

Council Meeting

7-11-00

7:00 P.M.

Present Mayor Goodwin, Councilmember Moore, Cook, and Jinks.
Motion to accept minutes as printed by Councilmember Cook, Second by Moore. All in favor.

Drought Ordinance- Mayor Goodwin said we already had a 3rd and final reading on it. We had it printed in it final form so we need the signature of the councilmembers.

We do not have the appeal board in place so we should put the effective date on this, which will be the date we get the appeal board in place. Councilmember Cook said he had someone who is interested in being on the appeal board. Mayor Goodwin said we are advertising this week. We have the cut off date as of June 30th. We need more names to choose from so I recommend to leave this open until July 17th. Councilmembers need to bring their recommendation if they have any.

Laura Brown- Mrs. Brown appeared to request a street name change. She said it is the one that caused this road to be put in. She named this road St. Jude Village. She also put a road sign there. Now the road is named Riley St. this street is from Willis St. all the way down to I-95 on around. Mayor advised Mrs. Brown to get a petition with people signatures who live on that street and Councilmembers can make a decision based on that. Mrs. Brown said part of the road is named Riley Circle (which is the cemetery part). Mayor told Mrs. Brown to write down what she wanted them to do and appear at the Special Council Meeting on July 18 @7:00 P.M.

Fire Dept. Report- Collins Lane- Chief Lane thanked councilmembers for hiring full time fireman. A total of 17 calls for service for the month of June. One Major accident on I-95, the rest was minor. Fire Department will be starting fire prevention at the end of this month. We are going to make ourselves be seen around town. On Engine #72, we had a pump test done. We got the transmission fixed at William Diesel in Savannah. They traced it down to some bad wiring, so they have to fix it. The pump test went well. Pump runs really well. The cost to do the balance of the work to this engine is not to exceed \$2000.00, this is only prevention maintenance. I need to

know if Councilmembers want to get this done immediately or wait until later because this is something that needs to be done. Councilmember Cook said if we are going to have the equipment on the highway it needs to be done right away. Motion to do prevention maintenance on Fire Engine #72 by Councilmember Cook, Second by Councilmember Jinks.

Police Dept.- Chief Jack Hagy said last month a total of 260 calls for service. The most serious was an arm robbery at Super 8 Motel. We are working with Walterboro because it might be a connection with an incident that happened there. Officer Cook will start working as a full time officer. He needed 480 hours but had 1200 hours of logged service time and has been a certified reservist for two years. He will start academy on November 6th 2000- January 26th 2001. A female drill instructor from Beaufort was attacked by (2) young men at Chevron Station on a Saturday evening while using the pay phone. One guy walked up to her, drew a gun to her and tried to make her get into the car. She was able to ID one of them off the tape so we arrested one of them. We are still looking for the second one.

Truck Traffic- Old Sheldon Church Road- Last Council meeting Old Sheldon Church Trust Committee appeared before Council to support a resolution to ban 18- wheelers from Old Sheldon Church Road from Guess Drive back to Highway 17. We told them we would take a look at it and make a decision. Councilmember Cook said we got the Industrial Park located off Old Sheldon Church Road and I do not think we should limit truck from this road. Councilmember Jinks said if we limit use, we will be hurting ourselves. Councilmember Moore said he feels the same. We will do more harm than good. Motion to approval the resolution to ban traffic on Old Sheldon Church Road. Councilmember Jinks said No. Mayor Goodwin said without a motion to consider it then we will table it. No motion by Councilmember.

Basketball Court- Mayor Goodwin said we opened it two weeks ago and it is very popular. Mr. Clint Hamilton is one of the main reason why the court exist. About (14) months ago Mr. Hamilton appeared in front of council and requested that we look into building a basketball court. Mayor told that night that they would check into it. Within a week or two, we applied for a grant and it was approved for \$12,500.00. After receiving the grant, we decided that the property behind the Town Hall is not the place for the court so we started searching for property. We found some property on Hwy 68. The owner wanted \$8000.00 for this property. We received \$8050.00 in

donations from different businesses and individuals to purchase this land. The only expense to the town for this basketball court was \$410.38, which was legal paperwork. We got a real asset to the community. In order to get us going Mayor Goodwin posted some rules for the basketball court. We need the procedures for the tournament in order to proceed with them. Mr. Clint Hamilton had agreed to take care of the place. We need to give him full control with police protection. Mayor Goodwin said he would contact Walterboro and Hampton to see what rules apply. We need to do this not to handle trouble but to control it. Mayor said starting next week the lights will be turned off at 10:00 P.M. Motion to appoint Clint Hamilton as basketball director by Councilmember Moore, Second by Councilmember Cook. Mr. C. Hamilton said he is receiving a lot of help cleaning up the place. The basketball court is a great event for everyone.

Mayor Goodwin said we need recreation for young kids. We are going to develop an area behind The Town Hall. We talked to Rosa Dobson about starting a grant to do this. Dixie Poly Drum said they will donate one of the equipment they manufacturer.

S. Yisrael- Mr. Yisrael asked about the status in 1998 case concerning the freezer. Chief Jack Hagy said general session is in September. He complained about Alfred Washington harassing him in the Town Hall. He said Alfred would not apologize to him so he does not want him back on his property by himself. Mayor Goodwin said as long as Alfred is performing his job he goes anywhere he is needed.

Meeting adjourned by Councilmember Cook, Second by Jinks.
All in favor.