

**TOWN COUNCIL  
CALLED MEETING  
JULY 20, 2006  
7:00PM**

After due notice to the press, Mayor and Town Council met in the Conference Room of Town Hall. Mayor and all Council were present.

**1) WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:**

*A) Veteran's Park Master Plan:*

Committee members stated that Shelter 3 should be completed within the next 2 weeks. Randy Spearman stated that in about 3 weeks he will be ready to begin the new restroom/concession facility. Jo McConnell stated the rental fee for Barrett's Place goes into an account for maintenance at Barrett's Place. She also stated security cameras are going to be installed at Barrett's Place and Trotter's Trail would be the next big project. Mayor Burdette stated that the Veteran's Memorial will consist of a wall of heroes, flags, fountain and a sculpture that represents an aspect of military service. Mayor Burdette also stated that construction on the project will not be able to be started until the construction on the ball fields begin. Mayor Burdette stated that it would cost about \$3000 to refigure the ball fields due to the placement of Barrett's Place. It was stated by PRA representatives that in order to hold tournament games 2 large ball fields would be required. Mayor Burdette asked Council if they would be willing to partner with the FOTP and PPIM to pay for the change. All Council was in agreement. It was stated that when construction begins on the Nature Trails, drainage would be an issue. The trails would need to be at least 5 feet wide with lighting along the trails. Mr. Trotter addressed the group regarding the Nature Trails stating he hopes to see it handicap assessable. He hopes to see the names of trees and plants along the way as well as wooden benches spread out along the trails. It was agreed upon that the Trotter's Trail committee will come before Council at the September Town Council meeting with specifics for the trails. Friends of the Park will meet with Town Council on a regular basis beginning an hour before the September Town Council meeting.

*B) Water/Sewer Rate Increase:*

Mayor and Council met with Chuck Joye, Design South Professionals, to discuss the proposed water/sewer rate increase. Frank Crenshaw stated he would like to see a Plan D that would possibly show an operational charge and then the actual water cost charge. Mayor and Council were in agreement that if Plan D was not operable then first reading of Plan C would be scheduled for the August Town Council Meeting.

## **2) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Bill Kester asked what is normally the amount of the reserve fund. He also stated he was concerned with the contract with the Anderson County Sheriff's Department.

Susie Hautala asked if there was any cost coming in from the new developments. Mayor Burdette stated that no funds will be coming in until the developments are connected to the town's sewer. She also stated the town spends no money for infrastructure in developments.

Frank Gilliland stated he agreed with Ms. Hautala. He stated that last year he was paying the same thing for two months water bill that he is now paying for one month. Mayor Burdette stated that is because the minimum was cut in half.

Mabel Wilder stated the ball park is one of the nastiest things she has ever seen. She stated it was great the town contracted police services, why doesn't the town do away with council and contract that service with Anderson County as well.

Timothy Hume stated he was certain the water and sewer rates will increase. He also stated he presented council with Plan C that only charges people for the actual water usage and a meter fee. This would be similar to a flat rate like the gas company charges with a possible increase each year as water rates increase. He also stated that the citizens deserved more than an apology for all the fuzzy math.

Bobby Ethridge stated that everyone seems to be attacking Council while they are making nothing to try to make these decisions for the citizens. She stated she was not sure how to fix this problem but appreciates Council for all their work.

Frank Crenshaw stated that the town searched too long looking for answers. He stated the town does not want to do something unless everyone is sure of it and that Council must be responsible to make it work. He also stated that he appreciates all the input.

Mayor Burdette stated that the town has worked with Design South for numerous years trying to fix a dilapidated system. She stated that five open meetings have been held to listen to suggestions to make this an easier process.

Patsy Kelly asked if there was anywhere in administration that could be cut back. Mayor Burdette stated there was not and Chuck Joye has already stated that the town was working on a very lean budget as it is.

The next step will be to receive information from Chuck Joye on Plan D and present it at the August meeting.

The remaining agenda items will be moved to the August Regular meeting of Town Council.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAYOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNCIL**

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