

## REGULAR MEETING - LAURENS CITY COUNCIL

April 18, 1978 - 7:30 P. M.

Present: Mayor Atkinson, Councilmen Dominick, Craine, Gilmore, Garrett, Neal and Noffz.

Mayor Atkinson called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the March 21, 1978 meeting were read and approved.

A citizens group concerned with revisions in the River Street Park appeared before council. On recommendation of council, a special called meeting for Tuesday night of April 25 to hear proposals from this group.

The proposal to have the Upper Savannah Council of Governments designated as the agency for planning for disposal of waste was presented to the council. A motion was made by Mr. Noffz, seconded by Mr. Gilmore to have this planning done was passed unanimously.

A petition to rezone property of Mrs. Constance Cox on East Farley Avenue, Lots F And G, from R-3 Urban Residential to B-3 Highway Service Center District was given second reading. Councilman Neal made a motion to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Dominick, passed unanimously.

The council gave consideration to accepting a street in Hunters Court into the city street system, known as Holland Hill. This business was postponed until later in order to clarify this business.

A revised schedule of actions for 1978-1980 on Land Use Plan as proposed by Batten-Weyker and Associates in order to have Upper Savannah to initiate an A-95 Project Review & Notification System. Motion made by Councilman Neal, seconded by Councilman Craine, passed unanimously.

First reading was given to recommendation of Zoning Board to re-zone property of Theo McCravy and Ellis F. Martin, Sr. located on Chestnut Street Extension from R-2 Suburban Residential to B-3 Highway Service Center. Motion made by Mr. Noffz, seconded by Mr. Garrett to accept recommendation of the Zoning Board, passed unanimously.

The Exchange Club, represented by Pres. Ray Hawkins appeared before council to request that the club be allowed to purchase land adjacent to the Fairgrounds. They were requested to contact Mike Simmons to clarify boundary lines before any transactions are made.

Councilman Noffz brought to the attention of council the matter of Jersey Cemetery grant from the city. He requested that the grant be spent and accounted for. Mr. Noffz and Craine will co-ordinate this activity.

A letter was read from Rev. W. D. Coker requesting the city to help clear a parcel of ground on Sunset Park to be used for recreation, on behalf of the Tumbling Shoals Baptist Association. The Mayor requested Councilman Garrett to investigate this request.

A bid on the Armory property from R. T. Wilson, Jr. of \$21,333.30 was presented to the council for consideration. A motion by Councilman Garrett, seconded by Councilman Craine that the bid be refused was passed unanimously.

An ordinance to amend section 14.6 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Laurens. This amendment provides that once a petition for re-zoning property has been denied by the council, the application cannot be resubmitted for a time period of six months. Mr. Noffz moved for adoption of this amendment, seconded by Mr. Gilmore, passed unanimously.

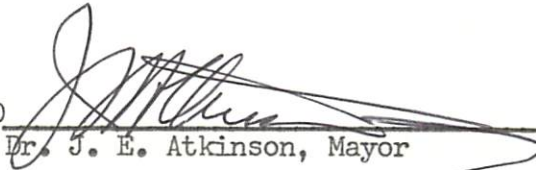
Councilman Dominick presented an application from the Laurens City Housing Authority for city council to approve a grant of \$105,600.00 for construction of additional housing facilities near the Spring Street Housing Authority. Councilman Dominick made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Mr. Craine, passed unanimously.

Mike Simmons appeared before council to present a request by the First Baptist Church to tear down three houses on College Place adjacent to the existing parking lot. Council agreed to take no action on this request since the properties do not meet criteria for demolishing sub-standard housing under the Community Development Program.

Mayor Atkinson urged that we encourage the citizens to get out and vote in the special elections next Tuesday.

Mayor Atkinson declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED

  
Dr. J. E. Atkinson, Mayor

*M. Allen Neal*  
ATTEST: For James L. Brownlee  
James L. Brownlee, Clerk & Treas.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

CALLED MEETING - LAURENS CITY COUNCIL  
April 25, 1978

Present: Mayor Atkinson, Councilmen Dominick, Gilmore, Garrett, Noffz and Neal.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:45 P. M.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the River Street Park and the usage of the athletic field and other matters relative to the park.

Randy Godfrey, City Recreation Director stated that he felt that the problem is that certain citizens believed the lights were in too close to the playing field for baseball. Mr. Godfrey stated that he had no objection to the baseball teams using the park provided he was notified in advance.

Mr. David Smith appeared before council as spokesperson for the citizens group. He stated that the basic issue is that the citizens of the Jersey Area feel that a trust has been broken. He had a copy of the original BOR request, and he felt that the Jersey Area citizens believed that a baseball field would be included.

Mr. Mike Simmons stated that neither he nor Mr. Godfrey were aware that organized baseball was being played.

Mr Garlington stated that he felt that the people of Jersey were of the opinion that a baseball field was to be built in the Jersey Street Park.

One citizen stated that they were playing at the Junior High School, however, that field is scheduled to be cut up into Little League Parks.

William Kilgore stated that we light the area around the basketball area. Mr. Simmons stated that BOR would not allow the poles to be moved from the baseball field.


The Mayor requested that The City Recreation Director, The City Community Development Director, Mr. David Smith and Mr. Mike Williams be appointed as a committee to resolve the problem of moving the lights and report back to council at the regular meeting in May.

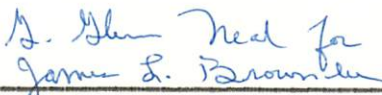
A motion was made to incorporate the Mayors request by Mr. Neal, seconded by Councilman Garrett, passed unanimously.

Councilman Garrett presented a proposal to clear the Tumblin Shoals Baptist Association property in the Sunset Park Area to provide a playground area for the children in that area. State Tree Service proposed a cost of \$1625.00 to remove the trees, and Hunter Bros. proposed a cost of \$1500.00 to clear the property, level, and prepare the area. The Mayor suggested that Hunter Bros. be requested to give an estimated cost for clearing trees and all from this area. Mr. Simmons will investigate this proposal.

Mayor Atkinson declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED

  
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Dr. J. E. Atkinson, Mayor

ATTEST:   
James L. Brownlee, Clerk & Treas.

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