

Council Meeting
December 14, 1999
7:00 P.M.

Present Councilmember O'Banner, Jinks, and Cook. Mayor Goodwin called meeting to order. Motion to accept minutes as read by council member Cook second by Jinks.

Fire Department report by Chief Collins Lane. Calls for the month of November, we had about 14, which is about average. 60% in town, others outstretch like Cochran Street. Assisting EMS (3) auto wreck on I-95 and vehicle fire and other medical call.

Turkey shoot past weekend real good turnout, made a little money. Our paid firefighter turned in his two-week notice last week.

Police Department report by Chief Jack Hagy. Everything went fine during Shrimp Festival. No arrests were made, had to take a couple of people home due to the fact of having a little too much to drink. November calls for services went up a little bit. We had 143 calls for service. Arrested a total of (20) people. DUS (11) cases and (4) cases DUI.

We had one incident where Officer Lee doing a little foot control on the strip one night they came up on an individual who threw down some cocaine and took off running. Got away from them, they knew who it was. Got a tip that this guy was in Pocatigo, worked with Jasper County to get that individual, he is in jail now.

Criminal domestic Violence also went up only (1) arrested. If you do not find evidence on a person, nothing much can be did.

Council member Jinks stated that Mr. Coker at Fennell Elementary School is complaining about trash inside fence at school each Monday morning. It's an every week thing; someone had to pick up trash by the fence. They're tired of it. Chief Hagy is going to look into posting No Trespass sign and check town ordinance for litter. Councilman Jinks said we hope to correct this by putting up basketball court and getting it open, so most of them will go down there. We hope to go to the property on this side of Highway 68 for the basketball park. If we can get property, this would be a good place for it per Mayor Goodwin. Councilmember Jinks said this is on the highway and police are there all the time. Councilmember Cook said behind Town Hall is best place. Mayor Goodwin said when we apply for grant money we put the location behind Town Hall because you must own the property

which the basketball court will be put on. He listed this property to get us going and he checked to make sure location could be changed. You have to get permission to change it.

Full basketball court is 50x100 plus distance around it. Behind the town hall, it will take up most of the property. We need ¼ acre for the court. We can purchase 3 1/2 acres on Highway 68 for \$9,000. Rosa Winn said county will do all the clearing, pushing, and backhoe for the grant matching fund. The town will automatically insure property.

Every town has recreation per councilmember Jinks, we get PRT money each year through Hampton County but it stays there. Councilmember O'Bannner stated if we have a facility that requires funding, we would get a piece of the pie each year.

Jinks made motion for basketball court to be located on Highway 68, second by councilmember O'Banner.

Christmas get-together 12-23-99. Bonus for employees same as last year. Motion by councilmember Jinks, second by councilmember O'Banner.

Mr. Yisrael advised to be put on agenda next meeting. Letter to Chief Hagy about trial next Monday. Mr. Yisrael wants to bring his photocopy machine in and make copies of all police department arrest records and summons. Mayor Goodwin advise him we could make copies for him at 30 cents each and he will check on him bringing his photocopy machine into town hall. He also stated he wants to protest on jurors threatening him and his business. Mayor Goodwin advise him if he feel that way come to Town Hall like any other citizen and get an arrest warrant.

Yisrael stated that on Friday 12/3/99 Officer Lee, Cook, and Darrough shut down his business. He feels that this was illegal. He said his lost of income is town responsibility. Mayor Goodwin advised him if he doesn't have a business license, it is police responsibility to do their job.

Motion to executive session by councilmember Jinks second by Councilmember O'Banner for personnel matter.

Back to regular session

Last Tuesday town Clerk Midge Tuten turned in her resignation. Elected to fill that position will start our search in that direction. In the mean time will bring in a woman with experience in town government to work with our interim, Josie Roberts