **PROCLAMATION OF THE SCHOOL-BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH**

After reading the Proclamation Mayor Burdette Proclaimed January 2004 as School Board Recognition Month.

Motion was made by Leroy Galloway to allow Mayor Burdette to sign this Proclamation; James Allen seconded this. Vote Unanimous.

7) **MOTION AND VOTE ON ROLL BACK OF TAXES:**

Mayor Burdette ask Council if it was their pleasure to accept the revenue from the reassessment of taxes or rollback taxes.

Motion was made by Frank Crenshaw to accept the revenue and leave millage as is. Leroy Galloway seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mayor ask to add three Items to the agenda. Motion was made by Frank Crenshaw to add Items to the agenda this was seconded by James Allen. Vote was unanimous.

8) **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

: This request included:

4 Bullet Proof Vest

Long Sleeve Shirts for each officer.

4 Hand held Radios with chargers

The above equipment will cost approximately \$4,000.00 plus shipping and handling.

Motion was made by Frank Crenshaw to purchase the needed equipment. James Allen seconded this. Vote was unanimous.

9) A REQUEST FOR A WAVIER OF FEES OF THE DOGHOUSE:

Ted Marrow of 410 N. Elm St. asked that Council wavier the fee for the Special Olympics' use of the Doghouse. Frank Crenshaw made a motion to waiver the fees. Seconded by James Allen. Vote was unanimous

10) EXECUTIVE SESSION CONCERNING A PERSONNEL MATTER::

Motion was made by Leroy Galloway to enter into executive session. Seconded by Frank Crenshaw Vote was unanimous.

Motion to come out of executive session and enter back into regular session was made by Frank Crenshaw. Seconded by James Allen. Vote unanimous. There being no decision made in executive session, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: _____

Mayor: _____

Council

Ward 1: _____

Ward 2: _____

Ward 3: _____

Ward 4: _____