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Minute - City of Ray City - year 1968.

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1968

Regular Council Meeting Jan. 1, 1968

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Meeting Called to order by the Mayor all officials old and new was present except Charles Wilson. Minutes of last meeting was read and approved as rendered. Bills were presented motion made and carried to pay all except 2, which was tabled until later date. Motion made and carried for Mr R.P. Summelle to Audit the City's Books for year 1967. Motion made and carried to pay \$35⁰⁰ for this service.

Mayor Conner, Praised the Councilmen and employees for the cooperation and service they had rendered the City during his term as Mayor. This completed the business for year 1967.

The incumbent Mayor Conner was given the oath of office by Mayor Protem Lindsay, The elected Councilmen, incumbent Clyde Morgan and Mr A.T. Moore was given the oath of office by Mayor Conner.

The first order of business taken up was the hiring of City employees. Mrs. J.M. Carter was unanimously retained as City Clerk., James E. Bridges was retained as City Public including reading water meters. At a salary of \$350.⁰⁰ per month, and to be on call 24 hrs. per day. Street & Sanitary Man. was discussed and passed.

Package Store License was discussed, motion made and carried for City License to be same as in 1967 with a tax of 5¢ on Half pints, 10¢ on pints and 15 cent on fifth to be paid to City. Clerk instructed to issue these license, with payment of \$100.⁰⁰ down, and \$100.⁰⁰ to be paid each month until Balance is paid.

Heater in Jail was discussed, decision was made to buy a heater and have door fixed.

Motion was made to recess until Wed. night. Wednesday night Jan. 3. Meeting continued with Mayor Protem Lindsay presiding. due to illness of Mayor Conner, all Councilmen present,

Mr. Thomas Patten was present and gave an interesting and informative talk, He also gave some recommendations

in regards to Restrictions and Building Permits. The ^{Kind} Heater for Jail was discussed, motion made and carried to buy a 30000 unit, with pilot light and a Blower. Councilman Lindsey was authorized to buy it and have installed.

Motion made and carried to order 4 vehicle signs for Police Car, price \$20⁰⁰
Uniforms for police was discussed and tabled.

Revising City License Ordinance was the business of the meeting. After several changes, motion was made to recess until a later date.

Monday Night Jan. 8, Regular Council meeting continued with Mayor Cerner presiding, all Councilmen present. Revising City ordinance was continued. After discussion and agreeing other changes might be necessary motion was made and carried to adopt same for year 1968.

Mayor Cerner appointed A. G. Lindsey to serve as Mayor Protem, with the unanimous approval of the Councilmen. After this the Mayor appoint the following committees.

Police. ch A. G. Lindsey - ~~A. T. Cerner~~
 Street " Jim Gastino - Clyde Morgan
 Sanitary " Clyde Morgan - Jim Gastino
 Water " ~~A. T. Cerner~~ - Jim Gastino
 Property " Clyde Morgan - A. G. Lindsey
 Finance " ~~A. T. Cerner~~ - A. G. Lindsey

The Mayor to serve on all committees, and he asked all to be active, and any complaints to be referred to the committee involved on the subject.

Motion made and carried to hire Salin Stender as Street & Sanitary man. to work 5 1/2 day each week including looking after the water pump & chlorinator at a salary of 55.⁰⁰ per week. As he had experience and would not have to learn same.

Motion made and carried for Clerks Salary to be increased \$20⁰⁰ per month

All employees who work for City 12 months or longer would be given 1 wk vacation with pay. all employees given 1 week Sick

leave, if off 2 days must have Dr. Certificate of same

Assistance police was discussed, no appointment was made. If for any reason policeman wants day off, we will pay assistance police, only if he is sick, City will pay for same. Motion made and carried. The City would not buy any police clothes. John Bridges was given permission to secure his Band from Paine Ins. Co. for \$1000⁰⁰. City would pay ^{the} premium. Motion made and carried for City Official's Salary to remain same as in 1967

Repairing City Jail was discussed, Property Committee to inspect and have needed repairs made.

Easement for a road to the proposed Oxidation Pond was discussed, motion made and carried to investigate and secure same if reasonable, priced.

No other business motion was made to adjourn.

O. V. Cassner - Mayor

Mrs. J. H. Carter

Regular Council Meeting Monday Night Feb. 5, 1968

Mayor Cassner presiding, All Councilmen Present.

Hiring a Street & Sanitary Man, was first business to be transacted, Mr. Elmer Weaver and Mr. Drasper, was present to be interviewed for the job.

Motion made and carried to hire ^{Elmer} Mr. Weaver temporarily beginning salary, \$40⁰⁰ per week for 5½ days work.

The minutes of last meeting was read and approved. Bills were presented, motion made and carried to pay them. A financial report was made and approved as rendered.

The Audit of the City's Books for year 1967, was presented, showing an increase in each department over year 1966.

Motion made and carried to accept the Audit as presented. A copy to be posted on Bulletin Board, also a copy to be placed in the Bureau Press.

Assistant Police was discussed, Councilman Gaskins volunteered to serve, until one could be appointed. Salary of assistance police to be \$8⁰⁰ per day.

No other business motion made and carried to adjourn.

Regular Council Meeting Monday Night Mar. 4, 1968
 Mayor Council Called Meeting to order, with all
 Councilmen present.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved
 Bills were presented, motion made and carried to pay
 All except a Gas Bill to be investigated

Due to City Policeman resigning, hiring a Police
 was the first order of business. Mr. Eston Giddin, who
 had applied for this position, was present, and
 asked to be allowed to withdraw his application
 as his present employer had raised his salary
 and promised other benefits, his request was
 granted, and hiring policeman was tabled.

Motion made and carried to hire Loren E. Fender
 as Street & Sanitary man, as long as he wanted
 to work. Salary \$10⁰⁰ per day.

Motion was made and unanimously carried to raise
 penalty on delinquent water bills from 25¢ to 50¢
 all bills not paid by 10th of the month delinquent

Motion made and carried to have a cut of value
 put on water line signy water to New Remak Church.

Motion made and carried to pay ^{Council} Jimmy Gastino
 who had served as police, #11²⁵ for each day
 served.

License on laundry was discussed, decision was
 unanimously made to leave as Ordinance specifies.

No other business motion made to adjourn.

Monday Mar. 11, 1968

Called Council meeting, with Mayor and a quorum
 of Councilmen present

Purpose of meeting, to hire a policeman. Mr. James
 H. Bennett was present to be interviewed, after discussion
 Motion made and carried to hire James H. Bennett as
 City Police, starting salary #75⁰⁰ per week, plus headlight
 water meters each month for #15⁰⁰

Police to furnish his car & expense City to furnish
 Gas. Decal for car, also short wave Radio for car.

Starting duty as City Police effective 12 O'clock Noon
 this date. Subject to call 24 hrs. per day.

Motion made & carried to adjourn

Regular Council Meeting Monday Night Apr. 1, 1968

Meeting called to order by the Mayor, all officials present.
Minutes of previous meeting was read and approved.
Bills were presented, motion made carried to pay them
including installation of radio in Police Car. A
Financial Statement was made and approved as rendered.
Motion made and carried to increase Policeman
Salary to \$80⁰⁰ per week - retroactive to March 18, 1968
After discussion, motion made and carried to
pass a resolution to prohibit any old appliances or
old cars to be left on premises, and to have an
Ordinance made to enforce same.
No other business motion made to adjourn

O V Connor Mayor

Regular Council Meeting Monday Night May 6, 1968

Mayor presiding all Councilmen present,
minutes of last meeting was read and approved as
rendered. Bills were presented, motion made and
carried to pay them, A Financial Statement was made
and approved.

Mr Thomas Patten was present, to discuss the
Grading of Streets to be paved, he presented a
work Agreement, which was unanimously approved
on curb and gutter work, and said the work
would be started immediately, he urged
the Peble Soil job base to be purchased as
early as possible.

Reorganizing of the Fire Department was discussed,
Motion made and carried to appoint Councilman
Bryde Morgan as Fire Chief, due to Mr Russell
resigning.

Salary for Water-Sanitary employee, Mr Richard
Bennett was discussed, motion made and carried to pay
him \$60⁰⁰ per. week, and a raise when possible.

No other business motion made to adjourn.
O V Connor Mayor

Called Council Meeting May 20, 1968

The purpose was to hire a Policeman
due to resignation of Mr James Bennett
Motion made and carried to hire

Mr Richard Palmer as City Police, Salary \$ 75 ⁰⁰ per week. Subject to Call 24 hrs per day, He would also read water meters each month. 15⁰⁰ extra for reading meters. Service as policeman to start Tuesday May 21, 1948.

No other business motion made to recess meeting, until later date.

Wednesday Night May 29, ^{all present} Meeting continued for the purpose of discussing unfinished business, first was the urgent need of a Utility man, who knew how to maintain the Water System. As the man employed at the present could not. A decision was made to contact Mr Ralpard Bennett in regards to same.

price of People Rail bought from Mr Warner Clements was discussed, motion made and carried to measure land and pay according to the amount used.

Motion was made and carried to buy balance of soil needed from Mr John A Harris, estimated to be $\frac{1}{2}$ of an acre for \$ 350⁰⁰, Mayor was authorized to notify him.

Due to complaints of Side Walks being used as parking places. motion made and carried to have signs made to prohibited cars at bicycle being on sidewalks, or any other blockage.

No other business motion made to adjourn.

Regular Council Meeting June 5, 1968. 7:30 P.M. 7
Meeting called to order by the Mayor. all Councilmen
Present except A.J. Moore.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved
Bills were presented. Clerk was instructed to pay them
A financial statement was made and approved
as rendered.

Motion was made and unanimously carried to hire
Mr. Wiley R. Bennett as utility man. Salary to be 70⁰⁰
per. month.

Fire Chief Clyde Morgan, presented a list of names
as per firming which was approved by the
Councilmen

Motion made and unanimously carried to pay J.H. and
H.P. Clements \$500⁰⁰ for soil purchased for
Street Base to be paved.

There being a vacancy in the City Councilmen
Due to the resignation of A.T. Moore, it is
hereby Ordained by the Mayor. A special Election
will be called and held. according to the Rules
of City Ordinance. These Rules to be made part of Minutes
Motion made and Carried for Mr. L.H. Nett
to be Election mgr. and for him to appoint
2 Assistances. Election to be held, June 26, 1968
No other business motion was made to
Adjourn

O.V. Cannon Mayor.

Regular Council meeting Monday July 1, 1968. all
officials present including newly elected Councilman
Leonard Emig, who was given oath of office by
the Mayor.

Reading of minutes of last meeting was made and
approved as read. Bills were presented, Clerk
was instructed to pay bills on hand also some
late bills to come.

Due to vacancy of one Tax equalizer, Motion made
and unanimously carried to appoint Mr
Emery on Taxer to fill this vacancy.

Motion made and carried for Sanitary Man
to Notify all who have garbage to be

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might of way through her
property to ~~widen~~ give
the necessary width to
Swindle Street, to meet
State requirement for
having same.

Motion made and
Carried to have Street
graded as early as
possible no other
Business, motion made to adjourn

City of Ray City

RAY CITY, GEORGIA 31645

P. O. BOX 158
Phone 455-2971

Due to an emergency, and Sewerage Construction fund being exhausted there being \$ 50,000.00 worth of U.S. Treasury notes due Nov. 27th. 1969

Now t herefore be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Ray City, in special meet ing assembled;

Do he reb y grant the authority to the Mayor to borrow the necessary funds needed to p ay the current bills.

A copy of this Resolution to be made part of the minuets.
Duly passed this ___ day of November 1969.

City of Ray City

O.V. Conner

Councilmen

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Friday 7³⁰ P.M. Oct 18-1969
Called Council Meeting
with Mayor and all
Councilmen present.
Also Mr. Thomas Patten
The purpose of the
Meeting was to discuss
and execute an agreement
between Mrs A. L
Moore, and the City
of Ray City for the

Regular Council Meeting Oct 7, 1968.

Meeting called to order by the Mayor with all officials present.

A Representative for Natural Gas, was present to discuss Natural Gas use for Ray City. After discussion he left pamphlets explaining the details, with the officials for study. If interested they were to notify him when a meeting would be convenient for further discussions.

The minutes of last meeting was read and approved. Bills were presented, motion made and carried to pay them. A Financial Report was made and approved as rendered.

Motion made and carried for McGills Amusement Co. to pay a license of \$37⁵⁰ on the 2 amusement machines in Ray City at same name. Clerk to notify him of this discussion. Motion made and unanimously carried to increase the minimum water rates of Ray City School from \$10⁵⁰ to 20⁰⁰ per month effective for month of Oct. 1968. Berrien County School Superintendent to be notified of same. Motion made and carried to pay Jay Equalizers \$10⁰⁰ each, per day for their services. After discussion motion was made and unanimously carried to levy a rate of 11 mills on all Real & personal property City of Ray City for the year 1968. Plans were made for as many City officials to attend Georgia Municipal asso. to be held in Valdosta, Oct 10, 1968.

No other business motion made to adjourn

Mayer Conner called meeting to order, with all officials present.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved. Bills were presented, Clark was instructed to pay them. A financial statement was made and approved as rendered.

Motion made and carried to give a \$10⁰⁰ advertisement to the Barrier High Annuals for the school year 1968+69.

Motion made and carried to pay ^{expense} Jimmy Bastins, \$6⁰⁰ for police duty.

After discussion the Councilmen unanimously agreed and instructed Clark to pay \$20⁰⁰ per month or \$5⁰⁰ per month on Gasoline for Policeman Harry D. Jamieson, in appreciation for the service he rendered.

City Elections was discussed, 2 councilmen to be elected to serve a term of 2 years each.

Motion made and carried an entrance fee of \$7⁵⁰ each for candidates to qualify. Deadline date to qualify as a candidate, Sat. Nov. 16th 1968, 12 o'clock noon. Election to be held Tuesday Dec. 3, 1968, polls to open 7 A.M. close 7 P.M. Mr. L.H. Webb was appointed as manager, and for him to secure 2 helpers to hold said Election. Registration Book to be kept open through Nov 9, 1968. No other business motion made to adjourn.

A Call Council meeting was held Wed. night Nov. 13, 1968 for the purpose of discussing Police Service, due to the resignation of Mr. H.D. Jamieson, all city officials were present. General prospect for city policeman was discussed, no decision was made.

Taping Water Mains for water connections was discussed, motion was made and unanimously carried when a water main was tap a charge of \$35⁰⁰ would be made. to help pay the rest of same.

Motion made to recess until later date.

Wed. night Nov. 20, Council meeting continued.

Cal. Jack Knight was present. After discussions motion made and carried to approve a Bond Ordinance promoting for Revenue certificate for the city of Ray City, ^{sign any necessary papers} Mayor Clark was authorized to ^{propose} ~~propose~~ the same.

A Resolution was passed opposing the rate increase of General Telephone Co. A. Copy of same to be sent to Public Service Commissioner. No other business, motion was made to adjourn.

Regular Council Meeting of Dec. 2, 1968.

Mayor called meeting to order with all official present.

Minutes of previous meeting was read and approved with a minor correction, bills were presented, Clark was instructed to pay them, a Financial Statement was made and approved as rendered.

During a police was announced, Robert E. Golden had been hired to serve as police for the balance of year 1968, at a salary of \$80⁰⁰ per month plus \$6⁰⁰ on gas expense. total \$86⁰⁰ per month.

A Christmas party was planned for the children to be held at City Hall Sat. Dec. 21, from 3 to 4 P.M. Councilman Lindbay was authorized to get all refreshments and gifts.

Mr. Franklin Seruges of the Atlantic Gas & Light Co was present and discussed the service of Natural Gas for the City.

Motion made and unanimously carried to grant the Atlantic Gas Co a franchise for 40 years to furnish Natural Gas to the City, if the City attorney approved of the wording of the franchise.

No other business motion made to adjourn

D. V. Lemmer Mayor
Gms. J. N. Carter Clerk

Regular Council meeting, Monday night Feb. 3, 1969
Meeting called to order by ^{the} Mayor, all officials present.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved. Bills were presented motion and carried to pay them.

Motion made and carried to hire Helen Zender to read water meters, to be paid \$15⁰⁰ for same.

No other business, motion made to recess. until later
Monday night Feb. 10, Council Meeting continued, Mayor and all councilmen present.

Jack Knight and Bill Perry, Attorney, and Mr. Cecil Layton of F.H.A. also Mr. Paul Newbern Civil Engineer all of Nashville were present.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Bids on Sewerage and easements for sewerage lines.

Citizens who refuse to sign easements to be notified they have until Feb. 15, 1969 to sign.

same on condemnations for easements would be started immediately.

Living policeman was discussed. Mr Singletary was present and was hired, full time to begin, Saturday Feb. 15, 1969.

Motion was made and carried, Any police hired would be required to give a weeks notice, in advance if he wishes to resign. If the City officials wants him to resign they would give him a weeks notice, unless the circumstances required immediately action.

No other business, Motion was made to adjourn

D. W. Cannon Mayor

Mrs. J. M. Carter Clerk

Regular Council meeting Monday Night Mar. 3, 1969.
Mayor presiding, all officials present.

Mr Raymond Bailey was present and requested the officials to have the ditches open on street in front of his house.

Mr Robert A Hamilton Sr was present to apply for police duty. After discussions he agreed to work for \$350⁰⁰ per month, and furnish his own car. The City officials said they would call him if he was hired.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved bills were presented. Clerk instructed to pay them.

Motion made and Unanimously carried to pay Mr Hanson Fountain \$10⁰⁰ for service of motoring papers for the City of Ray City.

Motion made and carried to have the wire fence put up on Mrs. A. L. Moore property. The Mayor was authorized to get this work done.

Councilman Clyde Morgan was Unanimously elected to serve Mayor Prater for year 1969.

Mayor Cannon appointed the following committees

Police - Mr. Clyde Morgan & Jimmy K Gaskins

St & San. Mr. Jimmy Gaskins & Frank Studstill

Water Mr. Frank Studstill & Leonard Emig

Property Mr. L. Emig and Jimmy Gaskins

Finance, All Councilmen, Clyde Morgan. Chairman

Mayor to serve on all.

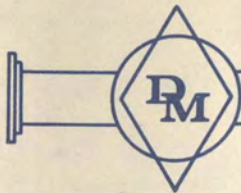
No other business motion was made to adjourn.

Copy of Resolution

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Resolution of City Council
Ray City, Ga

Be it Resolved by the Mayor
and City Council of Ray City, Georgia
as follows:

That it is necessary for the
City to obtain an easement
from the Georgia and Florida
Railway Company for two sewer
lines to cross the said Railway
Company's lands, and

The Mayor is hereby authorized
and empowered to execute an
agreement or any other documents
necessary to obtain said easement.
And affix the City Seal thereto
So Resolved in open meeting this 3rd
day of March, 1969

1969

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Minutes Book.

Regular Council Meeting Jan. 6, 1969.

Meeting called to order by the Mayor, all officials old and new were present.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved. Bills were presented motion made and carried to pay them. A financial statement was made and approved as rendered.

Mayor Cannon ask if there was any unfinished business, if not this finished the business of year 1968.

Newly elected incumbent Councilmen Jimmy K. Gaskins and Frank H. Studstill was given the oath of office by the Mayor to serve a term of (2) two years each as City Councilmen.

Mr. Paul Newberry was present and explained the easements to be secured for the sewerage lines, and urged they be secured as soon as possible.

The first order of business taken up was the hiring of City employees, Mrs J. M. Carter was unanimously retain as City Clerk, at the same salary.

Motion made and carried to close City Hall, Monday, Tuesday and Saturday after noon, of each week.

Hiring a Policeman was next order of business, motion made and carried to table this until a later date.

Motion made and carried to retain Salen C. Fender as Street and Sanitary man, salary to remain the same.

Whiskey license were discussed, motion made and carried to let license remain same as year 1968 including whiskey tax of .5 cent on $\frac{1}{2}$ pt - 10 cent on 1 pint and 15¢ on fifths.

Motion was made to recess until, Thurs. Jan. 9, 7:30 AM. Thursday night Jan 9th meeting continued with all officials present except Councilman Studstill.

Hiring a Policeman was discussed, motion made and carried to hire Mr. C. R. Golden as City Policeman, salary the same until the City purchased a Police Car. Mr. Golden was notified he was subject to call - 24 hours per day and advised to move to Ray City.

Revising the City license Ordinance, was the business of the meeting, after discussing and studying the license ordinance, motion was made and carried to adopt same ordinance as was used in 1968.

After discussion, motion was made to ^{recess} ~~recess~~ ^{recess} motion made to close ~~Monday - Tuesday, Sat after noon~~ ^{Monday - Tuesday, Sat after noon} City Hall, and to close City Hall on ~~Monday - Tuesday, Sat after noon~~ ^{Monday - Tuesday, Sat after noon} Tuesday, Friday and Saturday after noon of each week. Notice to be posted on City Hall of same.

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Motion made and carried that each employee would be given 7 days of sick leave a year. if sick ^{over} 2 days in succession, a Dr. must sign a statement of same.

As hour was late motion was made to recess until a later date.

O V Cannon Mayor
Mrs. I N Carter Clerk.

Regular Council Meeting Monday Night April 7, 1969
Meeting called to order by the Mayor, all officials were present.

The purchasing of a police car was discussed. Mr Smith of Martin's Motors, of Nashville was present. The officials specified the kind of car they wanted and ask Mr Smith to advise them of the price as early as possible.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved. Bills were presented, clerk was instructed to pay them.

Motion made and carried for the Mayor to ^{sign} the Natural Gas franchise, for the City to have Natural Gas. This Gas to be available to the citizens.

Several issues was discussed, after which a motion was made to adjourn.

Regular Council Meeting, Monday Night - May 5, 1949

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Mayor presiding all officials present.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved, Bills were presented, motion made and carried to pay them.

Buying a police car from 'Martins' Motors of Nashville was discussed, motion made & unanimously carried to buy this Plymouth car for a price of \$1000⁰⁰, if satisfactory arrangements could be made. Motion made & carried to pay \$500⁰⁰ down on car. Paying a balance \$500⁰⁰ in June. Mayor Canner to contact Co. in regards to this motion.

Motion made and carried, no riders be allowed to ride in police car, no trips outside City limits unless official business.

Motion to investigate insurance for car, also secure dog for same.

Police Salary was discussed, motion made and carried to pay \$85⁰⁰ per. week plus \$5⁰⁰ fee for each case made and fine collected on conviction.

Motion made and carried to buy paint and have Lady's Rest room also sink Cabinet painted.

No other business. motion made to adjourn.

Thursday night May 22, a Council meeting was called for the purpose of discussing a license ordinance for workers on non taxable property.

A delegation of members of Ray City Methodist Church was present, to make a complaint against same, After discussion, motion was made and carried to exempt anyone working on non taxable property from buying license for this work.

This completed business, motion was made to adjourn.

Regular Council Meeting

Monday Night, June 2, 1969

Mayor called meeting to order. 3 councilmen were present. Councilman Studstill was absent due to being out of town.

Mr J M Brodgan, County Commissioner was present. Paving the ² unfinished streets was discussed, it was decided it would be best to wait until after sewerage lines were installed on said street before finishing paving them.

Minutes of last meeting was read, and approved. A financial statement was made and carried to accept same as rendered. Bills were presented. Clerk instructed to pay them.

Motion was made and carried to remind motion made previously, to pay a fine 75c out of each case made on conviction, to help supplement Police wages.

Motion made and carried ^{to hire} Mr Joe Golden as City Police as long as services was satisfactory.

Motion made and carried to limit Gas expense for Police Car to \$10⁰⁰ per. month.

Motion made and carried for Policeman to get the approval of City officials before buying anything for Police Car. After discussion as.

No other business, motion made to adjourn.

O V Kenner Mayor
Mrs. J M Carter Clerk

Regular Council Meeting, Tues. night July 8, 1969

Meeting called to order by the Mayor, all councilmen present except Councilman Gaskin, absent due to being out of town.

Mr Larry Eason ^{of Salina, Ga} was present and applied for the job of City Police. Stating his qualification for this position, he retired from the meeting, after the officials told him he would be notified of their decisions the following day by the Mayor.

Minutes of the last meeting was read and approved. Bills were presented. Motion made and carried to pay them. A financial statement was made and approved as rendered.

Mayor gave a report on the previous residents

of the Truck and said he was taking steps to try to collect enough damage to have the truck repaired.

After discussing the application of Mr Larry Eason for job motion was made and carried to hire him, paying salary of \$85⁰⁰ per week. When services was approved a raise in salary would be made, Mayor to notify him of being hired. No other business motion was made to adjourn.

Call Council Meeting Monday Night - July 14, 1969
for unfinished business, Mayor and all Councilmen present except Councilman Emig.

The Mayor presented the Audit of the City's books for year 1968. Made by Mr Robert D. Cannon, also a bill for this service. After reading Audit report, motion made and carried to accept Audit as rendered, and to pay Mr Robert Cannon \$100⁰⁰ for his services.

Increasing Mr Sam Tenders' Salary was discussed. Due to fact he is a good water + pipe man. A motion was made and carried to give him a \$5⁰⁰ a week raise.

Day equalizers were discussed. Due to 2 vacancies on the board, caused by illness of Mr L.H. Neft and resignation of Mr H.A. Swindle.

Motion made and carried to appoint Mr C.L. Murphy and Mr J.R. Wood to serve.

No other business motion was made to adjourn.

O V Cannon Mayor
Mrs L M Carter Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Monday Night Aug. 4, 1969

Meeting called to order by the Mayor, with all Councilmen present except Councilman Gaskins

Mr. Brooks Fountain, ^{of} Swarts fence place in Nashville was present and discussed selling the City a New Police Car, After discussion, He left figures for the officials to compare, and let him know their decision

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved, Bills were presented, Clerk was instructed to pay them

Hiring a Policeman, was the next business, Mr. Wayne Barber was present, after discussion, Motion made and unanimously carried to hire Mr. Barber for City Police at a salary of \$100⁰⁰ per week and he be allowed to drive police car to and from home to work in Ray City, It was agreed if the city officials could hire a capable man to serve as their police to help him they would do so.

Motion made and unanimously carried, to buy a New Police Car, on terms - to finance same for 24 months for the price of \$2475.⁰⁰ after deducting allowance ^{made for} the old police car. The city would be entitled the Federal excise tax, to the amount of \$197.29, as cities were exempted from this tax. Mayor Council was authorized to notify Mr. Fountain of this discussion and to make the necessary arrangements.

No other business motion was made to adjourn

Call Council meeting Saturday Aug. 23, 3 P.M. Mayor and 3 Councilmen present for the purpose of transacting a financial arrangement in regards to Sewerage construction funds, Due to the constructed funds being invested in U.S. Treasury notes, due Sept 25, 1969, a motion was made and carried to loan from General funds \$9,000⁰⁰ for 30 days to maintain the required amount in this fund.

Motion was made and carried to buy life insurance for Police Car.

Motion made and carried for Mayor Council to have authority to transact these business motions.

No other business motion made to adjourn

Regular Council meeting Monday Night Sept. 1, 1969

Mayor presiding all Councilmen present
 Mr. Alvin Adams of Adair, a representative of State Dept. of Health
 was present to discuss and advise Sanitary Sewerage and recommend
 an individual tap for each house, even if the cost was more as
 it would keep down Confusion, He advised City not to allow
 any one only a qualified plumber to tap sewerage line.
 He advise an Ordinance be passed in regards to rules
 and regulations of the use of sewerage.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved, bills were
 presented, clerk was instructed to pay them, a financial
 statement was made and approved as rendered.

Motion made and unanimously carried to pay Tax equalizers \$1.35
 per house for their work, also to pay the Mayor for his
 expense, and 10 cent a mile for use of his car or truck when
 used for City business.

After discussing the need of an extra policeman a motion
 was made and unanimously carried to hire one Aubrey Pafford
 of Nashville, at the same salary as Policemen Barber each
 paid to make an 8 hour shift, for an undetermined time
 and be subject to call.

No other business motion made and carried to adjourn.

Call Council meeting

The City Council of Ray City Georgia composed of the Mayor and
 Councilmen thereof met at special session in the
 City Hall at Ray City, 7³⁰ o'clock P.M. on the 11th day of Sept.
 1969. Members present the following members, Mayor
 O.V. Cannon, Councilmen, Leonard Emig, Jimmy Gaskins and
 Clyde Morgan, and present was Dr. J.M. Carter City Clerk.

After the meeting had been duly called to order
 the following resolution was passed, with the following
 results, a copy of this resolution is attached to these
 minutes.

After discussion motion was made to adjourn

O.V. Cannon Mayor

Regular Council Meeting, Wed. night Oct. 8th 1969

Mayer presiding, all Councilmen present.

Minutes of last Meeting was read and approved. Bills were presented, motion made and carried to pay them.

A Financial Statement was made and approved as rendered.

Motion made and carried to hire Mr. Zelder Dugre as Street and Sanitary man for the salary of 15⁰⁰ per week.

Hiring Mr. Anthony Pappard as full time Police was discussed and tabled until later.

Mr. Lloyd Simmons was present to make a complaint about his water bill, Councilmen Craig said he would check meter to see if it was working.

No other business motion made to adjourn.

D.V. Cannon Mayor

Mrs. I.M. Porter Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Monday night Nov. 3rd 1969

Mayer called meeting to order all officials were present

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved. Bills were presented, Clark was instructed to pay them, a financial statement was made and approved as rendered.

Mr. M.D. Warren was present and asked for the position as City Police, after discussion, motion was made and carried to hire Mr. Warren as Police, salary beginning at \$90⁰⁰ per week with promise of a raise if his work was satisfactory.

City election was discussed a Mayor and two Councilmen to be elected.

Motion made and carried an entrance fee of \$15⁰⁰ to be paid to qualify as a candidate for Mayor and an entrance fee of \$10⁰⁰ to be paid to qualify as a candidate for Councilmen. Dead line date to qualify as a candidate, Sat. Nov. 15, 1969. 12 o'clock noon.

Motion made and carried for Mr. L.H. Webb to be Election mng. and Mrs. D.V. Cannon & Mrs. I.M. Porter to assist him as Clerks

Motion made and unanimously carried for Mr. Robert D Cannon to Audit the City's Book for year 1969. No price was made. No other business, motion made to adjourn.

Regular Council meeting, Monday Night Dec. 1, 1969.

Mayer called meeting to order with all officials present. Minutes of last meeting was read and approved. Bills were presented motion made carried to pay them. A financial statement was made and approved as rendered.

Mr Clifton Harrell was present to inquire about the ^a damage claim he had made against the City for damages caused by the Sewerage Const. Workers.

A board of Arbitrators, including ^{messrs} E. L. Mabley, Emory Taylor and Charles Wilson ^{was} appointed by the City officials and approved by Mr Harrell, who said he would abide by their decision these mess to be asked to come immediately.

Mr Thomas Fudrisc of Habira was present to discuss the Police job. After discussions, motion was made and carried to hire him as City Police beginning salary ^{\$}75⁰⁰ per week with a raise when his work merit it.

Motion was made and carried to pay Mr. Donald Simpson \$10⁰⁰ for police work:

Motion made and carried to pay election managers ^{\$}15⁰⁰ per day for their services.

No other business motion was made to adjourn.

Call Council meeting Tuesday night, Dec. 9, 1969.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear the report of the Committee, appointed to investigate the damages to Mr Clifton Harrell's property by the Sewerage Const workers.

Mr E. L. Mabley was spokesman for the Committee. Their decision was no damages to be paid, due to the fact they had no way of determining the less or damages, done. They hoped the City officials and Mr Harrell would be satisfied with their decision.

Mayer Cannon thanked them for their assistance saying he was glad we have men in our community that are willing to serve as this committee had.

Mr Clifton Harrell endorsed Mayor Cannon's statement and said he was satisfied with their decision. Motion made and carried to have a Christmas party for the children, and also to have the Christmas light fixed. A City Ordinance relating to city zoning laws was approved. No other business meeting adjourned. Mayor, & Cannon Mrs. Taylor & Cannon

Jan 1970. Regular Council meeting Monday Night Jan. 5, 1970
 Mayor Cannon Presiding All officials present including old and
 new.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved. Bills were
 presented, Clerk was instructed to pay them. A Monthly
 Financial Statement was made and approved as rendered.
 Mayor Cannon praised the Councilmen for their cooperation
 and services during his term of office, and offered
 his assistance to the new Administration in any way he
 was needed.

This completing business for year 1969, retiring Mayor
 Cannon gave the oath of office to the new Mayor,
 Thomas P. Patten, who in turn gave the oath of office
 to the two new Councilmen, W.C. Watson and Huey Barker
 Mr Robert D. Cannon of Valdosta who is auditing
 the City's Books for year 1969, was present and made
 some suggestions in regards to making Audit for
 F.H.A. also City, also in making monthly reports to
 F.H.A. for year 1970. He offered to assist in any way
 he could.

The first order of business was to hire the City
 Clerk. Mrs Carter was Unanimously retained as City Clerk
 motion made and Unanimously carried to hire Mr Joe
 Martin, as Chief Police.

J. L. Smith was hired as Street Sanitary man.

The Councilmen Unanimously voted for Councilman
 Huey Barker to serve as Mayor Protem for year 1970
 motion made and carried for Clyde Morgan to be the
 Fire Chief for year 1970.

J. M. Carter was present to request City License to
 operate Package Store for year 1970, motion was made
 and carried for the Clerk to issue his City License to
 operate Package Store for the same amount as
 charged in 1969. As hour was late, Meeting recessed until
 Thurs Night Jan. 8, 1970

Thurs. Night Jan. 8th Meeting continued Mayor presiding all
 officials present.

Mayor Patten recommended that a City Manager be
 appointed by the Councilmen Salary to be the same as
 Councilmen. After discussion Mr Lawson Fountain
 was Unanimously appointed as City Manager, Mayor to

Notify him of this appointment

Mayer pattern appointed Committees as listed.

Police Com. Mayer pattern

Water " F. Shudstall & Jimmy Gastins

Street " Curt Watson & Jimmy Gastins

Sewerage " Huey Barker

Finance " F. Shudstall & Huey Barker

Barbery " Jimmy Gastins & Curt Watson

The Mayor to serve on all Comm.

Motion made and Carried to hire Knight & Perry, Law firm as City Attorney with a retainer fee of 150.00 per month, and if and a bill is presented the retainer fee to be deducted from same.

Motion made and Carried to put a limit of 150.00 that any Committee could obligate the City without contacting the Mayor.

The License Ordinance was studied, with several changes being made, motion made and Carried to adopt same Ordinance for year 1970.

Clerk was instructed to pay all bills out of funds specified for same. As hour was late Meeting recessed until Tues. night Jan. 13,

Meeting Continued All officials present, Attorney Perry was present, Mayor presented several questions, one the legality of appointing a City Mgr., Attorney Perry advise me appoint an Agent instead of manager, as our Charter does not offer a City Mgr.

Trailer parks and Building Code was discussed, Attorney Perry suggested we adopt a building, such as Nashville or same when small towns has, no decision was made in regards to Trailer parks.

Motion made and Carried to notify all property owners not to tie into sewerage line until proper inspection has been made.

Clerk was instructed to send a form letter to all sewerage users stating no one can tie into City Sewerage lines until a City inspector inspects and approves same.

Motion made and Carried to hire Bobby Sammons to read Water meters - Salary to be 20.00 per month.

Motion made & Carried to pay Chief Police a Salary of 85.00 per week plus 15.00 a month on uniforms expense,

Motion made & Carried to let City officials

Regular Council Meeting, Monday Night, Mar. 2, 1970

Mayer Patten Presiding all officials Present

Minutes of Feb. Meeting was read and accepted as rendered. Several visitors were present, including Mr. Martin Barrentine who applied for the job of St. Sanitary also Water Dist. after discussing the hiring was tabled until a later date.

The bill for the Audit of ^{City} Books for year 1969, was presented, motion was made and carried to accept audit and to pay for same also motion was made and carried to retain Mr. Robert Cannon, to audit the books for the City for year 1970, including making a monthly report to F.H.A. & City.

Motion made and carried to raise the policeman salary \$5.00 a week.

Clyde Morgan was unanimously hired to look after lift station at oxidation pond.

Clerk was instructed to call Mr. Gus Gouami to see if the Coastal Area Planning Comm. had plans ready for City to approve in regards to parking House trailers also D Mailer Park.

Hour being late motion made to recess until Wednesday, 7:30 o'clock.

Wed. Night March 4, Council Meeting continued, Mayer presiding all officials present except Councilman Gaskins who was ill.

Mr. Barrentine was present, to discuss Street & Sanitary Job. After discussions, Mr. Barrentine was hired with the instructions as soon as he was acquainted with the job, that extra duties would be given him, as the City could not hire 3 or 4 people to do various jobs.

Extension of sewer line to property lots was discussed and a price of 75 cents per foot would be paid.

After these discussions, meeting adjourned.

Monday Night March 9, 1970 a Call meeting was held all officials present. The purpose of the meeting was to hire a policeman as Mr. Joe Martin had resigned as City Police.

Mr. Leon Warren of Nashville also Mr. W.S. Reece was present to make an application for the job as City Police.

After discussions motion made & carried to hire Mr. W.S. Reece as City Police, Salary to be

\$110⁰⁰ per week. Starting day, Monday Mar, 16, 1970. Mayor Patten stated some other responsibilities would be added to this job later.

Monday Night Mar. 16, 1970 meeting continued. for the purpose of discussing the sewer system Mr Paul Newbern was present and gave detail plan of completing the sewerage system, the City officials approved this plan.

Mr W.S. Reese was present. Also Mr Marvin Barrentine, Mayor Patten gave the oath of police officer to Mr W.S. Reese. Also Mr Barrentine as assistance police. He was instructed to patrol School Walk every morning & afternoon the hour the children would be crossing Highway 129 also to relieve police when necessary, meeting adjourn Monday Night March 28, 1970

A Call Council meeting was held. Mayor Presiding all Councilmen present. purpose of meeting to discuss, the City Truck as it had been wrecked. Also easement for sewer line on Railroad property motion made & carried for Mr Jimmy Cooper to bring the truck from Lakeland and inspect the damage, and give estimate of cost. Murray Chevrolet Co. to be notified to release the truck to Mr Cooper.

Mr Barrentine's resignation was discussed motion made and carried to accept his resignation, effective Sat. Apr. 4, at noon.

It has been brought to the Mayor's attention that it is necessary for the City to obtain an easement or agreement from the Ga - Fla Railroad, Co to amend or transfer sewer lines, in question.

Now therefore be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Ray City in special meeting meeting assembled, do hereby grant the authority to the Mayor, to execute an agreement or any other documents necessary to obtain said easement and affix the City Seal thereto

So Resolved in open meeting this 28th day of March 1970

Councilmen

Mayor

Motion made and carried to grant Sumner's Const. Co. request for payment of retainers fee, or 1/2 of same

The office of engineers also G.H.A. office to be notified of this motion.

As hour was late motion was made to adjourn.

Regular Council Meeting Monday night April 6, 1970
Mayor Presiding, all members present.

minutes of last meeting was read and approved, Bill were presented, Clark was instructed to pay them

Mr Robert D Cannon was present and discussed the \$440⁰⁰ deposit in the Bank of Ray City for Social Security, required by the State, before the City employees could be covered by same. the City had been notified the state no longer require this amount. Motion was made and carried to withdraw the \$440⁰⁰, and deposit it in General Fund. Motion made and carried to give Salin tender a \$5⁰⁰ raise a week effective this week. Elmer Pitt was hired temporarily to help with Street and Sanitary, also water Dept. Salary 65⁰⁰ per week.

Motion made and carried to notify all past due Licenses not paid by May 1st 1970, a penalty would be added to same

Motion made and carried to add 7.75 to all past due City Tax,

No other business motion made and carried to adjourn

Call Council meeting Monday night Apr. 20, 1970

Mayor Presiding.

Purpose of this meeting was to discuss damages done to the fence around Oxidation pond. A decision was made to fast a sign on road leading to the Oxidation Pond prohibiting any and only Authorized persons from entering same without a permit. Any one entering not Authorized, would be charged with trespassing.

Councilman Barker offered to have sign painted.

Due to Complaints about private sewer lines. Already installed motion made and carried for Police to notify the people when they installed their sewerage and connected to City Sewer lines to leave all uncovered until inspected, City will furnish the inspection

Motion made and unanimously carried for the Sewerage

Charge to be included in the June collection of water bills

Motion made and carried if Summer Construction Co did not start the work of April 27th to complete the sewerage lines as planned, to declare them in default, and notify their bonding Co of same.

Hour being late motion was made to adjourn,

Regular Council Meeting Monday Night May 4, 1922.

Mayor presiding All officials present except Councilman Shidstiel who was absent due to sickness.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved, Bills were presented motion made and carried to pay them.

An ordinance requiring connection to sewer, was read after discussion motion was made and carried to adopt this ordinance as read, and attach same to the minutes.

Charge for Fire Truck Battery was discussed, Councilman Gaskin was authorized to investigate and buy one.

Motion made and carried all dog running loose on street not carrying identification of being treated for rabies will be destroyed or impounded.

Motion made and carried to give Elmer Pitt a \$5⁰⁰ raise on his messer salary also to give City Clerk a \$~~10~~⁰⁰ raise on salary.

In other business motion made to adjourn

Late July 17th 1965.

C. R. Langford. Bought one vacant lot, sold by the City of Lay City Va. Price for this lot paid by C. R. Langford. was \$100⁰⁰. to the City. He obligated to pay State and County Tax due. In past 7 years, approximately \$31.50.

Committees
Police Com.
Mayor, Patten,
Water Com.
Studstill & Gaskins.
Street Com.
Watson & Gaskins.
Sewage Com.
Barker

Garbage Com.
Watson & Studstill
Sanitary Com.
All Officials.
Finance Com.
Barker & Studstill.

Regular Council Meeting Monday Night June 6,

Mayer presiding all Councilmen present

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved as rendered

Several visitors was present, including Mr. Allbritton of Allbritton Sanitary Service, of Valdosta, Georgia. Garbage pick up service, was discussed, and tabled until a later day. Mr. Allbritton to be notified of the officials decision.

Purchase of a Fire Truck was discussed. Motion made ^{unanimously} and carried to buy this fire truck for the price of \$4100⁰⁰ if the company would put the 12 month warranty in writing in the contract for same.

Motion made and carried to buy 6 new water meters, price \$35⁰⁰ each. Half of the bill to be paid by July 10th, Bal to be paid by August 10th, 1970

Police Salary was discussed and tabled to a later date.

Motion made and carried to pay Emery Well. 65⁰⁰ per week. Hour being late meeting recessed until Thurs night June 4, Thurs night June 4, Council meeting continued all members present except Councilman Barker.

Mr. James Shaney of Allbritton Sanitary Service was present and presented a contract of services rendered also Garbage Containers needed.

Clerk was instructed to mail notices to anyone who has garbage to be picked up it must be in container ^{up to} 32 gallon container, metal or plastic with water tight lids or holes in them for water to drain. Recessed. Have any number of containers.

Monday night June 8, meeting continued. The purpose of the meeting was to hire a police.

Mr. Clem Mikell was present as requested to discuss the job of policeman; The officials offered him a salary of 90⁰⁰ per week with Sunday off, unless in case of an emergency, Mr. Mikell ask for a few days to make a decision. Motion to adjourn

Monday night June 22, a call meeting was held. Mayor presiding, Councilman was present, W. C. Watson as a quorum is required before a meeting can legally take action, only Mr. Mikell's decision on accepting the police job. was discussed. No other business, meeting adjourned.

Regular Council meeting Monday night July 6, 1970

Mayor presiding, all officials present.

A group of visitors were present, including members of M. Y. F. from Kay City Methodist Church.

Minutes of last meeting was read, motion made and carried to accept as rendered with a change made in regards to garbage containers.

Mr. Allbritton of Allbritton Sanitary Service of Valdosta was present, garbage pickups was discussed. He proposed that Wednesday of each week to be pickup day. After discussion

Motion made and unanimously carried to let Mr. Allbritton have the contract to pick up the garbage and debris, within the City limits. Mayor Patten said he would have a contract drawn up, for his approval also the Councilman's approval. This contract to have a 90 day trial period, if any work occurred within 90 days to warrant securing of contract, by the City or Mr. Allbritton, it would be agreed.

This Sanitary Service, to cost \$250. per month, with pay of same by the 15th of following month.

This service to start Wednesday, Aug. 5, 1970.

Motion made and carried that all past due City tax from 1969, not paid by Sept. 1, 1970 a tax lien would be made and property would be advertised for sale.

Motion made and carried to have a City plan up of City property buying a tractor with mower was discussed, the Mayor was given the authority to investigate tractors and prices and make a report at an early date.

Motion made and carried to pay all bills.

Hour being late meeting recessed.

Thursday night July 9, meeting continued, with all officials present except Councilman Studstill.

Day equalizer were discussed motion made and carried to return the men who served in 1969, Clerk instructed to notify them to start as soon as convenient for them. The

Mayor read the contract pertaining to the garbage pickup by the Allbritton Sanitary Service.

Motion made and carried to accept this contract as stated and make it a part of the minutes. Clerk instructed to send copy of contract to Allbritton Sanitary Service, for their approval.

A motion was made to buy tractor. Prices of tractors were discussed, the Mayor was authorized to have Salaman to bring the tractor to Kay City.

ENGINEERING

PLUMBING — HEATING
SUPPLIES

Albany, Ga.
435-5601



EQUIPMENT CO.

AIR CONDITIONING
WATER WORKS SUPPLIES

Waycross, Ga.
283-4814

Panama City, Fla.
785-4376

Valdosta, Ga.
242-1323

Tallahassee, Fla.
222-0750

Mayor Patten called the meeting to order. all councilmen were present. Hiring a new ~~city~~ man was discussed. It was decided to hire Neal Diddens. He is to begin work ~~at~~ on Tuesday morning, Sept. 28, 1971. Meeting was then adjourned.

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A part of minutes July 9, 1970

AGREEMENT OF CONTRACT

This agreement of contract entered in between JAMES L. CHANEY of Lowndes County, Georgia- address being P.O.Box No.2596 Castle Park, Valdosta, Georgia, and the town of RAY CITY located in Berrien County, Georgia.

Here after James L. Chaney will be known and called the contractor and the town of Ray City will be known and called the owner.

The nature or description of this agreement of contract is to pick up garbage or debris that will be more specifically mentioned later.

The contractor agrees to pick up any and all garbage or debris that is in container not exceeding thirty-two (32) gallons- also any or all rubbish that does not excel five(5) feet in length and/or six (6) inches in diameter for any one piece that is not appropriate to be placed in container, at interval of once a week, at each resident and/or place of business and churches.

The contractor agrees to be in compliance with all labor laws that may be applicable to such described work and be liable for suits or liens that may occur from his activity.

The contractor shall carry public liability insurance on all vehicles or equipment engaged in his work and furnish to the owner the name of the insurance company and the policy number.

The owner is liable that the above mentioned garbage or rubbish be located on the margin of public thoroughfares. (churches ^{and School} excepted). The owner shall provide a disposal place not to exceed 2 1/2 miles from city limit. The owner is liable for State health regulations that may be effective or applicable to disposal dump.

The owner and contractor agree that either may cancel this agreement of contract by giving in writing a sixty days notice.

The owner gives the right to the contractor to designate the day of the week for pick-up. In event the contractor elects to change pick-up day, he shall give owner 30 days notice in writing, and \$25 for each change made will be deducted from contractor's Monies.

The consideration for this agreement of contract is \$250.00 per month, paid by owner not later than the 15th day of following month.

witness

(owner) Town of Ray City

witness

contractor

date

Saturday July 11th

to demonstrate for the City officials to see and make a decision what kind they liked and if they wanted to buy, No other business, meeting adjourned.

Thomas Patten Mayor
Mrs J M Carter

Regular Council meeting Monday night Aug. 3, 1970 with a quorum of officials present, Mayor's presidency minutes of previous meeting was read and approved with an amendment added in regards to purchase price of tractor, which the Mayor had been authorized to purchase.

Bills were presented motion made and carried to pay them including equipment for fire trucks, the amount of \$209.50

Motion made and carried to offer what service the fire Dept could give to people out side of City limits for a radius of 3 not over 4 miles for a sum of ?

Motion made and carried to charge \$4⁰⁰ per hour for mowing of lot for citizens within the city limits.

Motion made and carried to add Mr Robert Burger to the Board of Tax Equalizers.

Hour being late meeting adjourned.

Call Council meeting, Monday night Aug. 14, 1970 for the purpose of transacting a financial arrangement in regards to Sewerage Const. Funds.

Due to part of the Sewerage Const. Funds being invested in U.S. Security Note, a motion was made and carried to borrow money needed to pay current bills, but not to exceed the amount of money invested in U.S. Security notes. Motion made and carried for Mayor Patten to have the authority to transact this business.

A Resolution was adopted of this motion and a copy of same to be made part of these minutes duly passed this 14th day of Aug. 1970

Thomas Patten Mayor
Mrs. J M. Carter

Regular Council Meeting Monday Night Sept. 7, 1940

Meeting called to order by the mayor, all members present.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved as rendered.

Bills were presented, Clerk was instructed to pay them.

A Financial Statement was made, after discussion, and an account of the mayor, the Council was asked to study and plan to budget Water and Maintenance Account, and keep monthly expense to \$400⁰⁰ or less. Electric bill not included.

Motion made and carried to appoint Chief Police Officer

Superintendent of Streets and pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of salary out of street funds. His salary to be increased \$10⁰⁰ per week. He would also read water meters, also learn how to operate lift station at oxidation pond. Mayor stated one Morgan said he would be glad to explain the operation to him. The officials agreed to pay 5⁰⁰ per month for a helper with meters.

After discussion, a decision was made not to use an extra police on week ends any longer.

Several citizens offered their assistance. Mayor Patten thanked them for their assistance, saying the only way the law could be enforced would be for citizens to support the law.

Motion made and carried to increase water meter deposits to 16⁰⁰. This including sewer deposit.

Motion made & unanimously carried. All past due city tax through 1948 that is not paid or satisfactory arrangements made by Nov. 1, 1940, will be levied and advertised for sale. Clerk instructed to notify citizens of this motion.

Motion made and unanimously carried that all citizens who had not connected to the public sewer to be notified they have until December 31, 1940. If not connected by then the city officials will be placed in position to ^{have} enforce the ordinance in regards to same. Clerk to notify them.

Have being late. Motion made and carried to adjourn.

Thomas Patten Mayor
Mrs L M Carter Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Monday ^{night} Oct. 5, 1940

Mayer Presiding, all Councilmen present.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved as renders. Bills were presented, Clerk was instructed to pay them.

Mayer Patton informed the Council the \$20,000.00 in 26.5 treasury notes had matured and there was some money that could be invested for the last quarter of this year. The Council Authorized him to investigate, and see what arrangements could be made in regards to note due on demand, and what interest could be made on investment.

Motion made and carried to hire Helen Fendle as Water and Street Maintenance man, Salary to be \$75.00 per week. As she was experienced in water and pipe work.

After discussion, a decision was made to charge all churches except New Lanah, for water and Surrage the charge to be the minimum until meters could be installed.

No other business. Motion made and carried to adjourn

Thomas Patton Mayor
Mrs J. M. Carter Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Monday ^{night}, Nov. 2, 1940

Meeting called to order by the Mayor, all Councilmen present. Minutes of last meeting was read and approved, Bills were presented, Motion made and carried to pay them.

Hiring a Street & Water man was discussed, one application was presented, Mr. Alvin Mixell. Motion made and carried to hire him, starting Nov. 9, 1940.

Competing Surrage was discussed, Mayor Patton was authorized to investigate the cost and see if money was available, and if so have the work started.

City election was discussed, 2 Councilmen to be elected to serve a term of 2 years each.

Election to be held Tuesday Dec. 1, 1940, falls to open 7 A.M. close 7 P.M. Deadline date to qualify as a candidate, Nov. 14, 12 o'clock noon. Entrance fee of \$10.00 to be paid each to qualify as a candidate.

Motion made and carried for Mr. L.H. Neff to manage the election. And Mrs D.V. Courser and Mrs J.M. Carter to help. Home being late, motion made to adjourn.

Regular Council Meeting Monday Night Dec. 7, 1970.

Meeting called to order by the Mayor, All Councilmen present
Minutes of last meeting was read and approved as rendered.
Bills were presented, Clerk instructed to pay them.

Extending a sewer line, was discussed. Due to the expense being
more than construction funds available, Mayor Patten recom-
mended we keep the balance of Grant money to meet any
emergency needs.

Motion was made and carried to install 2 fire hydrants
or fire pipe, one on Parks Street, one on Main Street.

Motion made and carried to pass an ordinance for collecting
a sewer fee where a resident is not a water customer.
Telephone service was discussed, motion made and carried
to discontinue telephone at police station, and have
number on City Hall phone changed to number 455-4921
this being no. of police station.

Clerk was instructed to pay City Election workers \$10⁰⁰ each.

No other business motion made to adjourn.

Minutes of Council for year 1971

Regular Council Meeting Monday Night Jan. 4, 1971
Meeting called to order by Mayor Patten, all officials
were present,

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved, Bills were
presented, Clerk instructed to pay them, this completed the
business for year 1970.

Two incumbent Councilmen who was reelected to serve
a term of 2 years each, Jimmy K. Cassins and Frank H. Strubel
was given the oath of office by the Mayor.

First order of business was hiring a City Clerk,
Motion made and unanimously carried to retain Mrs. M. Carter
as City Clerk and Glen Mitchell as City Police.

J. M. Carter was present requesting City License to operate
his Package Store.

Motion made and carried to issue to him his License
same price as for year 1970, with \$200.00 whiskey to be same
Barker Mountain Jr. was present, requesting license as a Use
Car Dealer, Clerk was instructed to issue them.

Mr. Robert Jensen was present and gave a brief report, and said
the Concrete Audit, would be ready soon. He recommended
that \$885.00 to be deposited in a sinking fund in the Citizen Bank
each month, to make a payment on Sewer System Loan
in Jan. 1972, Clerk was instructed to deposit this amount.

Some long late meeting recessed until Thursday Night Jan. 7,

when the meeting continued, Mayor presiding all Councilmen present

Revising the City License Ordinance was the business of the meeting
after discussing and making several changes and agreeing
other changes might be necessary, Motion made and
carried to adopt same for year 1971.

Motion was made and unanimously carried keep Councilmen
Barker as Mayor Protem and retain same committees
as served in the year 1970

No other business Motion made to recess

Mayor Presiding, All officials present except Councilman Barker
Minutes of last meeting was read and approved, as rendered.
Bills were presented. Clerk was instructed to pay them.

Mr. J. B. Webb, was present, to discuss building 2 - tripley
apartment, 3 apartment in each building. After discussions, the
City officials were unanimously in favor of this construction.
and expressed their appreciation for his interest in building
in Bay City.

Motion made and carried to have the ordinance ^{entered} that all
motor vehicle which is not operating and does not have
the current tags on them to be removed from within
the city limits, notices to be posted of same.

Clerk was instructed to levy a tax \$1.75 on all delinquent
City tax.

Senior users who does not use City water was discussed
and decision was tabled until next meeting.
hour being late. Motion made to adjourn.

Thomas Patten Mayor

Regular Council Meeting Monday Night March 1, 1971

Mayor presiding All officials present except Councilman Barker
Minutes of last meeting was read and approved, as read.

Members of the Volunteer Fire Department was present. Service
to citizens outside of city limits was discussed, after which
the Mayor recommended, and all officials agreed that the
Fire Dept have the authority to make a charge of a
\$25⁰⁰ ^{per year} fee to be paid by each citizen, outside of city limits
within a 5 mile radius who wanted assistance of the City Fire Dept. This fee
to be paid by April 1, 1971. to the City Clerk
who will give them a receipt for same. No call outside
of city limits will be answered if this fee was not been
paid after April 1, 1971.

Motion made and carried that all customers using
sewerage and not using City water, to pay \$4.00 per
month for sewerage service, and in default of same
payment of same, property being served will be responsible
for same.

Bills were presented Clerk was instructed to pay them
As hour was late motion was made to adjourn

Regular Council meeting Apr. 5, 1971

Meeting called to order by Mayor Patten, with all officials present.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved as read. Bills were presented. Clerk was instructed to pay them.

Mr Jack Patten and Mr. Chin of Valdosta was present to discuss and advise ^{an} the extension of sewerage lines proposed also an estimate of cost.

After discussions the body proposed to go ahead with the project and borrow enough money to pay for installing the sewerage lines discussed, also to submit an application for a loan, and if loan is granted to repay the money borrowed.

Jack Patten was asked to submit his proposals and if accepted to draw plans of these projects.

J. B. Mett was present and said he would give ^{an} easement for the sewerage line to be installed on his property.

Financial conditions were discussed. Due to the lack of revenue, a motion was made and unanimously carried to discontinue the Allbritton Sanitary pick up service, according to contract, Mr Allbritton to be notified of this decision.

Garbage disposal to be combined with Street waste was discussed, no decision was made; also Lift Station operator

was to be dismantling, an policeman would operate the lift station, Councilman Studsell, agree to learn to operate same. ^{from late meeting adjourned}

Full Council Meeting Monday night Apr. 19, 1971

Mayor presiding all Councilmen present.

The purpose of meeting was to discuss the proposal of contract for drawing plans of the proposed sewerage lines and the cost of same. After discussion motion was made and carried to hire Jack Patten to do the survey of sewerage in accordance to meet the F. H. A. approval.

Motion made and carried to borrow money as necessary to do the extended sewerage work. An estimate of \$5000 ⁰⁰ Grant Studsell, Transilium was hired to install these proposed lines. Sewerage to made available to Aubrey Simmons property by May 15th 1971

No other business, motion made to adjourn

Mayer presiding All officials were present

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved as rendered.

General citizens were present ^{in regards to Garbage pick up} & Mayor Patten invited any or all of them to express their views and complaints, and any suggestion they made would be appreciated in regard to same, and thanked them for their interest.

C. R. Langford was present and said he could fix the mercury switch on water tank, ^{and guarantee it to work 12 months or longer} After discussion motion made and carried to hire him to fix the switch, as soon as possible Jack Patten was present with plans for the extended sewer lines, he explained plans to Councilman Studsell, who was hired to install the lines. He was to post bond for this work. Mayor recommended the city to pay for this bond. Motion made and carried for the city to make some type of plan for extending sewerage in the future. Set a price and let customers pay for same, Councilman Barker, Chairman of Sewerage Dept. was asked to make a report on this motion at next Council meeting.

Bills were presented, Clerk instructed to pay them.

Hour being late, meeting recessed until Thursday night May 4th 1971.

Council meeting continued Thursday night May 4th

Mayor presiding all Councilmen present.

Hiring a Street, water and Sanitary Man was discussed

Mr David Cannon was present and applied for the job.

Said he could start working Monday May 10th.

After discussing the work involved in this job, a motion was made and carried to hire Mr Cannon so long as his work was satisfactory, Salary to be \$90⁰⁰ per week.

Mr Langford was present and said facts for masonry switch would have to be order, but should be here within a few days, as he would call in the order by telephone.

No other business Motion made to adjourn.

January 3, 1978

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is an application and request to continue employment as City Clerk, for the City of Ray City during the year of 1978.

Would the Council kindly consider raising the Clerks' salary from \$2.475 to \$2.65 per hour which is the minimum wage.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jocelyn S. Wilson
City Clerk

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City of Ray City

RAY CITY, GEORGIA 31645

January 9, 1978

P. O. BOX 128

Phone 455-4921

Agenda

Regular Council Meeting, Monday, January 9, 1978 at 7:30 P.M.

1. Old Business

- ✓ Sewer and water tap-ins
- ✓ County dog catchers in town weekly, will answer any complaints
- ✓ Cost of accident with Police Car and Sonja Allen now up to almost \$5,000.00
- ✓ Reported by Bennett Ins. Agency today.
- ✓ Street lights - new - requested for Pauline and Jones St.

2. Swear In New Officials

- ✓ Hiring of Employees - Policemen, Supervisor of Streets, Sewer, Water and Sanitation, City Attorney, C.P.A., City Recorder and City Clerk.
- ✓ Set License Fees for 1978
- ✓ Select Mayor Pro Tem — J. D. Cone

- ✓ Appoint Charimen for City Departments
- ✓ Salary Increases
- ✓ Vote on Mobile Home Ordinance

- ✓ Police Report - Read notes from Chief Jones
- ✓ Read notes for newsletter and information sheet for newcomers
- ✓ Review bills in envelopes - sign envelopes
- ✓ Engineers expect to advertise bids for new water system by the end of this month
- ✓ G.M.A. Mayor's Day in Atlanta Jan. 15 and 16. Annual Event

✓ I need authorization to write checks for the Firemen.

✓ Ben E. Jones has State Approval to attend Police Academy, will start 1-16-78

✓ I need to purchase 1,000 stamped legal size envelopes from the Post Office, cost \$142.40

Title VI employees receiving 2.65 per hr, beginning 1-1-78

These employees are: Junior Simons and Larry Powers

Blue Police car needs repairs

Social Security rates have gone up from 5.85 to 6.05 effective 1-1-78

Change C mtg day night

Waiker

Backhoe

Hand guns - Policemen

street painting

NO PARKING AREA AF Fire Plug
at Drug store

no passing lines from railroad
down past the post office

CRB at fire station.

STATE

SIGNS

NO U-TURNS in front of
Post Office.

no parking against traffic at
post office.

no parking in front of P.D.
or fire station.

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Mayer

City Com:

Radios in Police CARS. Motorola
will service the white CAR FOR
\$12.00 per month - Blue if you want
for \$8.00 per month, can add blue
Car later if you want. This is
under a contract.

Please consider the fine for driving
while D/k or Re-awake. Other towns
is \$150.00 the first time.

Please advise clerk so this
can be added to the existing
list approved by Mayer +
con.

Ben

Regular Council Meeting Monday Night June 7, 1971

Mayor Patten Call Meeting to Order, all officials were present.
Minutes of last meeting was read and approved as rendered.
Installing a water line to B.W. Mepps New Apartments was
discussed, palinman was instructed to have the work started
immediately, using $1\frac{1}{2}$ in pipe for water main to the apartments.
Motion made and carried to get Mr. Jack Patten to survey
some new lots for sewerage lines and make report to city
officials, as early as convenient.

Discussed building a shelter for the fire trucks, Mayor
said something would be done about this as soon
as financial conditions permitted.

Salary for City Garbage ^{man} was discussed and passed on.
He is to be paid an increase of \$19.40 a week.
Maxing his take home pay, \$100⁰⁰ per week.

^{effective this date, June 7, 1971}
Clerk was instructed to notify all tax delinquents for
years 1970, 1969 and prior - with a registered letter
that they pay these ^{post due} taxes or a levy would be made and
property would be advertised for sale.

Bills were presented, clerk was instructed to pay them.
Motion made and carried the palinman to have a
weeks vacation, beginning first week in July.

After discussion it was agreed to drop ^{the} case against Larry
Standby, as he had to serve time as a result of this arrest.

Clerk was instructed to notify city assessors, to begin work on
city tax year 1971
motion made to adjourn.

Regular Council meeting Monday night, July 5th 1911

Mayer called meeting to order all officials present except Councillor Barker
minutes of last meeting was read and approved as read.

Several citizens were present, ^{with} complaints of high water bills, Mayor Patten
explained the rates charged for water & sewerage, saying the meter reading was
all we had to go by. And anytime a mistake is made by the City it
would be corrected.

Mowing vacant lots for citizens was discussed, and the minimum price ^{set}
to be \$4⁰⁰, for 1 hr. 8⁰⁰

Dr. B. Webb, Triplex Apartments were discussed, as he wanted to furnish
water for the apartments. A motion made and carried to charge him
the minimum for each apartment, if vacant, if being lived in, charge
the meter reading.

Ordinance to lower extended sewerage in the future was discussed
A motion made and carried to have one made.

Clerk was instructed to call on Robert Conner, to see if and when
could he meet with the City officials, this meeting to be
continued at that time.

Monday night July 19th, Council meeting continued, all officials present
including Mr. Robert Conner, who made a financial statement, also
suggested ways to finance the extended sewerage that has to be completed
and more to be constructed in the near future, by using the
\$2380. in Water & Sewerage Revenue account if it is approved by F.H.A.
Also using \$1000.00 out of Water and Sewerage Maintenance account
if F.H.A. agrees, paying balance of the last out of General Funds.
With the understanding and agreeing to refund ^{the} money used to
back account, when the loan or grant is received. Mr. Conner
said application should be made for this grant as soon as
the present construction work was finished and approved by the
engineer, who surveyed and drew the plans, as all paper pertaining
to this project would have to be in order, before application
could be made;

Transferring \$440.00, in saving ^{acct} and \$660 ^{7/8} held in a special city fund
to General fund was discussed, motion made and carried to
transfer these accounts, if legal, and the City would
be responsible for the special city money, amount of
\$660 ^{7/8} at any time, if called on to do so.

Motion made and carried to pay C. R. Langford for
labor and material used on Switch at Water Tank and
New Well, as the work carries 12 months guarantee.
This guarantee to be written on bill.

Clerk was instructed to pay all bill on sewerage

Construction work out of General Funds, and when money is available in Water account to refund the amount used for this work back to Gen. Funds.

The Clerk was instructed to pay Councilman Shuckitt for this Sewerage Construction work, when he had finished the project started and the work approved by Mr. Jack Patten Consultant engineer. on presentation of Estimate, this Estimate to be approved by the Mayor.

No other business motion made to Adjourn

Regular Council Meeting Monday Night Aug. 2, 1971

Meeting called to order by Mayor Patten, all officials present except Councilman Jimmy Gaskins.

Minutes of last meeting was read, Motion made and carried to accept as read. Bills were presented, Clerk instructed to pay them.

Mr. Raymond Bailey was present requesting water & sewerage for a Trailer Park. Mayor Patten recommended he check with the State Health Dept. in regards to the State law. govern Water & sewerage, then Mayor offered the City's assistance in any way we can. The price of water & sewerage for his park would be minimum as long as a minimum amount was used.

Due to finance conditions a motion was made and carried that to have a manhole made in the sewerage ^{line} at the end of Jones Street, at this time

Motion made and carried to appoint Mr. H.C. Geruto to the Board of Tax Equalizers.

Motion made and unanimously carried for all water bills to be paid by the 15th of the month or service to be discontinued

on that ^{date} Motion made and carried to pay Eston Giddens, \$60⁰⁰ for police duty

After discussion Motion made and carried that to spend \$350⁰⁰ for any customer who wants water and sewerage services in the City of Ray City, and it must be a permanent residence or structure.

No other business motion made to adjourn.

Thomas Patten Mayor

Regular Council meeting Monday night Sept. 13, 1971.

Mayor Patten presiding All officials present

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved as rendered only a change in the minutes in regard to giving water & sewerage ^{service} to new customers, this service to be considered only for Houses or Business Buildings. No extended service to trailers, unless owner pay total expense for same. Mr. E. J. Cook was called to ^{the} meeting to discuss settlement for an injury ^{he} received from a fall, off of ^{at corner of Victory Soda Shop} side walk ^{to a} leaning fire hydrant. This injury caused him to lose 10 weeks of work at a salary of \$116.00 per week. Mr. E. J. Cook was cooperative in this discussion. He said if the City of Lay City would pay him \$800 ^{per} for his loss of time it would be satisfactory, and he agreed the payment would be paid in full and the city would not be liable for any future trouble he might have from this injury. This agreement to be made in writing and he would sign same. This ^{signed} agreement to be made part of the minutes.

Motion made and carried to repair the fire hydrant at corner of Victory Soda Shop, and if it could not be fixed to buy a new one and have it installed as soon as possible.

Motion made and carried to notify Swindle Dry Goods Store they must eliminate the water leaking from Air Conditioner on Street or give the city a written guarantee saying they would be responsible for any accident that may occur from the water leaking on side walk.

Motion made and carried effective this week of Sept. 13th for David Cannon's salary to be \$100.00 per week less withholding tax. Chief Oriskell was instructed to inform Mr. Cannon of this motion. No other business meeting adjourned.

Called Council meeting Monday night Sept. 27, 1971.

Meeting called to order by Mayor, all officials present, purchase of meeting was to hire a Street and Sanitary water man.

After discussion it was decided to hire Neal Giddens, he was to begin work Tuesday Morning, Sept. 28, salary to be \$75.00 per week less withholding tax ^{include 5.5 tax}. Meeting was then adjourned.

Thomas Patten Mayor

City of Ray City

RAY CITY, GEORGIA 31645

P. O. BOX 158
Phone 455-2971

I E.J. Cook, have been a victim of falling and breaking my leg in Ray City, Ga. due to a leaking fire hydrant located at the corner of Victory Soda Shop.

I release the City of Ray City from any physical injury that has occurred or may occur from this incident.

And relieve the City of Ray City, from any or all liability upon the receipt of Eight Hundred Dollars, (\$ 800.00).

This Sept. 14, 1971.

E. J. Cook

E.J. Cook

Vivian G. Robertson,
Witness

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SUPPLIES

Albany, Ga.
435-5601

Panama City, Fla.
785-4376



EQUIPMENT CO.

AIR CONDITIONING
WATER WORKS SUPPLIES

Waycross, Ga.
283-4814

Valdosta, Ga.
242-1323

Tallahassee, Fla.
222-0750

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occur from this
incident, and Release
the Town of Panama City
from any or all liability
up on the receipt
of Eight hundred
dollars. (\$800.00),

This 9-15-1971

E. J. Cook.

liability

Regular Council meeting Monday night Oct. 4, 1971

Meeting called to order by Mayor Patten, all officials present.

Minutes of last meeting was read, after a correction, was approved as rendered. Bills were presented, motion made and carried to pay them.

Fire Hydrant at corner of Victory Soda Shop, was discussed. Chief Mizell was instructed to contact Mr. Nelson, Water Supt. of Nashville to see if it could be fixed, if he could fix it to have it done as quick as possible, if the fire hydrant could not be repaired, motion was made to buy a new one and have it installed immediately.

Clerk was instructed to send bill to Carroll Harris for water cap in for M.F. Dailey, also send bill to John B. Webb for water and sewerage cap ins for his Triplex Apartments.

After discussing several subjects, motion was made to adjourn.

Thomas Patten Mayor

Regular Council Meeting Monday night Nov. 1st 1971

Mayor Patten presiding all officials present except Councilman Studtill.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved. Bills presented, Clerk instructed to pay them.

Police was instructed to collect past due water and sewerage cap in fee from John B. Webb ^{or so} to cut off service.

Clerk was instructed to charge a meter deposit of \$33.²⁵ from Raymond Bailey for his trailer park as he is responsible for water & sewer bills for same.

Motion made and carried to put a \$5.00 charge on transfer of meters from one house to another one.

City election was discussed. The election to be held Tuesday Dec. 7, 1971, to elect a Mayor and 2 Councilmen to serve a term of 2 years each. Qualifying fee to remain same as 1970, \$15.00 each to qualify as a candidate for Mayor, \$10.00 each to qualify as candidate for Councilman. Deadline date to qualify as a candidate Saturday Nov. 15th 1971 - 12^{o'clock} Noon.

Clerk was instructed to refund to Gen. Fund. from Water acct. money spent on extended sewer & water lines.

No other business Motion made to adjourn.

Regular Council Meeting, Monday Night Dec. 6, 1971

Meeting called to order by Mayor Patten all officials present, Minutes of last meeting was read and approved as rendered. Bills were presented, Clerk instructed to pay them:

Mr. M. B. Hange was present and requested the fine his son Johnny Hange paid the town to be refunded, Mayor Patten, refused this request stating Johnny Hange was found guilty in Mayor Court, and he would abide by the decision made at that time.

Paving and resurfacing streets in Ray City was discussed. Clerk was instructed to write a letter to the Berrien County Commissioners, requesting assistance in the street work, needed, stating what streets and section of streets needing repair at this time.

Christmas party for children was discussed, Jerry Sammons Assistance Fire Chief was present, and volunteered the service of the fire Department for the project, also Christmas tree for City, Council Baskins said ^{he} would donate the tree to be used.
No other business meeting adjourned

Jan, 1972

Regular Council meeting, Monday night Jan 10, 1972
 Mayor Patten presiding all official present Old and New.
 Minutes of last meeting was read and approved
 As rendered, Bills were presented. Motion made & carried to pay
 them, only one to be collected before paid.

This concluding the business for year 1971, Mayor Patten
 thanked the 2 returning Councilmen, Guy Barker and W. E. Watson
 for their cooperation and services during their term in
 office, and invited to attend Council meeting any time they could.

The Mayor gave the oath of office to the new Councilmen
 Gene Benefield and Felder Dugan.

First order of business was hiring a City Clerk, Mrs Carter
 was unanimously retained as City Clerk for year 1972.

Clyde Morgan was retained as Fire Chief also as
 Maintenance Man for Oxidation Pond & Pump. Salary to be
 same as paid in 1971.

Roger Neil Giddens was retained as Water & Sanitary Man
 with a raise of \$5.00 per week.

Johnny Wayne Wood was present and ask for the position
 of Police Chief. After discussion this decision was tabled
 until a later date.

Motion made and carried for a letter to be written to
 Berrien County Commissioners, requesting the resurfacing
 of existing paved streets in Ray City, this letter to be signed
 by Mayor and Council.

Motion made and carried to issue J. M. Carter a
 license to operate Package Store. License to be the
 same as in year 1971, with the same tax, 5¢ on each
 1/2 pint, 10¢ on each pint and 15¢ on each quart. Saled.

Motion made and carried for Jimmy K. Gaskins to serve
 as Mayor Protem for year 1972.

DeLoe was instructed to buy Water Book. Water book also
 Cards for Water Bills, Home being late meeting recessed until
 Thursday night Jan 13, 1972.

Meeting continued on this date, with Mayor Protem, Presiding
 due to the absence of Mayor Patten, who was ill.

After discussion, Motion made and carried with Council
 Benefield Abstaining to hire Johnny Wayne Wood as
 Policeman, Salary to be \$100.00 per week including heating
 Water meters also Public work Supervisor.

Revising City License Ordinance for year 1972 was

Studied and discussed. After completion of the reviewing of Ordinance making a few changes, motion was made and carried to adjest same for year 1972

Motion made and carried to collect a sanitary fee of \$1.00 from each family, and to have 2 pick up each week, Tuesday and Friday; effective date March 1st 1972.

Motion made and carried to retained Robert D. Carner as Auditor and Knight and Perry as City Attorney for year 1972

Motion made and carried for Councilmen Dugree to fix City Jail with the sanitary man to help. After discussing several items meeting recessed until later.

Thomas Patten - Mayor

Regular Council meeting Monday Night Feb. 7, 1972,

Mayor presiding all officials present. Minutes of last meeting was read and approved as rendered. Bills were presented, Clerk was instructed to pay them.

Mayor Patten appointed the following committees.

Police Comm. Mayor Patten

Water " Felder Dugree + Gene Benefield

Street " Frank Studstill, Felder Dugree, Gene Benefield

Sanitary " Felder Dugree - Jimmy Gaskins

Finance " Jimmy Gaskins - Frank Studstill

Property " All City Officials

Mayor to assist all committees when needed.

Due to the resignation of the utility man, Councilman Dugree and Benefield was given the authority to hire a man for this job.

Motion made and carried all rules applicable to water and sewerage in the year of 1971 to be the same this year 1972

Clerk was instructed to buy cards and have water cards printed, and when making out bills to put the thousands used on card.

Hour being late motion made and carried to adjourn

Regular Council Meeting

Regular Council meeting Monday night March 6, 1972
 Mayor called meeting to order with all officials present.
 Minutes of last meeting was read and approved as
 rendered. Bills were presented, Clerk was instructed to pay
 them.

Several citizens were present, asking for information also
 some complaints, Mayor Patten invited all to speak.
 O. R. Langford requested a Deed for a lot of land he
 purchased at a tax sale in July 1945, for 100⁰⁰ and
 agreed to pay all tax on same. Through an error he
 had not received deed.

Motion was made and carried for the city to give him
 a Quick Claim Deed. Clerk was instructed to give records
 to Mr. Samson Fountain to make this deed.

Dan Peters was present asking to be hired as assistance
 police, on week ends. Due to restrictions on hiring police
 men without proper training, this was tabled.

Motion made and carried to raise the policeman
 salary \$5⁵⁰ per week.

Motion made and carried to have the city attorney
 make an ordinance prohibiting any residence being
 built within 20 feet of public street or alley and
 no less than 5 feet from private property or
 other properties, any one wanting to build to make
 application for building permit.

No other business motion made to adjourn.

Regular Council meeting Monday night April 3, 1972.

Mayor presiding All officials present.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved as read, with an Amendment in regards to building a permanent building, this to be changed from 5 ft. to 10 ft from private property, also to be 20 ft. from Public property.

Bills were presented, Clerk instructed to pay them hearing several complaints, motion was made and carried to eliminate garbage charge from an apartment in a private residence, housing no more than 4 people in same.

Motion made and carried for the mayor to talk with Mrs Margaret Swindle, in regards to placing a gas tank in City Alley east of Jeffersons Grocery Store, and if satisfactory arrangement could be agreed on to give her a verbal permit to do so, so long as it didnot prevent any passage or prove to be a nuisance.

Line Stack, sanitary wise was discussed, Clerk was instructed to get in touch with Mr Frank Gorden of the State Health Dept, and asked him to meet with the City officials to advise on this subject.

No other business, motion made and carried to adjourn

Thomas Patton Mayor

Regular Council Meeting, Monday night May 1, 1972

Meeting called to order by Mayor Patton Jimmy Gastin. Mayor Patton was absent due to illness. All Councilmen were present

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved as read Bills were presented, motion made and carried to pay them.

Motion made and carried to pay John B Webb, \$15⁰⁰ per night for Police Duty on week ends.

Motion made and carried to pay Councilman Dogree for labor he had done for the City.

Clerk instructed to write County Commissioners requesting Bridge & Banisters on Old School Walk also ask them to mow in Harrow the Sewerage Drains ^{lines} to keep down vegetation.

Repairing Police Car was discussed, Police was instructed to get cost estimates from Johnny Cooper also Bo Cole and report at next meeting

Have being late motion was made to recess until a later date

Regular Council Meeting

Monday Night June 12, 1972, Mayor Pro Tem

Jimmy Bastins Presiding All officials present, except Mayor Patten who was confined to hospital.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved. Clerk instructed to pay bills.

Motion made and carried to have a telephone installed in Police Station and all extension be disconnected from telephone in City Hall

Motion made and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance pertaining to Live Stock, Dogs, Farms or other animals, recommended by State Health Department, this ordinance to be posted also printed in the Barron Press, to be effective Aug 1st 1972

Motion made and carried for City to pay for 3 uniforms for City Police.

Motion made and carried to issue Beer License, Sell to go to David Suggs on request

Building a new Jail and Fire Station was discussed, Plans to investigate securing land that would be in the right location for the Jail & Fire Station was agreed on.

A resignation of Mayor Patten due to his illness was read by Mayor Pro Tem Bastins, Motion made and carried to take a decision 30 days or later, according to Mayor Patten health.

Regular Council Meeting for July was put off until ^{2nd} Monday Night July 11th.

No other business Motion made and carried to adjourn

Regular Council meeting Monday night July 10th 1972

Meeting called to order by Mayor pro tem Jimmy Gaskins with all officials present.

A representative of Area Planning Commission of Valdosta was present and discussed expanding the City Water System, he advised an engineer to be contacted to make a preliminary survey and advise the cost of same. Also advised on funds to improve City Park

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved as rendered. Bills were presented motion made and carried to pay them.

Repairing Police Car was discussed, Jimmy Coogan was present and said he would put in new motor and fix car for approximately \$400.00. Motion was made and carried to let him fix the car as early as he could get motor. Motion made and carried to have next regular Council meeting Tuesday night Aug. 1st, as State primary election would be held Tuesday Aug. 8th.

No other business motion was made to adjourn.

Regular Council meeting Tuesday night Aug. 1, 1972

Jimmy Gaskins, Mayor pro tem presiding, all officials present. Buday Sampson of Nashville, was present, asking for extended water and sewerage to his property. After discussing, he told them he would let them know later, as the officials could not grant him water at this time. But offered him sewerage service, with him putting his own sewerage line to city sewer and connecting same. Connecting fee 125.00 and \$400 per month for each sewerage line.

Mr. Craig was present in regard ^{to} keeping dogs in pound. Motion was made and carried to extend enforcing this ordinance 30 days, to give owners time to secure tags and fix enclosures for dogs. Minutes of last meeting was read and approved.

Motion made and carried to order to School signs and have them put up.

Motion made and carried to buy a New 2 ton Chevrolet truck for \$3175.00. Motion made and carried to pay for truck out of Street funds.

Motion was made and carried to hire A.T. Willis Jr for police duty for Friday & Saturday night each week, salary to be \$1500 per night.

The City officials agreed to pay for 3 uniforms for him, he to pay for them out of his salary.

Resolution.

Whereas it has been brought to the Mayor's Attention
the Sewerage Construction Funds that were available
is exhausted, there being invested in Government
Securities the Balance of Grant ^{money} received ~~June 3, 1970,~~
now therefore be it resolved by the City Council
of the City of Ray City, in Special Meeting Assembled
Do hereby grant the Authority to the Mayor to
borrow the necessary funds needed to pay current bills
but not to exceed the money which has been invested
in Government Securities, to be paid on such date as
maturity.

A copy of this Resolution to be made part of the
Minutes duly passed this 14th day of ~~Sept.~~ ^{Aug.} 1970.

City of Ray City

Continued Aug. 1, 1942

To this date the City owed him \$81⁰⁰ for police duty.
Motion made and carried to get Mr. Lee to repair
Car as early as he could.

Motion made and carried for Police to give warning to
all person with Motor Vehicle making unusual noises
to have them fixed or a fine would be imposed.

School for Police was discussed, Motion made and carried
for the Policeman to go to this School for 3 week, at A.B.C.
College in Joplin to receive Advance training in
Police work. Starting Aug. 20th, cost to be \$200.00 for the
3 weeks, this cost to be refunded by Coastal Plain Planning
Commission, After Completing School.

Due to complaints and expense, Limiting Police Car to
1 mile outside of City limits was discussed and tabled
until next Council Meeting.

Police Wood presented a new pistol for the officers to
look at. They told him he could buy it for him
self if he wanted too, that the City did not need one
As they owned the one he was using. Following this
discussion Policeman Wood ask for a \$10⁰⁰ a
week raise, Motion made to table this request
until next Council Meeting.

On other business Motion made to adjourn

Regular Council Meeting Tuesday Night Sept 5, 1942.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Patten, all officials
present.

Minutes of last Meeting was read and approved, Bills were
presented. Clerk instructed to pay same.

After discussing Bill of reimbursing Police Car, Motion made and
carried for R. L. Weaver to pay \$75⁰⁰ of same, in accord-
-ance to his obligation on same. Clerk to prepare bill and
Police to present it to Mr. Weaver.

Wayne Liddon was present and applied for Utility maintenance
man. Motion made and carried to hire him, salary to be
\$100⁰⁰ per week.

Motion made and carried to pay for Police Gun, and Police to
pay the City \$10⁰⁰ a week until he got it paid for.

Motion made and carried to get Liability Ins. on new Truck and
Police Car also Workman Compensation Ins on employees
Have time late, Motion made to recess until a later date

Regular Council meeting Monday Night Oct. 2, 1972

Meeting called to order by Mayor Patten, All officials present.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved as rendered, Bills were presented, Clerk instructed to pay them. Mr. Chadwick of C+S Contractors, was present to discuss repairing City Jail and building a dog pound. It was agreed for him to do this work, and to begin as soon as possible.

Motion was made and carried to release A.T. Willis Jr. as Assistant Police, and let Wayne Eddison, a City employee assist the policeman on Friday and Saturday nights, to be paid \$5.00 a night for this service.

Motion made and carried to give Johnny W. Wood policeman, \$5.00 a week raise, Police was instructed to be on school crossing last evening for all children. After several items being discussed, motion was made to adjourn.

Thomas Patten - Mayor

Call Council meeting Monday night Oct. 30, 1972

Mayor Patten presiding, all officials present.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss improving water system.

Mr. Don Hardin, District Representative of F.H.A. of Dayton and Mr. Cecil Layton County Supervisor of F.H.A. of Nashville was present, also 2 engineers, Mr. D'Lanier and Mr. Jack Patten, of Valdosta.

After stating the City's needs for the improvement of our water system Mayor Patten, ask the F.H.A. if the City was eligible for a grant and loan, to do this project.

Mr. Hardin ^{said} a loan was available now if applied for but was doubtful about a grant, but advised an application for grant and loan to be made, when the City desired one. Mayor ask the Council to give this discussion some thought and report what their decision was at next Council meeting.

Now being late motion was made to adjourn.

Regular Council Meeting Tuesday night Jan. 2-1973
Meeting called to order by Mayor Patten all officials present including old and new.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved. Bills were presented
Clegg was instructed to pay them.

Unfinished business was discussed, motion made and carried to pay
Sheriff Gassins, \$50⁰⁰ for service rendered.

This completing business for year 1972.

Mayor Patten praised retiring Councilman Jimmy Gassins for
his cooperation and service during his term of office, also
his assistance in civic matters.

Mayor Patten, then gave the New Councilman Bob Bueger,
the oath of office.

The first order of business was to hire a City Clerk.
As the present Clerk Mrs. J.M. Carter, was retiring,

Several applications for the position of City Clerk were
presented, after discussing these applicants in private,
the Councilman made announcement the person would be
nominated Wednesday Jan. 3rd.

William E. Clark was retained for 3 months as Police, if
he met the requirements made by officials, and service was
satisfactory, he would be retained, as long as service was
satisfactory. Home being late meeting recessed until Thursday night
Jan 4, 1973.

Council meeting continued Thursday night Jan 4th all officials
present. First order of business was the appointment
of Councilman Studetill to serve as Mayor Pro Tem
for 1973 by the City Council.

The following Committees were appointed by
Mayor Patten:

Police - Mayor Patten^{Ch} + Council Studetill
Water - Councilman Depree^{Ch} + entire body
Sewerage - " " " "
Sanitary - " " " "
Finance Councilman Bueger + " "

Mayor to serve on all committees

All employees were retained, including auditor
Robert D. Conner. No salaries approved,
Police instructed to secure bond, and the
city pay for same.

Revising City license ordinance was the remaining business of the meeting. After several changes, motion was made and carried to approve same. Meeting was adjourned.

Call Council Meeting Monday night Jan. 29. 1913

Mayor Pro Tem Frank Studetill presiding. All other Councilmen present. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss David Suggs' pool room. Consent was given to open the pool room ^(with a partition) with these regulations:

12 to 15 yr olds to be out at 9:00 p.m.

16 yr of age + up could stay until closing.

No profanity or drinking on the premises.

Closed on Sunday. Notices posted in the room on rules & regulations.

David Suggs would be in charge of the license and would be responsible for conduct of the pool room.

Councilmen instructed the Clerk to call General Telephone and have a receiving phone to be installed in the policeman's home. No other business. Meeting adjourned.

Feb. 5. 1913

Regular Council Meeting Monday night Feb. 5. 1913

Meeting called to order by Mayor Patten all officials present. Mrs Carter was given a trophy for her outstanding work in the past year.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved. Bills were presented. Clerk was instructed to pay them.

J. M. Brogdon, County Comm. was present. After presenting a check refund to the city he discussed paving & resurfacing the streets of Ray City with the officials, promising to attend to the matter of resurfacing the street as early as possible. Also repairing the water line around the oxidation pond, ^{was discussed} he offered the County Assistance. in any way it was needed.

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Brooker Fountain was present and asked the City officials to reopen the street between his property and property of by Mrs. Helma Royals. Council Studstill was appointed to check into the matter and report next Council meeting.

Buying a new Chlorinator was discussed. Motion was made + Carried to Contact Jimmy Nowell of Saugee Chlorinator Co. to meet with Council at his Convenience.

Motion was made + Carried that a 10 day a yr. sick leave was approved, also 1 week vacation, with pay, after completing 12 months of service (not to be taken in advance.)

Motion was made + Carried that repairing the jail, material + labor was to be paid out of Revenue Saving Fund. Also part of Salaries

Council Bureau of Finance Comm. was to give a financial report at next meeting.

Equipment for fire department was discussed. Fire Chief Clyde Morgan was to have itemized list of needs to present to the Council for approval.

Motion made + Carried to give the Councilmen a \$5.00 increase in salaries to be effective Jan. 1, 1974

Motion was made + Carried instructed the Clerk to notify Johnny Wayne Woods of balance on gun.

No other business motion made to adjourn Feb. 12 - 1973

Call Council Meeting for the purpose of purchasing a Chlorinator. Jimmy Nowell of Albany was present.

After discussion + explaining the way the Chlorinator would work + be maintained motion was made + Carried to purchase the Chlorinator installed for the price of \$1300.00 within 2 weeks. No other business motion made to adjourn.

March 5, 1973

Regular Council meeting Monday night Mar. 5, 1973. Meeting called to order by Mayor Fatten. All Officials present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Bob Burger, finance Chairman, gave a financial report. Bills were presented and Clerk instructed to pay them.

Members of the Methodist Church were present. They asked the City for support in a city wide Clean up. Date to be second week in April.

Frank Studstill appointed to check with new City lawyer concerning the property lines of Thelma Royals.

Clyde Morgan, Fire Chief, presented an app. itemized bill for equipment for fire trucks. Motion made & Carried for Chief to order same.

Motion was made & Carried to start easements on sewerage at Sugg's Store & Weaver's Station.

Motion was made & Carried to increase water tap in from \$35.⁰⁰ to \$50.⁰⁰

Motion made & approved that all applications for sewerage had to be approved by Council. No individual can do his work on tap-ins.

Motion was made & Carried to send an open letter on delinquent taxes. That Clyde Morgan was to be given \$50 a month for oxidation pond services rendered was made & approved.

Motion made & Carried that we incorporate into our city ordinance "That non-operating vehicle or unlicensed vehicles be removed from City property. Therefore making it a violation against City ordinance after being notified of same. No other business Meeting Adjourned

April 2, 1973

Regular Council meeting Monday night Apr. 2, 1973. Meeting called to order by Mayor Patten. All Officials present. Minutes of March meeting was read + approved. ^{Council} Bob Bueger gave a financial report. Bills were presented Clerk instructed to pay same. David Suggs asks Council to change the beer license that was issued to John B. Webb ^{due error} to his name. Motion made + approved.

Councilman Dupree was put in charge of Street Clean up + dog catching. ^{also} Hiring the help needed to do same.

The following motions was made + carried
All officials agree

1. Alley Staughter Est to be sold for taxes
 2. to remove all obstacles from Samuel St. + Jones St making Wilson St. Acceptable to all traffic. April 12th to be deadline for all removable objects
 3. to order more for the Sanitary Dept.
 4. to purchase a lawn mower
 5. to increase police helpers from \$5 a night to \$10 a night
 6. that the dog pound fine would be as following \$2.00 catching \$1 a day room + board - \$2 city license tag + \$4 vaccination.
- No other business. Meeting adjourned.

Call Meeting Wed night April 11, 1973

Mayor Patten called the meeting to order All Officials present. Due to ^{an} increase in beer taxes the City had to revise their tax schedule Motion was made + carried for \$ 1.20 on 12 oz. and \$1.60 on 16 oz. + 9ts.

After discussing the Buckhead Chrysler Plymouth Contract on 1973 Cars. The motion was made + carried to purchase 1 1973 Plymouth Fury for the sum of \$3148. plus the extra dome light installation ^{\$5} + inspection sticker. ^{\$30} ?

Due to damage being done at the dog

pound all Councilmans agree for a \$25 reward for evidence of anyone tampering or entering dog pound with Evidence sufficient for conviction.

Mayor Patten suggests he call Valdosta Armature works and have the pump check.

Clerk instructed to send a letter to Leary Construction & let them know that we were holding their proposal & first of month for final decision.

No other Business Meeting dismissed.

Call Meeting May 1. 1973

Mayor Patten called the meeting to order all officials present. The special meeting was called for discussion on Sewerage & water tap-in in regard to the property of Zerell Saville. No charges were made in the price of tap-ins. No other Business Meeting adjourn.

✓ Regular Council Meeting May 7. 1973

Mayor Patten called the meeting to order. All officials present. Minutes were read & approved.

Mr. Zerell Saville was present to discuss his Sewerage & water tap-ins. No decision made at this time.

Councilman Buerger was asked to write a letter to the Postal Service concerning the City having postal home services.

All agree to contact Clyde Morgan and have him inspect water tanks & give report.

Motion made & approved to use the Back-Lee for private use with-in working hours only unless emergency. Meeting adjourned till later date.

Call Meeting May 21, 1973

Mayor Patten called the meeting to order all present. This meeting to complete the regular meeting

The water tank repairs were discussed and Mayor Patten given the okay to do the final contact of the Heavy Construction if he so desire after completing all details of repair.

All neglected property would be cleaned after June 15th and bill according after they have been duly notified.

Clerk instructed to send Joe Sciroano a letter pertaining to his connection on water & sewerage connection.

Clerk also instructed to have application form made for water & sewerage customers.

Motion made & carried to purchase Chain saw for the City. Clyde Magens was authorized to purchase same.

After discussion a motion made & carried that home under construction prior to March 1, 1973 would pay the same ^{\$35} rate as previously paid. New rate ^{\$50} effective on new building being constructed after March 1.

Reiter permits & Curfew were discussed and to be presented ^{next meeting} by Council Burger & Studwell. No other Business Meeting Adjourned

Regular Council Meeting ^{with note} June 13, 1973

Meeting called to order all officials present Minutes of last meeting read & approved.

Discussions of the meeting were as following -

- 1. Strip front of Shearline restore & ditches pulled as soon as possible.
- 2. Police report to be given Monthly.
- 3. Dangerous intersections ^{in city} to be checked.
- 4. Contact General Telephone about communication for oxidation pond.

Council ^{men} Dupree & Burger check on land for city ^{equip.} ^{storage}

Motion made & approved ^{by Council} to impose a Curfew - No loitering - No Congregating Law

effective Thursday June 21, 1973 at 12 midnight and midnight Everyday thereafter for every person 17 yrs of age & below ^{idly} law to be enforce by all City police, County, State & Federal Law Enforcement Agencies. At no time will loitering & congregation be permitted by persons of any age within the City limits of Ray City after midnight. Lawyer Knight to draw up ordinance on same.

2. That the City dump truck to be use in conjunction with back-hoe & or front-end loader by City operator at such time that is convenient for operator.

3. Eugene Shearl appointed as tax assessor to replace Henry Barnto. Appointment accepted

4. Each person with neglected property to be notified personally prior to ^{the} City cleaning it up.

5. Delinquent taxes on Junior Thomas property to be turn over to the lawyer for final details.

6. Leary Construction Co. was given the final okay by all Councilmen to do the repairs on water tank.

7. D & K. Construction was given the final okay on their Contract bid for sewerage on S.R. 125 & W.S. 129. by all Councilmen.

8. Amp meter to be purchased for Oxidation Pond.

9. Tires for Chevrolet truck to be purchased

10. Contact Dr. Power by letter for street light at S. of Canon

11. Late water bills will be \$2 penalty & \$10. Cut-off fee instead of the \$1 & \$5 penalty.

12. to Change the animal distance from property from 1000 ft to 200 ft. and enforce the law.

13. All houses & trailers connected on same meter to be billed separately.

Police instructed to make survey on all vending machine & give report at next meeting for license purposes.

Clerk instructed to notify Garrell Seibold that payment on water & sewerage top-ins

were due immediately. \$35. Water + \$125 Sewer
Vacation for Wayne Biddens to be at
his conveniences.

As soon as the books are turned
in by Auditor an expenditure acc't from 72-73
is to be made.

No other business meeting adjourned

Regular Council Meeting July 4, 1973

Mayor Patten called the meeting to order
all Councilmen present. Minutes were read
and amended. The Curfew deadline is
not effective until later day, also Henry Sandt
has not resigned the tax assessors post, therefore
Eugene Shear will not be acting in this post.

The County Commissioners were present and
made welcome by City officials. The purpose
of their visit were to ask assistance for the
solid waste Land Fill. Other discussion were
aid on the oxidation pond + street repairs.

Council Bureau was asked to write a letter
to Commissioners stating the conditioning of our
surrounding roads + streets to see if we can get
aiding funds.

Curfew Ordinance was read + adopted by
all Councilmen

Police report was given and approved. The
Council approved the request to have the police
do entire week-end duty and take his day off
thru the week instead.

Houses that are health + fire hazards are
to be checked into by the city + State fire
marshals. Junk cars are to be removed
from streets. Clerk instructed to proceed with levy
on back taxes to those who are delinquent

The car being held for fine has
expired the deadline. Further steps is to
be taken after 30 day grace period,
which is July 8, 1973.

No other Business Meeting adjourned.

Regular Council Meeting Aug 6. 1973

Minutes read + approved. Financial report given and discussed. Police report given.

Creating zoning ordinance was discussed Mayor Patten was given okay on checking into legal aspects of the zoning.

After discussion of the Sewerage tap ins, Council Dupree was put into charge of all tap in + inspections. If there are questions then he will have customers come before Council.

Clerk instructed to check on Sewerage tape at different stores and get prices of same.

Property for the City ^{to lease or buy} was turned over to Council Burgess. Report to follow at next meeting.

Council set price of tank inspection at \$25.00.

Curfew ordinance became effective as of this day August 6. 1973 at 8 P.M.

Police given okay to purchase screen for new police car.

Old police car was to be given 30 day trial period.

No other business Meeting Adjourned

Regular Council Meeting Sept. 4, 1973

Meeting called to order by Mayor Patten Minutes read + approved.

The resignation of Council Bob Burgess was accepted and an election set for the 27 day of September ¹⁹⁷³ with the qualifying deadline to be Sept. 12, 1973 at 12:00 noon.

Suggestion made + approved for Jimmy Sammons to do minor repairs on fire trucks. The work + pay to be done on hourly basis.

Motion made + accepted to adopt a City

Ordinance for a Court Recorder for Mayor's Court of Ray City.

Motion made and approved to post a reward of \$50.00 for Convicting evidence of anyone willfully destroying public or private property (street light, sign & etc.)

Discussion on Land for ^{the} equipment of the City to be parked was assigned to Councilman Benfield. report to follow at next meeting.

Councilman Dupree was ask to do the supervision of Mr. Sussitt fence.

Mayor Patten was given okay to contact County Commissioners on street improvement.

Clerk instructed to pay monthly bills
No other business Meeting Adjourned

Oct. 1-1973. Monday Night

Mayor Jo Fern Hank Studtill open Council meeting. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Johnny Wayne Wood was given oath of office for the Councilman seat that was vacant.

Discussions on property to lease for City equipment was brought to Council by Councilman Benfield. Further details were needed Jack assigned to Council Benfield

Clerk ^{was} instructed to ^{call} Jack Patten on the new sewerage line and make sure the lines & man holes ^{would} pass inspection.

Johnny Pat Webb was voted & approved by all Council for Court Recorder of City. with call meeting to following after all detail were work out.

Motion made & ^{carried by body} to hire an extra man to help clean up the Street & all work that was behind. pay was to be \$1.65 per hour.

Clerk instructed to buy a police Jacket for City Court Recorder.

City police workers were to be paid \$10 per

the election of Sept. 27, 1973.

Other discussions were the law that is being held for the fire and sidewalk repairs.

No other business meeting adjourned

Call Meeting Oct. 16, 1973

Mayor Pro Tem ^{Stubbitt} Called meeting to order. Rate for City Court Recorder was given to Johnny F. Webb. Salary was set at \$50.00 per month plus \$2.00 per case. Court to be held every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. Council to set guidelines for fines. City body all agree.

No other business meeting adjourn

Call Meeting Oct. 25, 1973

Mayor Pro Tem ^{Stubbitt} open meeting. Discussion on repairing manholes was the topic. George Phillips was present and gave his price for the job. \$25 per manhole with the City furnishing all supplies and extra labor. Cost app. \$700. Motion made and approved to let Mr. Phillips do the job and also approved for him to build the room around the water pump + clarinator at \$.20 per block + extra labor.

The Ordinance for animals + fowls was discussed and Council asked Police man Clark to inspect areas that are in violation + inform the violators to correct the situation.

Land for a city park was discussed and further information was to be gathered by Councilman Wood.

No other business meeting adjourned

Minutes of called meeting
part of minutes Oct. 16, 1913

Mr. Pat [unclear] having been
appointed by the City Council of
Ray City to serve as City recorder

Do you solemnly swear that
you will fully discharge the
duties imposed upon you as
City recorder, that you will
grant no favor, neither show
any malice on account of his
color race or creed, and that
you are not a member of the
Communist party nor sympathetic
with same, so help you God.

Mayor Pro Tem

Regular Council Meeting Nov. 5-1973
Mayor Pro Tem Frank Studstill open
meeting. Minutes were read and approved.
Clerk was instructed to pay bills. The
Dec. election was discussed. Qualifying
^{for Mayor & two Councilmen}
deadline to be Nov. 19, 1973 at 12 p.m.
All qualifying fees to be \$15.00 each. Election
to be held 7AM till 7P.M. on the 4th of Dec.
Ballots are to run off at school house for
the election. voted & approved by body.

Subjects for discussion were: Land for park
and equipment. Telephone expansion to Nashville.
Clerk instructed to get prices on sewer tapes
from different companies.

Car held for police fine is to be bid
on. All bids to be in City Hall by Nov. 30.
Council has right to accept or reject all bids,
voted & approved by Council. No other
Business meeting adjourned.

Nov. 26, 1973 Call Meeting

Frank Studstill, Mayor Pro Tem. open meeting.
The meeting was in regard to National
Flood Insurance Program. Council voted
and approved to accept application for
the program. The city will have to have
building permits & a building inspector to
check each job.

Sal increases were given to all employees
\$10.00 a week was given to Clark \$10.00 a
week was given to Wayne Siddens \$5 on police
duty & \$5.00 Sanitary. \$5. a week given to Clerk.
No other business meeting adjourned.

Regular Council Meeting Dec. 3, 1973

Minutes read and approved. Clerk instructed
to pay bills.

Discussion of the meeting were

1. Taxes - Clerk to set up meeting with Mr. Dunn
2. Sewerage for Eston Siddens trailer.
3. St. light at Aubie Surrans, Clerk to write
request to Co. Power Co.
4. Fire truck motor to be repaired Chief to get

three repair appraisals.

5. Cost of fire suit for fire department
 6. Seal bids open. Johnny Hays highest bidder. \$150.00 top bid
 7. Christmas Party to be given the children at City Hall. Clerk be responsible for details.
 8. Water line moved off Studstill Cemetery to City property. Studstill agrees to help with same.
 9. Sewerage for Johnny W. Wood. If not possible then Sewerage bill be exempted from his payment. All agreed voted and approved on these By ^{the} Body.
 1. Clerk to write Mrs J. D. Jostler a letter advising her to clean up her property within 30 days or the City would and charge her with bill. The same with other who have neglected to do so.
 2. Clerk to write R. L. Weaver a letter advising him of his failure to pay past sewerage bill, Sewerage tap-in and City License for 1973. Tap-in \$125.00 - \$6.00 past due Sewerage bill and \$30.00 License. To be given 1 week to comply or water service to be discontinued.
 3. Pull workers to receive \$15 for their services.
 4. Wayne Giddens salary to be \$15.00 per night for week-end duty. \$105 sanitary \$30 for police
 5. To adopt a City ordinance for Building permits. Fees for permits to be set at a later date. 2 Resolutions pertaining to this ordinance were also approved. This ordinance and resolutions are for the benefit of Hud's National Insurance program since Ray City is a flood prone area.
- Mayor Pro Tem Studstill asked Coastal Planning Commission to see if any grant could be obtained for expansion of our water lines.

No other business. Meeting adjourned.

Call Meeting Dec. 12-1973

Meeting Called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Frank Studtill. St. resurfacing was the topic for the meeting. After discussion motion was made & approved to resurfacing the parking lot in front of Jefferson + side of Victory Soda Shops to extend to Jones St. The old well is to be restored with old bricks with a planter surrounding the outside. Studtill Co. to get job with partial pay of \$2500.00 ^{\$1870.00} bal. when finished. Total price \$4370.00

Trash Bins were discussed, voted and approved to build one behind the City stables. Size to be 8x8 ft. and 4 ft high. County School Board + Raymond Buser to be asked if they would build one for the school + housing proj. Trash Bins to retain garbage only not for burning.

Clerk instructed to write Mrs Emory Swindle a letter and see if she would restore or help restore sidewalks.

Council agreed that the light on New police car would be used until car is disposed of. In case of light being destroyed, City will reimburse William E. Clark for same.

Regular Council Meeting ^{Tuesday} Jan 7-1974

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Frank Studtill. All officials present old + new.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Bills were presented. Clerk instructed to pay them.

This completing business for year 1973.

Mayor pro Tem ^{Frank Studtill} expressed his praise for retiring Councilman Alder Shupen for his services + co-operation during his term of office.

Mayor Pro Tem Studtill, then gave the oath of office to the new Mayor J. M. Simons.

Clerk Marie Morgan gave oath of office to the two new Councilmen, J. J. Smith + Gene Langfield.

The first order of business was ^{to hire} a City Clerk Marie Morgan accepted position again.

well to be
4'x4' with
planter 18 in.
top on well

Wayne Siddens was asked and accepted for the Maintenance Department - Applications were discussed for Police Chief - Decision postponed until later day.

Auditor discussed - No final decision at this date.

Clyde Morgan accepted the Oxidation pond with a \$5.00 increase in pay.

Fire Chief Morgan turned in his resignation for fire Chief with a recommendation for Bobby Samson to take the Fire Chief position all approved.

Committees were as following:

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| Garbage + water - | Council. | Brufield |
| Police Depart. | " | Wood |
| Financial | " | Studetill |
| Street | " | Smith |

J. J. Smith was also appointed by Mayor Simmons as Mayor of pro tem. City License Ordinance was the remaining business. until hour being late, meeting was dismissed to be continued Jan. 8 at 7:30pm

Jan 8, 1973

Council Meeting Continued. All officials present. The reading of the City License was finished with few changes made Motion was made & carried to approve same.

After discussion Robert McConner was rehire as City Auditor. Jack Knight as City Lawyer, Johnny P Webb. Court Recorder.

Police Chief hired was Eston Siddens with salary to be \$135.00 a week. City to furnish uniforms Chief to be on duty Sat + Sun unless sickness. Voted and carried by body. The decision to have 2 full time and 1 part time ^{Police} was not carried due to lack of majority votes. Council Woods voted for.

Complaint on Holiday Mini Market selling beer to a minor was discussed Clerk instructed to call Manager and give

them warning.

Unpaid license for M^eSiel Co. discussed
Decision voted + approve for Clerk to write a
letter informing him that unless he paid
his license machine would be pick up
and store under lock + key until paid.

Clerk instructed to call and get bids on
a $\frac{3}{4}$ T. truck - dual wheels, state body, 6 cyclin.
standard shift from 3 dealers.

Clerk instructed to call Jack Knight and get
a report on City Taxes, neglected property and unpaid
city license. Also call Grayson Powell on the
140 hr. police training. Hour being late Meeting
Dismissed

January 21, 1974

Meeting called to order by Mayor
Seimans. All officials presents.

Fire Chief Bobby Sammons was presented to
discuss some changes for fire Department
They were: No unauthorized person allowed on
fire truck. fine for anyone interfering with
coming + going of fire truck at the scene.

If anyone has burning to do. wait until
5 p.m. or later when the firemen are home
from work. ^{\$2,70.00} Council approved all motion.

The price for a new engine for old fire
truck was given to Chief Sammons. No
decision was made on the purchasing until
further discussion.

Motion was made + carried for City employees
to have 1 week paid vacation after duly earned by
12 months on job. There will be a 10 day sick
leave.

Clerk instructed to get bond for herself
and Chief of Police.

Council voted and approve for labor hired
by Chairman of Committee or Mayor to be
paid \$2.00 per hour and for supplies to be
order by Chairman of Comm. unless needed for
emergency or without delay. Motion + made + approved that

Ch. of Comm. could purchase an amt of \$76 for equipment.
 Council voted & approved to have extra help to read meters once a month. Also approved Sewerage tap-ins to be paid monthly. To be bill to the property owners and have property owners to sign Agreement to same. pay to be \$25 down + \$25 monthly.

Citizen's warrants were discussed and Council voted to try them. Clerk instructed to get warrants, summons & subpoenas.

Clerk instructed to contact Municipal Code Corp. Tallahassee, Fla and have salesman to come and discuss a Combining of all City ordinances with Council.

Dog's Complaint were discussed. Voted and approved that dogs causing a disturbance that the owner would be notified and given 2 weeks to correct situation.

Due to the condition of the beach on garbage dump. No person outside of city is allowed to use the dump.

voted and approved for all work done by city equipment to have a receipt showing time used and amount of rent, also to be signed by the person that is having work done.

voted and approved for gas to be purchased at all service station on month basis.

voted & approved to have sewerage pipe moved from Studstill property and moved to water tank. Discussion on converting the two water pumps were discussed, but no final decision was made.

Old 1964 Chevrolet water truck was sold to Johnny Coyne for \$150.00 all approved.

voted and approved to get bids on a ^{standard} pickup trucks, no extras, 6 ply tires to get at least 3 bids

no other business meeting adjourned

Regular Council Meeting Feb. 4, 1977

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Protem Smith. Mayor Simmons was absent due to sickness.

Minutes were read and approved
Clerk instructed to pay bills.

Bids were opened on the new pickup truck. After discussion motion made + approved to delay purchase until later day.

The Pontiac Police insurance is to be canceled due to the fact that the police car is to be sold by highest bidder.

Motion made + approved by body.

Council instructed Clerk to get necessary forms for state taxes to be withheld from employees.

Chief Siddens asked for a shot gun to be purchased for Police Department. After discussion motion made + approved to purchase guns.

Motion ^{made} + approved for all ^{police} cases to be paid within 60 days after date of case, also that Chief Siddens would be the one to say who could or could not be banded, for police fine.

Motion made + approved to purchase new case tickets for police department, due to the fact that a duplicate has to be file with State Crime Comm.

Motion made + approved that Joe Simmons could plug his water line and not paid a monthly bill of \$6.50, but that the extra water used on the meter the month of Jan. would be bill to Mrs. Simmons!

Motion made + approved to hire J. M. Sapp to catch dogs @ \$2.00 each. Rules + regulation for disposal were to be checked into by Councilman Wood.

Motion made + approved by all mat to issue Gun License to R. L. Weaver Service Stat.

Council instructed Wayne Biddens to check into the cost of a Tool box to go under body of dump truck, and also the cost of a plumber in job. No other business meeting adjourned.

Mar. 4. 1974 Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Simons called to Meeting to order - All officials present.

Minutes of Feb Meeting read and approved.

Clerk instructed to pay bills for the month.

Clean up on F.C. Garbrough property was brought forth for discussion. Motion made + approved to not go on private property, but to pick up limbs on side of property as the fire department would help burn them if they were piled.

Motion made + approved to borrow enough money ^{from Gen Fund} to buy 5 tons of asphalt for the Street. #12

Clean-up Campaign was discussed. Motion made + approved to have Clean up week 1-6 of April. Clerk instructed to send news letters to citizens informing the public of same.

Motion made + approved to have the Coastal plain planning Comm. Supper at Ray's pond.

Clerk instructed to send Certified letters to Mrs. Booth, Mr. Hays + Mr. Langdale giving them till the 15 of March to have the property clean up as the City would at their expense and (bill to taxes)

Items discussed but Table until later in month were, dog situation, purchasing of new pickup and fire truck also Bailey Trailer

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parks. Fire department also asked for
more fire hose. 100' 1/2" + 100' 2"
No other business meeting dismissed.

Regular Council Meeting April 1, 1974

Mayor Simons called meeting to order
All Council members present. Minutes of last meeting
were read + approved. Clerk instructed
to pay bills.

Mayor Simons gave details of the meeting
with County Commissioners on the street
resurfacing of Jones St. + South side of Pauline
Ave.

Motion made + carried to hire extra help
for spring clean-up week.

Motion made + carried to pay Jerry Griner
entire bill for bulldozer work he done, and
let Raylake + Sothel pay the City.

Motion made + carried to pay Assistant Police
\$2.50 an hr. on night calls when the Chief of
Police is off.

Motion made + carried to extend water lines
at New Remph Church to the Cemetery.

Council agreed to pay Howell Hayes and
Bobby Sammons \$5 @ hr for ^{2 hrs} worked on damaged
fire hydrant, plus \$2.50 for a trip made to
Lakeland for parts.

Council ^{man} Woods check with the Saunders County
dog pound on pick up of dogs. Motion made
and approved to pay \$3 a head.

Motion made + carried to contact City Lawyer
about adopting the Georgia Uniform Traffic Code.

Fire engine for fire truck was discussed.
Frank Watson is to check on an engine.

Fire Chief Sammon is to check with Cooper
Bro. Garage + see about cost of installing.

Council agrees to install 2 extension
phones one in the Chief's home + other in the
Assistant Police home.

Motion Made & approved to Contact Robert J. Conner and have him meet with Council on preparing a financial Budget for the City.

A plaque for the well on parking lot was discussed - Details are to be checked into and determine which will be most acceptable.

Clerk instructed to send a register letter to Herbert War on his neglected property.

Councilman Smith was told to order the street signs that was needed.

Motion Made & approved to keep Police ^{City} law and to renew the insurance on same.

After discussion on Bill Board Ordinance Council decided to table until next meeting.

No other business meeting adjourned

Regular Council Meeting May 6, 1974

Mayor Sirmans called Meeting to order.

All Councilmen present. Minutes of last meeting were read & approved. Clerk instructed to pay bills. Motion Made and approve to pay Banner uniforms for the extra police shirts order by Police Jamlinson.

Salaries for city employees ^{were} discussed. Motion made & carried to pay Clerk \$2.00 and hour, Sanitation \$2.60 hr. plus time & half for overtime. Assist police \$15.00 per night. Motion made & carried to hire Wayne Beddens as Police Chief and Billy Webb as Assistant Police, with Police Beddens taking his D.E.D. test May 13 & 14, 1974 & then his police schooling within a year.

Motion made & carried to hire Edward Woolsey for Sanitation man. Council agrees to change time of Council meeting from 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Motion made & carried to pay Donald Simpson \$75.00 for Police Car light.

Motion Made + approved for Councilman Woods to purchase a respirator to use in case of emergencies when the Volunteer workers are trained to do so.

Motion Made + approved for Billboard Ordinance to be tabled until an application was applied for.

Mayor Simmons was asked to check on a Slaughter Taxes price list by Council.

Due to a misunderstanding of the terms of cleaning Langdale property, Council instructed Clerk to contact Gene Quirk and tell him that we would mow property but Langdale would have to pay mowing charges.

Police Siddens was instructed to contact Clifton Harrell about his cows + to correct the situation or his cows would have to be removed.

Councilman Woods gave detail on well plaque to be donated by Billy Creech, also that the Lander County Pound would not accept the Council offer for \$3 a head for dogs. Their bid is \$5.00 a head. No decision made.

Police Siddens instructed by Council to meet Junior May, of County Maintenance Dept and show him the work that the City needs done on Dump. Oxidation pond + land leveling.

No other Business meeting adjourned.

Regular Council Meeting June 3, 1974

Mayor Simmons called the meeting to order. Councilman Gene Benefield was absence.

Minutes of May reading was read and approved.

As appointed in May meeting Wayne Siddens will not be a full time Chief of Police motion was made ^{to approve} to retain him as part-time Acting Chief.

Other discussion that were made +

Carried ^{over} bids on repairing sidewalks beside Victory soda Shop, remodeling Chlorinator house to meet state requirement, and remodeling inside of City Hall.

Motion Made + Carried to hire one of the Auxiliary Police to help on week-ends when Assistant Police is unavailable at \$15.00 per night

Mayer Sermans asked that they redo the Committees so it would enable two Councilmen to be on same Committees.

Finance Chairman Frank Studstill assisted by Johnny Wood

Police Comm Ch. Johnny Wood assisted by

Frank Studstill

St. " " J. J. Smith assisted by

Gene Benfield

Water, Sewer + Sanitation Ch. Gene Benfield

Assisted by J. J. Smith

Motion made + Carried to reimburse water acct from Sew Fund \$1,328.42.

Clerk instructed to call County Commission to make sure if they would help on the repairing of oxidation pond within 10 or 15 days.

Motion Made + Carried to remove cells from old jail and ^{use for} storing City supplies.

Council instructed Mr Woolsey to tell the garbage customers who was not using proper container to correct the situation and if they did not, then turn the names over to the police and then police issue warrants for same.

Clerk instructed to rebill ^{Mrs} Langdale for the extra work that was done on his property and bills for the month to be paid.

No other business meeting adjourned

Call Meeting June 10, 1974

Mayer Sermans called the meeting to order. Councilman Smith was absence.

The meeting was called due to the reimbursement on Sewerage. Motion was made and carried for Mayor as Mayor Pro Tem be authorized to execute and file all documents regarding the project.

Motion made + carried to let Miller, Stevenson and Steiner engineers complete all information regarding the project and pay them a salary for their work.

Also discussed was the remaining work Gerry Driver done on Longdale property. Motion made + carried to pay Driver's Bulldozer work for the work.

No other business meeting adjourn

Regular Meeting July 1-1974

Mayor Simans called meeting to order. Minutes of last meeting read + approved. Clerk instructed to pay bills.

Mr. Joe Symore was present to discuss alley between Mrs. R.D. Fitch property + J. J. Smith property. Motion made + approved to keep alley way open at all times.

Mayor Simans was given the okay to hire someone to install air condition and to remodel ladies bathroom.

Motion made + approve to get 3 bids on reconstructing of sidewalks. Mayor Simans was in charge of getting the bids.

Shoulder on Park ave was discussed. Chief Diddens will contact Junior May, of the County and see what he will do.

Motion made + carried for Clyde Morgan to purchase boat + motor for oxidation pond, to enable the pond water to be churned, to meet state inspection.

Motion made + carried to hire extra help for Mr. Wooley for garbage pick-up. Mayor Simans would be in charge.

No other Business Meeting Adjourn.

Call Meeting July 31 - 1974

Mayor Sirmans called meeting to order. All present except Councilman Smith.

Mayor Sirmans welcomes ^{Mayor} Bobby Carrall of Nashville. Mayor Carrall was here to discuss a combining of cities for a garbage land fill. Motion was made and approved to have a representative from Coastal Plains to be at regular Council meeting Aug 5, 1974

No other Business Meeting Adjourned

Regular Council Meeting August 5, 1974

Mayor Sirmans called the meeting to order. Minutes of July meeting was read and approved.

Mayor Sirmans welcomes Coastal Plains representatives Jim Finney + Hal Davis. They were here to give facts on County wide land fill. Motion was made and carried to go with the County on this project. and approved ordinance on same
 Mayor Sirmans recognized the resignation of Councilman Benfield, due to his leaving his City residence. Mayor Sirmans called a special election to fill his post. The qualifying deadline to be ^{at 12 noon} Aug 10, 1974 and election to be Aug 27, 1974. Qualifying fee would be \$15.00 and poll worker pd. \$15.00 each. Clerk and two assistant will be in charge of election.

Motion Made + Carried to pay for fire equipment that was order.

Motion Made + Carried that a purchase order made by Clerk signed by Mayor + Councilman of Comm. would be necessary

before anything over \$75 would be bought for any department.

Mrs. Emory Swindle mailed a letter to city claiming no ownership of sidewalks around her building.

Mayer Simons is to get 3 bids for sidewalk repairs with 4 in foundation & wire motion made ^{Carried} to give police 60 hrs. work week with Sunday off. Assist police will take Sunday work at a cost of \$15 per day. Chief Giddens called if needed for assistance.

Motion made & Carried to re-open all alleyway that are feasible.

Clerk instructed to pay monthly bills, also check into age limit for Workmen Compensation.

Council voted to give Mrs. Carter the fan that was in City Hall.

Motion Made & Carried to have Betty Langford to have St. Sign made for City.

Clerk was instructed to check on County tax forms ^{that the County uses} and if they are reasonable to check with Mayor and order a copy for City.

No other Business meeting adjourned

Regular Council Meeting Sept 9, 1974

Mayor Simons called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Mrs. Juanelle Wilson was given the oath of office and installed as Councilwoman of the City.

L.K. Goebins filed complaint on outside noise from the Church across the street. Clerk instructed to write a letter to the Church and give to Chief Giddens. Council instructed Chief Giddens to deliver and read the letter to them & explain about the complaint.

Due to the wages & hour law, motion was made and carried to pay poll workers \$9.90 per hour for

their services at the 11th election.

Council instructed Chief Giddens to notify owners of junk cars to keep them off alleyways.

Motion made & carried for Frank Watson to run a hot wire across lower end of alleyway and use for pasturing his cows.

Clerk instructed to write letter to railroad officials and see if the holes at crossing behind E.L. Mathey could not be restored.

Motion made & carried to buy asphalt for holes in city property adjoining railroad property and at the housing project.

Motion made & carried to purchase cement for street signs to be installed.

Special Thanks were given to Betty Langford and Chief Giddens for their work in obtaining the signs.

Houses numbers were discussed and ^{Council} ~~Woman~~ ^{Woman} Juanelle Wilson was put in charge.

Motion made & approved to raise Clerk's bond to meet F.H.A. specification of \$10,000.

Clerk instructed to write a letter to General Telephone Co. and ask for a representative to meet with next Council Meeting to discuss a possible connection with our County seat.

No other business meeting adjourned.

Call Meeting Sept. 23, 1974

Mayor Simans called the meeting to order to complete some unfinished business, consisting of Sewerage for David Berry. Due to personal problems on the land & house Mayor Simans instructed David that the water & sewerage tap-in would have to be paid in full before work began.

Street signs were discussed with Mayor Simans suggesting they contract ^{the} job of installing. Council agrees to contract job with Councilwoman Wilson showing the location to put sign post and ~~to~~ correct any sign which may require.

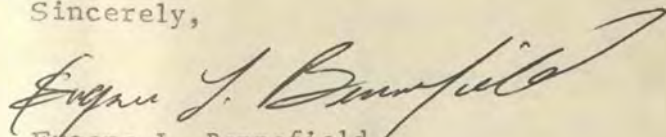
August 5, 1974

City Council
Ray City, Georgia
31645

Gentlemen:

Due to the fact that I am moving to Tifton, Georgia, to continue my studies at A. B. A. C. Collage. I regretfully announce that I can no longer hold my position on the City Council of Ray City.

Sincerely,



Eugene L. Bennefield

ELB:pm

Correcting.

Council instructed Police Sidden to warn all motorists against loud mufflers.

Motion made & approved for Frank Watson to tow vehicle to his station, after a d.w.i. case has been made if the party who owns car agrees. City will not be liable for any expense for this service, only the party involved would pay.

Motion made & carried that the City wouldn't in anyway be responsible for any mishap or liability to person or persons in the cutting of the tree on west side of North St. Contracted job to Mr. Cooper for \$1000 and wood of tree for personal use. Clerk instructed to type letter of same having it signed by Mr. Cooper & witness by Clerk

No other Business Meeting Adjourned

Regular Council Meeting Oct. 7. 1974

Mayor Simons open meeting - Councilman Woods was absent. Minutes read & approved.

Motion made & approved to pay Sammy May \$2.00 per hole for st. signs

Council woman Wilson was approved to do the house numbers

Motion made & approved to purchase house numbers & bill the customer.

Representative were hear to discuss telephone services to Nashville.

Henry Lee Williams was hired for assist Police with ~~Ch~~ Wayne Sidden to be fully responsible for him.

No other business Meeting adjourned

Regular Council Meeting Nov. 4. 1974

Mayor Simons open Meeting. Councilman Woods was not present. Minutes of Oct. meeting read and approved.

Date for City election to elect two new

Councilmen was set for Dec. 3, 1974.
 Qualifying to start wed. Nov. 6, 1974 and
 end at 12 o'clock noon Nov. 16, 1974. Entrance
 fee for Council post to be \$15.00.
 Deadline for registration books to be closed
 Dec. 9, 1974.

Jack Webb presented a petition
 regarding the street of Patten Ave. to
 be changed to Ellen St. After discussion
 it was tabled.

Mayor Simons asked and got
 approval to ^{have someone} build a storage box
 in the fire station to store ^{all} fire equip.
 Fire insurance was discussed for
 County residences. A letter of Agreement is
 to be made by Clerk and each person
 who wants fire protection is to come
 in and sign this Agreement to pay.

Motion made and approved to
 pay for a water pump purchased by
 Mayor Simons for the Sewerage.

Clerk instructed to call County and
 see if they will mow our sewerage line
 to the ^{old} pond.

Motion made and approved to reduce
 our millage rate from 11 mills to 10 mills,
 due to the overall increase of 22% added
 to assessment value by the County Digest.

Councilman Wilson was given an agency
 to check resources for a grant to help with
 enlarging water lines.

Motion was made + Carried to sell the
 Car left by Bobby Don Harnage to Cover his fire
 Case was made 6-4-74 \$142.00 (closed bids)

Clerk instructed to send a letter
 to residents concerning trash burning notifying
 the people to burn the trash only after
 5PM or in container and will be responsible
 for any damage to other people's property.
 Patten Ave. ^{discussion was brought forth against and} was voted on + approved

by Council, to stay the same and not be changed to Ellen St.

No other Business Meeting adjourned.

Regular Council Meeting Dec. 2, 1974

Mayor Simons called the meeting to order. All officials present.

Minutes were read and approved.

Financial Report was given by Clerk.

Motion was made + approved to use Christmas lights, but not to go over \$100 for equipment and \$50 labor.

Motion was made + approved to have the Christmas party for the children, also to send Christmas cards to the senior citizens and fruit baskets to the invalid citizens.

Motocade to Millidgeville was given an okay. Gifts were asked to be donated.

Discussion on City Election ^{poster} was tabled until next meeting.

Motion made + approved to assist Cemetery Committee in work on Cemetery.

Councilman Studstill was given okay to get some containers for the City to be placed on St.

Motion was made + approved to pay for the Police Car Scanner which was purchased.

Council instructed Police Officers to warn visitors around the bank + other building and if necessary place a fine on violators.

No other Business. Meeting adjourn

Regular Council Meeting Jan 6, 1945
 All Council Present. Minute were read and approved. Financial Report given. Clerk instructed to pay bills.

Motion was made and approved to extend a two inch water line on North Patten Ave. to the edge of city limits. Anyone connecting to this line ^(outside of city) would pay a monthly rate whether in use or not.

Seal bids were opened on the Alderwhite. Jay Hamell high bidder with \$16.50.

Seal bids were opened on the sidewalk projects. Ma. Studstill was low bidder on the victory Soda Shop bid.

Clerk instructed to write letters to property owners and have the shelters over the sidewalks removed due to dangerous conditions of same.

Clerk instructed to call Auditor Robert Conner on the reimbursement on Sewerage in the amount of \$20,500.00 and ask his advice on whether to put it in saving until needed in the future.

No other old business. Councilmen Studstill + Wood were given thanks for their works in the past.

Ball of office was given to Councilman Fountain + Hamell.

First order of business was hiring a Clerk. Motion made + Carried to retain Marie Morgan as City Clerk. Ed Siddens was hired as Chief of Police and Jerry Backi as Assistant Police. Ball of office was given to new Police.

Council agrees to have a meeting with the City Lawyer, Auditor + Court Recorder before officially hiring them for the coming year.

Motion made + Carried to hire all employees on the same salary with sick leave + pay holidays being the same.

Amended
 in
 Feb. Minute

Motion Made + Carried for City License to remain the same as in the past.

Motion Made + Carried to enforce the dog ordinance. And if anyone is caught releasing dogs without permission or damaging the dog pound there will be \$100.00 fine. Bucky Mitchell was rehire as dog catcher if he wanted the job.

Motion Made + Carried to repair old fire truck to a useable condition including a 12 volt battery.

Council agrees on Mayor Seimane to contact Mrs Emory Seimide to see if she will agree to lease her vacant lot to the city for storage of fire truck + equipment if the city will pay the City taxes.

Councilman Harrell made a proposal for all City business to be conducted in City Hall.

Frank Watson was present to discuss the break-ins and property damage. Facts were gathered and table until next meeting.

Council voted and approved to keep Walkie-talkie at City Hall during the hours the Clerk is in the office.

Council voted + approved to remodel old Police Station with a cost of \$125, with a phone extension to the station and Chief of Police's home.

Council voted + approved that all delinquent fine to have warrants taken for each.

Chief Ed Seddens was instructed to purchase gun belt at City's cost.

Clerk instructed to write a letter to Keenan Est. and tell them to purchase a City license. If they don't then their truck will be impound if they return to do business.

Motion Made + Approved to charge \$4.00 an hour for mowing with push mower.

Motion Made + Carried to install water meter on the Stedwell Cemetery.

Motion was made + carried to go forward with all property which has not been cleaned up and instructed Clerk to write letters to

Marion Hoge, James Dinscott & Hubert were telling them to clean up within the next 2 weeks or the city would at their expense.

Motion made & approved to have purchase orders made for city purchasing and have purchase order attached to bill.

Mayer Simmons Appointed Committees. They are:

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|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Police Comm. | Ch. B. Fountain | Co-worker - Harrell |
| Finance " | Ch. Wilson | " " Fountain |
| Water, Sewer & Drainage | Ch. Harrell | " " Smith |
| Street Comm. | Ch. Smith | " " Wilson |

Hours being late council recessed until Wednesday night.

Wednesday Jan. 8, 1975

Meeting called to order by Mayor Simmons. All officials present.

Motion made & approved to hire assistant police Jerry Bostic at a rate of \$75 per week for 35 hrs of duty.

Motion made & approved for the city to buy a gun for the police dept, giving Chief Ed Sidden the okay to purchase same.

Motion made & approved to allot Chief of Police Sidden \$30.00 every 90 days for clothing allowance.

Motion made & approved to adopt the uniform traffic code ordinances with the modification agree upon.

Mr. E. L. Mabley was present to discuss arrangements on the cemetery lots, asking the city to be responsible for lots sold & maintaining property. Decision was tabled until further information.

Discussion on Studstill water meter & line were brought forth, but tabled until further details were looked into.

Motion made & approved to have City Hall Keys made for each Council & Mayor.

Discussion on 3 manholes was tabled until Council Harrell could get bids on the project.

An Asphalt Roller was discussed and Clyde Morgan was given an okay to check into a roller for the city.

The Jay on Banks was tabled until more detail information was gathered.

Motion made + approved to purchase furniture for City Hall at a cost of \$500.00 from United Bank Co.

Motion made + approved to run an ad for bids on the City Hall roof. Bids to be open at Feb. meeting.

Motion made + approved to get bids on city insurance for entire coverage.

Motion made + approved to have house number visible from the street.

Our being late meeting recessed.

Monday January 20, 1975

John Webb, City Recorder was present to discuss the way + means of cases made. After discussions of several alternatives motion was made + approved to hold license for bond for up to 30 days for D. U. I. Anyone who does not have a license can be bonded on approval by Mayor Simmons or Mayor Pro-John Fountain, with a city bond. If party or parties does not pay fine in allotted time license will be sent to license Dept in Atlanta until fine is paid.

Motion made + approved to amend the city license on pool room tables to \$25 for first table \$10 for each additional table.

Rules + regulations to be the same as applied to other pool room. Notice of rules + regulation to be posted in the building as such.

13 yrs to 15 yrs all be out at 9:00 p.m.
 on school days. No profanity or ~~drinking~~
 on the premises. Closed all day Sunday.
 Responsible party on duty at all times.
 Street Chairman Smith was asked by
 Council to contact Leroy Hines and Lonnie
 plain for price of labor + equipment for
 the clean-up projects that are under way.
 No other Business Meeting adjourned.

Feb. 3 1975 Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Simmons called the meeting to
 order. All Councilmembers were present.

Minutes of January meeting were read
 and amended, to read "Anyone who lives
 outside of City and connects to water lines
 would pay monthly rates, whether in use
 or not."

Mr. Harrell made a motion that the Clerk
 is to log in the Council meeting minutes, who makes
 the motion and who second the motion.
 Mrs. Wilson second the motion and Council
 agrees.

Mr. Smith gave a report on the property
 clean-up. Mr. Harpe and Mr. Warr said they
 will help the Fire Department burn their
 property as soon as it's dry enough to burn.
 Mr. Bissett said he would abide with
 the city clean-up on his property. Council
 agrees to delay the deadline of clean-up until
 dry conditions are better.

Mr. Harrell made the motion that all
 City business be conducted inside of City Hall.
 Mrs. Wilson second the motion. Council agrees.

The color people has asked Council
 to consider a walk-way, along ^{west} side of railroad
 for the children who walk to school.

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to find out all
 details and see what could be worked out.
 Mr. Fountain second the motion. Council agrees.

Council discussed the open well on the Mason property. Mr. Harrell made a motion to fill well with dirt for safety protection. Mrs. Wilson second the motion. Council agrees.

Mr. Harrell made a motion for a street light to be installed in front of Eugene Cameron property and to also check into a light on Johnsons St. and if conditions require one install one there. Mrs. Wilson second the motion. Council agrees.

Bobby Sammon, Fire Chief was present to discuss the unauthorized personal driving the fire truck during the day when there are no volunteer firemen here.

Mr. Harrell volunteers to help Chief Sammon solicit individuals in the day time for volunteer firemen. Mr. Harrell made motion for the fire department to respond to a fire as usual without a fine being imposed, until day time volunteer could be obtained. Council Wilson second the motion Council agrees.

After volunteers are qualified the Clerk was instructed to keep a list of names on file.

Mr. Harrell made the motion that Robert Martin inspect the International fire truck and tell Council what he needs for repairs, so a purchase order could be issued, before he repairs the truck. Mrs. Wilson second the motion. Council agrees. Mayer Sirmans asked if he would agree to let repairs go on his fines which are overdue. Mr. Martin agrees that the cost could be designated for this purpose.

Chief Sammons asked the Council for a raise for their services. The raise ask was \$5 instead of \$3 for city services and \$10 instead of \$6 for County services. Council Harrell made a motion to table raise until our budget was prepared. Mrs. Wilson second the motion. Council agrees.

Mr. Marion Harper was present to discuss complaint on the police concealing the police car and taking cars in town. Councilman Fountain

stress that the Police Wacket and records are open to anyone with a desire to see and that any complaints could be brought to the City Hall or if necessary he would go + see them himself. Mr. Fountain also gave the report on the police checking all business down on routine checker.

Mrs. Wilson propose to the Council that the City furnish the numbers for all Churches. Motion was made by Mr. Harrell and seconded by Mr. Smith. Council Agrees.

Mayor Sermons contacted Mrs. Emory Sewinle about the leasing of her property. Mrs. Sewinle has asked for more time to considered the proposal of leasing the land and the City paying the taxes.

The Little League Baseball Team has ask for a donation for their entrance fee. After discussion on how much was to be donated, Mrs. Wilson made a motion that it be tabled until details and amount could be attained. Mr. Harrell second the motion. Council Agrees. Mrs. Wilson was appointed by Council to contact Carol Exum for further information.

Recreational Parks was discussed and tabled until further study.

Mr. Harrell gave a report on the Title VI Governmental Job Offer, which the City is entitled to. The City can hire one employee to work on the Garbage Dept. The Federal Government will pay \$320 month for the next 6 months, or a total payment of \$2112.00. The City will have to abide by all rules and regulations that are attach to this agreement. At the end of six months, we can keep employee at our expense or discontinue the job. Motion was made by Mrs. Wilson that we take the necessary steps to employ this employee. Mr. Fountain second the motion. Council Agrees. Mr. Harrell is to contact the Unemployment Office

And fill out necessary forms. The new employee will work with instructions from Mr. Wosley or from Mr. Harrell.

Mr. Smith suggested to the Council that if they wanted him to take a day off at work, he would help supervise the repair of holes in the Street with Asphalt. Motion was made by Mr. Harrell that Mr. Smith take the day off and to be paid a rate of which he presently is being paid. Mrs. Wilson second the motion. Council Agrees. Mr. Smith was given the okay to purchase necessary tools for the repairs.

Discussion on the Rock Johnson fine on illegal parking was brought forth by Mr. Harrell. Discussions consisted of Pros & Cons on both sides. Mr. Harrell made a motion that the city reimburse the amount of the fine back to Mr. Johnson. Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Smith abstained on voting. Mr. Fountain veto the motion that was made. After further discussion Mrs. Wilson made a motion to table the matter until additional information could be obtained. Mr. Smith second the motion. Mr. Harrell & Mr. Fountain abstain to vote on this motion. Mayor Seimans then voted to table matter, giving a majority vote.

Seal bids on Roof Repairs at City Hall were opened. Larry Harper was low bidder. Mr. Harrell made a motion that the city draw up a contract with specifications that were required and have Mr. Harper sign this Agreement, making sure that he is bonded.

After discussion on the dog situation Mr. Fountain made a motion that he contact Veterinarian Dr. Baseman and get the details and cost of having them gassed to sleep. Mrs. Wilson second the motion. Council Agrees.

City Auditor Robert D. Conner was present to discuss the financial condition of the City. All reports were good. Mr. Conner suggest that the money, which is being held in reserve until

Our Dedication pond is approve or not approved. to be put into some form of interest bearing account. Mr Harrell made a motion that the Council take Mr Conner advice and put the money on interest bearing acc'ts. Mrs. Wilson seconds the motion, Council agrees.

Since Mr. Conner will be doing a monthly report plus preparing the city budget, he asked that his salary be \$50 a month instead of \$35. Mr. Conner presented a bill of \$267.50 for cost of preparing paper work & gathering data on the sewerage reimbursement. Mrs. Harrell made a motion that they give Mr. Conner the raise plus pay the expense account on the sewerage reimbursement. Mrs. Wilson second the motion Council agrees.

Because of the damage done to the other boat, Clyde Morgan ask could he purchase another boat, to be used in the Dedication pond at a cost of \$100.00. Mr. Harrell made a motion that he purchase this boat. Mrs. Wilson second the motion Council agrees.

Mr. Fountain informed the Council on some state cars which could be purchased by the City at app. \$200.00 Details to this information will be presented at a later date.

Hour being late Meeting recess until later in the month.

Continuation of Regular Meeting February 10-1975

Mayor Sirmans re-opened the Meeting. Councilman Smith was not present.

Purchase orders have been printed and are ready to use. Discussion on ways to use them at our local stores were brought forth. Mr. Harrell suggested that he talk with Mr. Woolsey and work out the details.

Chief Biddens was present to discuss the complaints on the use of the Police Car for transportation to and from school. After discussion with Chief Biddens motion was made by Mrs. Wilson to discontinue driving the Police Car to school, but be given a \$5.00 a week increase in salary. Mr. Fountain seconded the motion. Mrs. Harrell abstained from voting, pending further study of the budget. Mayor Simon voted to give the increase in salary and the Police Car not be use for transportation.

Assistant Police Jerry Bastic will be attending Police Academy for the next three weeks; working only on week-end duty. Mrs. Wilson made a motion to pay ^{him} the regular pay of \$75.00 a week. Mr. Fountain second the motion. Mr. Harrell abstained from voting - pending the budget study. Mayor Simons voted to pay Mr. Bastic his regular pay of \$75.00

Council agrees to instruct Larry Heper on the roof repairs to use green #230 shingles and 90 lb felt.

General Telephone Co, with the assistance of Georgia Municipal Association has drawn up a new Telephone Ordinance, giving the City 3% of gross monthly rates instead of the usual \$1.00 a year plus business license. Mr. Harrell made a motion that the Ordinance be adopted, with a clause inserted stating that the Telephone Company inform the City in Advance, before any new construction begins. Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion. Council agrees.

Mr. Fountain asked in behalf of Mr. Smith that the City purchase needed street signs. Mr. Harrell suggested that we purchase 8 City limit signs and school signs also. Mr. Fountain made a motion to buy all signs that was needed. Mr. Harrell second the motion. Council agrees. No other Business Meeting Adjourned.

Regular Council Meeting March 3, 1975

Minutes of February meetings were read and approved. Bills for February were check and clerk instructed to pay.

The Boy's Little League has collected all but \$84.00 of their entrance fee. Mr. Harrell made a motion, that the city pay the balance of \$84.00 to the Little League. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

The walkway for the colored children was discussed. Mr. Smith + Mrs. Wilson asked Mayor Simons + Mr. Fountaine to see about getting it fixed for them. Mayor Simons and Mr. Fountaine agreed to have the walkway constructed.

The property clean-up is delayed, due to drying conditions.

Mr. Harrell was asked to take the responsibility of having the International firetrucks repaired. He suggest that they carry it to the vocational Tech School and let them do the repairs for the city. Council agrees.

City Lawyer Jack Knight was present to answer any questions for the Council, before they officially hire him for the year 1975. Mr. Knight asked the City to discontinue the monthly retainer and pay on actual services rendered. Mr. Harrell made a motion to rehire Mr. Knight and to pay him for rendered services. Mrs. Wilson second the motion. Council agrees. Council asked Mr. Knight for suggestion on how to get the railroad property repaired. After discussion motion made by Mr. Fountaine to have Mr. Knight call the Southern Railway lawyers and see what he could do to speed up repairs. Motion was second by Mr. Smith. Motion carried.

Mrs. Wilson gave a report on the street signs that are to be installed in designated areas. To enforce the laws on these street signs an ordinance will have to be drawn up designating the areas. The signs are to be erected as soon as possible, but will be enforce only after Ordinance is effective.

Mr. Robert Rice has asked the Council about making South Pauline Ave. a one way street. Council agrees that confusion would be too great at this time.

Mrs. Wilson proposed a resolution to request that the sidewalk along north side of City's Bank be restored. Mr. Fountaine second the proposal. Proposal carried. Mr. Knight

and Mayor Sirmans will meet with bank officials Wednesday morning to check into the restructuring.

Mr Harrell made a motion to hire a dog catcher full time and on a Commission basis. Dog Catches would be responsible for all factors concerning the dogs & pound. Motion seconded by Mr. Fountain and carried by Council. Mr Harrell was asked by Council to hire a dog catcher for the city.

Mr. Harrell made a motion to raise the Trucking salary on Outside fire calls to \$15.00 and \$10.00 on ^(limit 6 men) volunteers firemen; Inside City limits \$10.00 Trucking and \$5.00 volunteers with the Trucking to keep all equipment inspected. Motion second by Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

Salary increases were tabled on other employees until Monday night meeting, giving the Council more time to study the budget and work out a year detail plan, including vacation, sick leave and holidays.

After discussion on Rack Johnson fine motion was made by Mr Harrell to give amount of fine back to Mr. Johnson. Mr. Smith agrees with Mr. Harrell. Mrs Wilson & Mr Fountain vetoed the Motion. Mayor Sirmans cast his vote and veto the Motion, making the motion void.

Mr Fountain made a motion to let the Bennett's Ins. Company take over the accident claim on Mr. Zelder's Dupre Car and the sanitation truck. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried. Clerk instructed to contact Agency and give details. Mr. Harrell made a motion that in the future if any accident or mishap occurs, contact the Insurance Co. immediately and let them handle it. Mrs. Wilson second the motion. Council agrees.

Mr Harrell made a motion to adopt the 1975 budget prepared by Mr Connor, with changes added as needed. Mrs. Wilson second the motion. Council agrees.

Mayor Sirmans agrees ~~to~~ undertake the job of getting someone to cut the dead trees down that are hazard to the safety of the community.

Delinquent tax notices were sent out to all late Tax payers. Mr. Fountain made a motion that they be given 10 days or March 14th, before they send the police to contact them personally. Motion was second

by Mr. Harrell. Motion Carried

Mr. Harrell made a motion to enforce the deadline on paying water bills, and cut the water off on the 16th if the bill is not paid. Motion was second by Mr. Fountain. Motion Carried.

Insurance bids were opened. Lakeland Ins. Agency bid was for \$1953.10 and Bennett's Ins bid was \$1323.00. Lakeland Insurance Co. was considered the best coverage. Mr. Smith made a motion to accept Lakeland Ins. bid. Motion was second by Mr. Fountain. Motion Carried.

Hour being late meeting dismissed until following Monday night.

Special Meeting March 4, 1975:

Special meeting was called by request of U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The meeting was held to acquaint the Council with the requirements & special meetings that are to follow.

Richard Mayson, with the assistance of Joseph G. Mc Govern and John P. Martiniere, Jr. informed Council of the plans that they will be working with. Purpose of the flood insurance is to provide low cost flood insurance protection and to encourage sound flood control management for the future.

Result of their finding will enable Federal Lending Companies to require flood insurance on property & Building Loans in the future.

Requirement for building permits will be that the base flooring be above flood level. The City is to notify the residences by news media, when the next meeting will be and encourage the public to attend.

Mr. Neil Bell, Coastal Plains Planning Area Commission, was present and will attend to all newspaper reports and will be present at future meeting to assist the City in way possible.

Mayor Serrano thanked the Gentlemen for coming and offered any assistance that would be needed. Meeting Adjourn

March 10-1975 Continuation of Regular Meeting

Mayer Sirmans recalled the meeting to order. All Council present.

Carol Walker, Lakeland Insurance Agency was present to discuss her bid on the combined insurance policies for the City. Mrs. Walker stated that her insurance will go in effect April 1, 1975. The City will keep their workman compensation until it expires with the Insurance of North America. All other insurance will be terminated.

Mrs. Wilson made a motion that we ask the County for drainage to fix the extra driveway for the people who need them. Mr. Fountain seconds the motion. Motion Carried.

Mayer Sirmans was asked to contact railroad officials for an okay to put a drainage or bridge over the ditch at railroad tracks, where the school kids will be walking to school.

Aulie Sirmans was present to discuss past due taxes for year 1970. Clerk asked to find the letter as record, if possible and have it at following meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Fountain, that we have a 15 minute parking in front of post office and 10 ft parking from any fire hydrant. Mrs. Wilson second the motion Council agrees. Clerk to contact Lawyer Jack Knight on an Ordinance to cover the parking + ^{no parking} designations. The State Highway Dept. will be notified of new street signs erected.

Mayer Sirmans was asked to be in charge of contacting Leon Saldree and having the dead trees that are a danger, cut or trimmed.

Motion was made by Mrs. Wilson to install a street light on Ward St. behind Mrs. J. I. Clements property. Motion was second by Mr. Smith. Motion Carried.

Pay increases were discussed. Following this discussion Mrs. Wilson made a motion to give each employee a \$25 per hour raise with 1 week paid vacation ^{of the} first year and 2 weeks paid vacation after the third year & holidays - ~~January 1~~. New Years, 4th of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas. With 1 week sick leave. With the exception of Police Chief Saldree who had a raise prior to this date. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Harrell to carry Police Case

and have them repaired. Motion was second by Mr. Smith Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Fountain to get sealed bids on sidewalk beside Citizens Bank. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith Motion Carried. Bids to be opened April 7, 1975 at regular meeting.

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to paint City Hall & benches with a general face lifting to the inside & outside of building.
No other Business Meeting Adjourn.

Special Call Meeting March 22, 1975

Mayor Sirmans called the meeting for the purpose of reading Councilman Dannie S. Harrell's letter of resignation. After the reading of the resignation, Mrs. Fountain made a motion that they accept Mr. Harrell's resignation. Motion was second by Mrs. Wilson. Motion Carried.

Mayor Sirmans declared a vacancy and an election was called for April 15, 1975. Qualifying deadline was set for March 29 at 12 o'clock noon, with qualifying fee to \$15.00. Registration books is to be closed 25th of March. Due to the County referendum being on the same date the City will have to employ only one City election holder to work with the three County election holders.

Meeting adjourned.

Maive Morgan
City Clerk

Regular Council Meeting April 14, 1975

Mayor Sirmans called the meeting to order.

Minutes of March meetings were read and approved.

Mayor Sirmans suggested that he take the ^{new} firetruck and get an inspection sticker. Suggestion stayed by Council.

Mr. Smith made a motion to carry old firetruck to Nashville and have it put in operating condition, including a new battery system. Motion seconded by Mrs. Wilson. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Bernell Barrentine ~~made~~ asked Council to consider a time delay on her 1974 City Taxes until November. Motion was made by Mrs. Wilson to give Mrs. Barrentine 6 months to pay the Taxes with interest and fifa cost added at that time.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith that W.D. Cribbs and L.J. Miller be instructed by police to pay their late taxes by April 30, 1975 or their property would be advertised for sale. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fountain. Motion carried.

Other discussions were: ditch drainage, 1% local tax, Asphalt purchased to fix holes, and postage for street parking signs

Bid on the installation of sidewalk on Main Street beside bank & fire station runners was opened. Mr. Fountain made a motion to accept M.A. Stedwell bid for \$1070. Motion was second by Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

Business Concluded. Meeting Adjourned

Regular Meeting May 5, 1975

Mayor Simons called the meeting to order. All Councilmembers present. Minutes of April meeting was read and approved.

Mayor Simons & Council welcomed new Council member, Frank Watson after which roll & office was given by City Clerk Marie Morgan.

First order of business was the City's decision on the Heines & Bennett case. After discussion Mayor & Council agreed to let City Recorder John P. Webb's ruling be the final decision.

Mr. Fountain made a motion to start enforcing City Curfew Ordinance and Loud Muffler Ordinance. First offenders would be warned. Second offenders would be fined. Mrs. Wilson second the motion & was carried by Council.

Complaint of horse litter on side walk & private business was brought before Council. Mayor Simons instructed Police Officers to remove all animals off street and if litter was left on street by the horse, person responsible for horse would do the clean-up.

Mr. Roberts was present to discuss the problems of dogs on his property. He was asked to call Police. Then

Police to contact owner and let the owner correct the situation or fine be placed on owner.

Community bus was discussed. People outside of city ^{will} be able to use bus, if they will meet at City Hall at given time. Mrs. Wilson was asked to ward a newsletter getting the information that was needed in order to plan a time schedule for the bus runs.

Two ideas were discussed for firetruck shelter, an extension from old fire ~~truck~~ station and Mr. Fountain had a talk prior to Rep. Dawson Mathis about a \$25,000 grant to erect a new fire station. Details given at a later date.

Motion was made by Mrs. Wilson to write an appreciation letter to Mrs. Mildred Fountain for the beautiful flowers around the city that she planted. Mr. Fountain seconded the motion and was carried by Council.

A Resolution Resolution was adopted & passed by Mayor & Council for County-wide telephone services and a copy mailed to Rep. Jack Carter.

Clean up on ~~Mr. Harps~~ neglected property was discussed. Mr. Fountain made a motion that Lonnie Flair or Leroy Heines be contacted and start the clean up with in 10 days. Mrs. Wilson seconded the motion and was carried by Council. Clerk instructed to send bill after completion, if not paid add to property taxes.

Mr. Fountain made a motion that we pay the bills for Community bus repairs & seats recovered. \$210.00 upholstery \$260.00 painted. second by Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

Mayor Sumane suggest that he see about the size & price of ditch trenches for new water lines. Council okay suggestion.

Mrs. Wilson made a motion that the manhole at Carson Boyd's be repaired with asphalt. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and carried by Council.

Business Concluded - Meeting Adjourned

June 2, 1975 Regular Monthly Meeting

Mayor Seimans called the meeting to order. All Council members present. Minutes of May meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Fountain made a motion that Leroy Heines go to work immediately on Heipe's property and to continue on to the Straughter Est, Mason, Warr + Lissett property. Motion was seconded by Mrs Wilson and Carried by Council. Mr. Heines had agreed prior to work at a cost of \$25.00 per hour and the City be responsible for his pay. Mr. Watson made a motion to pay \$25.00 an hour second by Mr. Smith and Carried by Council.

Mrs. Wilson was asked to see Serrell Luvindle about his ^{unpaid} bill on the fire call made to his home. If the bill is not paid, his name will come off from the firemen's qualified list.

Mr. Smith was asked to see about the growth on or near edge of streets, which is obstructing visibility of traffic, and see if he could get it corrected.

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to give the Colored Church on Miller St. their sewerage tap-in and be bill monthly for sewerage only. Water to be donated as other Churches. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith + carried by Council.

Council approved Mr. Smith suggestion to purchase extra pup for all vehicles + equipment.

Fire Chief Sammon was present to discuss the Georgia Firemen Association Life Insurance + Membership Plan. Cost per member will be \$10.00. Motion was made by Mr. Fountain to pay the cost for the firemen, second by Mr. Watson + carried by Council.

Mayor Seimans gave details on ditch trencher - cost of trencher ^{with} \$900⁰⁰. He asked Council to okay taking D.W. Morgan along to check out the trencher. Motion was made by Mrs. Wilson that they hire Mr. Morgan to go and inspect the trencher, second by Mr. Smith and Carried by Council.

It was unanimously voted no on fire dept. filling swimming pools for the public, also a vote

of no ~~for~~ on the Churches using the Community Bus for Bible School.

Mr. Fountain made a motion, that as of June 2, 1975, that any person who has a warrant taken against another party, then wants to drop the charges, he will have to pay a charge of \$10.00, plus cost of warrant, if not already paid, before the warrant can be dropped. Motion seconded by Mr. Watson and carried by Council.

Motion was made by Mrs. Wilson to contact Attorney Jack Knight and advertise the car, held in lieu of fine, for sale. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and carried by Council. Chief Siddens instructed that other old fines^{was} to be collected.

Chief Siddens was present to discuss the Larry Bartley fine. Council voted to let fine stand as was issued by Chief Siddens.

Mr. Wilbur Harrell was present to discuss the sale of his Ray City property 96' X 96' on Main St. to the City. His sale price is \$4000.⁰⁰ and all attorney fees be paid by the City. Motion was made by Mr. Fountain that the City purchase this property, seconded by Mr. Watson & carried by Council. Mr. Harrell asked that if the building was torn down ~~at~~ any materials ~~at~~ the City did not want, could he have them. Council agrees.

Clerk instructed to call Attorney Jack Knight and let him attend to the legal services that are needed for the purchase.

Business Concluded Meeting Adjourned

Call Meeting, June 17, 1975

Mayor Sirmore called the meeting to order. All Council members present.

The ^{Special} meeting was called to discuss the Property Clean~~up~~ - Leroy Hines was present to

discuss wage and other details. Work ~~was~~ is to begin Monday 21st of June on Harpe property. Mr. Hines agreed to sign a statement of contract with the City stating the the City is not responsible for any mishap, or accident which may occur while on said job.

Business Concluded. Meeting Adjourned

Regular Meeting July 7, 1975

Mayor Sirmans called the meeting to order. Councilman Smith was absent from meeting. Minutes of June meeting were read & approved.

Mrs. Drissett was present to discuss the land clearing of her property. She asks that the City repair her fence where was ~~needed~~ ^{destroyed} after the log work, also the City property at the water tank have markers at the corners of this property. Council agrees to the terms suggestions she asked. Mrs. Drissett suggest that she go with Leroy Hines and show in detail where to clear. Mrs. Drissett agrees to clear up to the dam & a strip behind the houses that joins her property.

City Limits locations were brought up for discussion. Council suggested that they check the correct distance & bring before Council at August meeting.

James Camon sewerage tap-in into the manholes was discussed. Mr. Watson made a motion that Mr. Camon be wrote a letter giving him 15 days to correct the situation as his water service be discontinued. Also he is to pay the \$125.⁰⁰ Sewerage tap-in. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson & carried by Council.

State Department of Transportation has sent a City map and speed limits of state roads for the City's adoptance.

Mr. Fountain made a motion ~~that~~ due to the speed limit of 35 m.p.h. being to fast for the Fountain Area, that this ordinance not be adopted. Motion was second by Mrs. Wilson and carried by Council.

Clerk instructed to write a letter of explanation to the State Dept. of Transportation.

Due to the disturbance done to an elderly party by firecrackers, Mr. Fountain made a motion that the City impose a fine of \$25.00 on anyone caught shooting firecrackers, as of this day, in the City limits of Ray City. Motion was second by Mrs. Wilson and carried by Council.

Council agrees not to press charges on the past incident, since Mr. Clements did not want to press charges himself.

Mr. Fountain made a motion that as of this day, that anyone brought before the City Recorder would pay his fine immediately or serve his time in jail, also a city or County bond would be good only until court date. Included also in motion that all old fines be collected by July 18, 1975 or be picked up and returned to jail. Motion was ~~carried~~ ^{second by} Mrs. Wilson and carried by Council.

Mr. Watson made a motion to pay Wayne Siddens \$3.00 an hour for his backhoe labor. Motion was second by Mr. Fountain and carried by Council. Council agrees to use Mr. Siddens for further work that was needed as backhoe operator.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that any overtime work be given an account for. Motion was second by Mrs. Wilson and carried by Council.

Council instructed Clerk to tell Mr. Wosley that any garbage that wasn't in proper containers to advise party that their garbage would not be pick up until garbage situation was corrected.

Council agrees to use David Harrod to replace Mr. Wosley while he is on vacation.

Mr. Fountain made a motion to deny the ~~a~~ ^a request for ~~the~~ culvert that Rev. Williams wanted, because of culvert already at driveway. Motion was second by Mr. Watson & carried by Council.

Motion was made to pay the bills for the month by Mr Fountain, seconded by Mrs. Wilson & carried by Council. The bill for the police vest was discussed and Council agreed to pay this bill, but in the future that any purchases be brought before Council, before ordering.

Robert D. Conner was present with the financial report. After Mr. Conner advised the Council of certain aspects of the budget, Mrs. Wilson made a motion that Mr. Conner revise the budget to meet necessary expenses, and to prepare a 6 month financial statement to be published in the paper. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fountain and carried by Council.

Mr. Conner advised the City that it was necessary to adopt an ordinance to enable the City to have the Social Security Escrow released. Mrs. Wilson made a motion that the Council adopt the Social Security ordinance. Mr. Fountain seconded the motion - Council agrees. Special ordinance attached to minutes.

Council agrees to purchase asphalt to fix holes in street.

Mr. Watson was put in charge of getting 3 bids for City Hall painting.

Clerk instructed to get price of lettering Ray City Community Services in 6' letters on City bus from Mr. Spulman.

No other business. Meeting Adjourns.

Special Meeting July 16, 1975

Call Meeting July 24, 1975

Mayor Sirmans called the meeting to order.

The special meeting was called for three items:

Mr. Brooke Fountain resignation, Joe Rodney Walker sewerage & Speed limit ordinance.

After Mr. Fountain resignation was read, motion was made by Mr. Watson to accept ^{the resignation} motion was second by Mrs. Wilson and carried by Council. Motion ^{was} made by Mr. Watson that new Election date be set for Aug. 12, 1975 with qualifying deadline to be July 29 at 12:00 noon. Motion was second by Mrs. Wilson and carried by Council.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson to accept the revised city limits ordinance. Motion was second by Mrs. Wilson & carried by Council.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson for the City to do the ^{sewerage} tap-in to the property line of Joe Rodney Walker & then give him 15 days after tap-in to complete his connections. Motion was second by Mr. Smith & carried by Council. Notification of deadline by letter.

Business Concluded Meeting Adjourned.

Regular Meeting Aug. 4, 1975

Mayor Sirmans called the meeting to order. All Council present. Minutes of July meeting read & approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith to table the Community Bus discussion until next month & see if the public would respond any better than in the past. Motion was second by Mrs. Wilson & carried by Council.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that all the sewerage tap-ins be run to the property line & capped, then a written letter be sent to each party involved giving him 15 days in which to connect his sewerage to main line. If the party fails to comply all city services will be disconnected. Motion second by Mrs. Wilson & carried by Council.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that until sewerage lines could be ~~run~~ ^{extended} to Johnny Woods

City of Ray City

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SPECIAL CALL MEETING WEDNESDAY JULY 16, 1975

Mayor Sirmans called the special meeting to give Mr. & Mrs. James A. Grissett an opportunity to come before Council concerning their property clean-up and to discuss in detail facts concerning this project.

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to erect a new fence and gate north and south, running from corner of Newbern's property to the spillway, and to place markers on established City property at the corners around the water tank and water pump. Motion was seconded by Mr. Fountain and carried by Council. Council agrees also to install culvert in city ditch for gate entrance. Mrs Grissett agrees to instructing the laborers as to where fence line runs.

Motion was made by Mr. Fountain to give, beginning the first of month, a period of 3 months for the Grissetts to pay the \$1312.50 which is now owed to the City for the bulldozer work. Motion was second by Mrs. Wilson and carried by Council.

Motion was made by Mr. Fountain after the original land line east and west from Newbern property to Yarbrough property was established that one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the expense of clearing and erecting a new fence, with the exception of one roll of wire which is to be salvaged from old fence and creosote post that are usable would be paid by the City. If the old land line could not be established the City would bear one-half of the cost of repairing and/or erecting and clearing on the existing fence line where the fence now stands.

Motion was second by Mrs. Wilson and carried by Council with the exception of Mr. Watson "NO" vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Fountain the the City will take action with-in 1 month after land line has been established. Motion second by Mrs. Wilson and carried by Council.

Motion was made by Mrs. Wilson that if the old land line could not be established then every property owner joining the Grissett property be contacted by City and asked them to keep the north side of east and west fence cleaned " app. 4 ft. strip". If the property owners do not keep it clean the City will do so for them at City expense. Motion was second by Mr. Fountain and carried by Council with the exception of a "NO" vote by Mr. Watson. Council agrees to keep City ditches clean on the west side of fence running north and south.

Mr. Leroy Hines stated that estimated cost for clearing the east and west fence line would be mim. \$375.00 or 15 hrs. Max. \$500.00 or 20 hrs.

Mr. & Mrs. Grissett stated that they are in full accord and will totally accept the above agreements worked out by them and the City Council, on this the 16 day of July, 1975.

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SPECIAL CALL MEETING WEDNESDAY JULY 16, 1975

SIGNED AGREEMENT

Joy M. Sirmans
MAYOR J. M. SIRMANS

Brock T. Fountain
MAYOR PRO TEM BROCKER T. FOUNTAIN

T. J. Smith
COUNCILMAN T. J. SMITH

Frank W. Watson
COUNCILMAN FRANK W. WATSON

Juanelle Wilson
COUNCILWOMAN JUANELLE WILSON

James A. Grissett
MR. JAMES A. GRISSETT

Mrs. James A. Grissett
MRS. JAMES A. GRISSETT

AN ORDINANCE

To amend an ordinance providing Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance for city employees and providing for an amendment to the original Plan and Agreement with the employees' Retirement System of Georgia; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAY CITY, GEORGIA, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY AUTHORITY THEREOF:

SECTION 1. The Mayor (or other designated official) of the City of RAY CITY is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement amending the original Plan and Agreement with the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A," providing for the release of social security escrow deposits.

SECTION 2. The City of RAY CITY, hereinafter referred to as "the City," agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia, hereinafter called the State Agency, in regard to collections from city employees in making reports and payments to the State Agency.

SECTION 3. The City hereby pledges an amount which it would receive in State grant funds as security for assurance that it will make collections from its employees, submit required reports, and remit payments to the State Agency as agreed to in its Plan of Coverage of employees for social security benefits. The City further agrees that if the amount of State grant funds which it is entitled to receive in a calendar year is less than its annual payment to the State Agency, as may be determined by the State Agency, then, the City shall deposit in escrow, when so notified in writing by the State Agency and in accordance with its rules and regulations, an amount which, when added to the City's State grant funds, would total an amount sufficient to meet its obligations of reporting and remitting collections to the State Agency.

SECTION 4. All ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City has caused its Seal and the signatures of its authorized officers to be affixed this 7th day of July, 1975.

CITY OF RAY CITY, GEORGIA

ATTEST:

Mrs. Marie Morgan
City Clerk

BY Jay McSimons
Mayor

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Property, that all sewerage charges would be dropped from his water bill, and the sewerage charges that have been paid applied to his sewerage tap-in fee when it is connected.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson to build an annex to the existing pump house, for the chlorinator, including a door and ventilating fan. Motion was second by Mr. Smith & carried by Council.

Clerk instructed to answer James A. Grisett's letter, telling him to obtain all information from his parents' minutes of July 16 meeting.

Council agrees if Mr. Woasley wants the job of erecting North & South fence for the Grisett property that he may have the job, with Mrs. Grisett stating where the fence should be.

Council agrees for Mr. Woasley to purchase asphalt for street repairs.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith that when the Time Certificates reaches maturity that the money be brought back to the Citizens Bank. Motion was second by Mr. Watson. Mrs. Wilson abstain from voting. Mayor Sermans voted with a "yes" vote making it unanimous.

Mr. Woasley was present to discuss his wages with Council, due to the ruling of no over-time work unless required for emergency. Clerk instructed to contact neighboring towns for their employees' pay. Another suggestion was that Mr. Woasley work the school crossing for extra time at \$2.00 per hour.

Due to the complaints on the Marwin Cannell Property, Council instructed Clerk to write a letter of complaint to them asking that they correct the situation with the grass, weeds and non-sanitary conditions.

Council agrees to removing the back out of the City building, beside the post office for storing City equipment. Mr. Fountain is to be contacted about the old furniture in the building.

Mr. Watson gave a report on our City landfill. Mr. Roger of E.P.K. says there is not to be any burning done at the landfill. other suggestions that were made was a lock gate, and to enforce the "No Trespassing" sign with the assistance of Mr. Wright, if he would call when someone enters, also that the County render their services in pushing & clearing needed space with the direction from Mr. Washby.

Mr. Watson ask that the Council meet with Jim Finney, Coastal Plains Planning Commission in August to apply for a grant for a compactor truck. Council Agrees.

Motion was made by Mrs. Wilson that a set of Radial Tires be purchased for the new police car. Motion was second by Mr. Smith & carried by Council.

Chief Siddens Ask and received an okay that he sponsor a street dance on the Parralled St. parking lot for the public, on Aug. 23. Chief Siddens said he would be responsible for the Chaperones of the dance. Time 8:30 pm till 11:30 pm.

Motion was made by Mrs. Wilson for the regular September meeting be postponed until 2nd Tuesday. Motion was second by Mr. Smith & carried by Council.

Business Concluded Meeting Adjourned

September 8, 1975 Regular Meeting.

Mayor Sirmans called the meeting to order. All Council members were present. Minutes of August meeting were read and approved.

Path of office was given to Jimmy Sammons. His Council term of office will expire in Dec. 76.

Mr. Winston Cooper, Georgia Power Representative, was present to discuss the proposal for a franchise for a period of 99 years instead of the now existing proposal. After discussion

Mr. Watson made a motion to table the proposal until further information could be obtained about the lawsuit of Georgia Municipal Association, with the Public Service Commission. Motion was second by Mr. Sammons and carried by Council.

Mayor Serrano appointed Mr. Sammons to be Chairman of the Water, Sewerage & Garbage Committee and Co-Chairman of Finance Committee.

Mrs. Wilson was appointed Mayor Pro Tem. Council members in charge of Maintenance of vehicles were Mr. Sammons firetrucks, Mr. Smith equipment & truck, ^{Mr. Watson's} Police cars.

Firechief Bobby Sammons was present with a complaint of not being paid for the firecalls outside of the City. Delayed checks were due to a minor being on the fire call payroll. After discussion, Motion was made by Mr. Watson to pay Bobby Sammons for his son's two fire calls (Warren & Duffin) Mrs. Wilson seconded the Motion with an understanding that in the future minor would not be permitted on firetrucks. Motion was second by Mrs. Wilson and carried by Council.

Council instructed Clerk to have the County paper the run reminders on the fire application. Council agrees that firemen are to answer ^{calls} only who have filled out an application and then let only one truck respond to the call.

Council authorized to pay all bills with the exception of the Burrier Auto Service for the fire truck repairs until the repairs could be compared with the bills. Mr. Watson made a motion after the bill was checked, if it met with Mr. Sammons approval then the bill would be paid. Motion was second by Mrs. Wilson & carried by Council.

Council instructed the removal of the back of the City building for storage of City equipment. Deadline for completion is to be Friday Sept. 12, 1975.

Other discussions were the remodel of wet from water pump, sewerage tap-in with 15 days notice to tie into main line. Mayor Seimans suggested to run a Transit line to Joe Walker trailer and see how much his trailer needed up lifting for a proper flow, also County will loan us their mowers if we furnish the driver.

Council agrees to finish the East & West fence of Gracett's property. Mrs. Watson is to meet with Junior Seimans and get the price for the work. If agreeable work will start as soon as possible.

Motion was made by Mr. Sammons to deny ~~and~~ ^{an} adjustment on ^{Marla Seimans's} water bills on anyone bill if the leak is on their property. Motion was second by Mrs. Watson and carried by Council.

City employees wage survey was studied and Council agrees to leave wages as now stands.

Chief Suidens ask & received permission to have his 4 holidays annex to his week's vacation.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson to hire someone for an hour in the morning and afternoon for the school crossing. Motion was second by Mr. Sammons & carried by Council. Clerk instructed to notify paper and have an ad run for this position at Min. wage. Special Meeting will to hire someone will be called at a later date.

Dog situation was table until next meeting. Council agrees to purchase a cassette recorder and a radio for the police Dept. Mrs. Watson was put in charge of the purchase. Radio and installation not to exceed \$1050.⁰⁰

Mr. ^{Robert} Conner was present to answer any questions, which the Council might have on the revised budget, or financial statement. In Mr. Conner letter to the Council several proposals & recommendations were made. No action

Made a motion to adopt all proposals and recommendations that were presented. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson & carried by Council. Letter made part of Council Minutes.

Mrs. Wilson made a motion to adopt the revised budget that Mr. Conner prepared. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Sammons & carried by Council.

Council agreed to keep our Workman's Compensation with Insurance of N. America. No other business. Meeting adjourned.

Regular Council Meeting Oct. 6, 1975

Mayor Sirmans called the meeting to order. All Council members present. Minutes of the Sept. meeting were read & approved.

Mr. Winston Cooper was present to discuss the franchise for Georgia Power Co, which was tabled at the prior meeting. After further discussion, Motion was made by Mr. Sammons to accept the franchise agreement. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson & carried by a majority vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson to install a street light between 114 Park Ave. and the bridge, also one on Fountain St. App. half-way between Jones St. & Main St. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson and carried by Council.

Elmer Cribb was hired as the second employer under the Title VI Program.

Complaints on loud motorcycles were discussed. Council agreed for Mr. Smith to talk with Johnny Hays on the disturbance caused at his home by the excess noise, also giving a deadline to close his repair shop at 9:30 p.m.

Mrs. Wilson asked & received Council agreement to contact Mr. Longdale and ask his permission to ~~construct~~ construct a motorcycle riding area for the cyclists who need somewhere to ride.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that once our Police made a case no one individual can get him released without a signed bond, or there is an unanimous approval of Mayor and Council to release said case. Also there will be no fines paid monthly without an approval of Mayor and Council. Motion was second by Mr. Smith and carried by Council.

Business concluded Meeting adjourned.

Call Meeting Oct. 23, 1975

Mayor Sirmann called the special meeting for the purpose of discussing a water survey for the city to install new water lines.

Jack Fitzsimons of Subble & Associates was present to discuss to price of the survey. He's quoted a price of \$1,000.⁰⁰ or less. Council member Juanella Wilson was absent due to sickness.

Mr. Fitzsimons stated that he would send the city a letter explaining in details the cost of the survey plus the ^{cost of} city limit being surveyed. Council voted to act upon this letter immediately after receiving.

No other business Meeting adjourned

Marie Morgan
City Clerk

Regular Council Meeting November 3, 1975

Minutes of the last meeting was read and approved.

Steve Webb was present to discuss his complaint of the killing of his dog. Mr. Webb reported that he was told that ^{Polizimon} Jerry Bastick, was responsible for the death of the dog. Mr. Bastick was not present at the meeting. Therefore it was tabled until December's meeting to enable the city to have Mr.

Boetick present.

J. W. Walker was present to speak in behalf of Joe Rodney Walker. Mr. Walker ask that the City put the grade on the sewerage line for him at his cost. Council agrees for work to begin app. Wednesday or Thursday of this week, unless weather condition intervenes.

Firmens yearly supper was discussed and Council agrees to sponsor the supper whenever the event took place.

Water surveys contracts were open for question Attorney Reese Franklin was present to aid in answering any question and advising the Council on the contract. Quible & Associate ^{Survey} contract was for \$1000.⁰⁰ fee and Miller, Stevenson and Steinichen survey fee was for \$500.⁰⁰. Motion was made by Mrs. Wilson that we accept the Miller, Stevenson, Steinichen contract for \$500.⁰⁰ with completion date set for the 15th of December.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Sammons and Carried by Council.

Attorney Franklin also advise Mayor & Council on the Steve Dell & Larry Johnson cases which are suppose to be appealed in Superior Court. Attorney Franklin was given an okay to check into all details and report them to City Clerk, Marie Morgan.

Council ask Attorney Franklin to send the necessary forms for Annexing County property into the City limits, when the party is asking to be Annexed. Attorney Franklin agrees to send all necessary papers with in day. The cost of surveying the Annexation would be the responsibility of party Annexing. Property under discussion in Hubert S. Lewis' package store.

Council agrees to give 30 minutes of free backhoe service to anyone who is installing new water & sewerage tap-in. Discussion of giving 30 minutes free service to each person who needed the backhoe was tabled until future meeting.

The City of Moultrie sent a letter to the Mayor & Council asking that they adopt a resolution,

Asking that the Health Service Agency for a 27 County Area be Centrally located at Moultrie. Motion was made by Mrs. Wilson that the adopting of this resolution be tabled until later. Motion was second by Mr. Watson & carried by Council.

Council agrees to help sponsor the Motor Code to Milledgeville, also ask the City of Nashville to carry the gifts for them. Christmas cards and fruit baskets will be sent to sick & shut-ins of the City. With Mrs. Wilson being put in charge.

All bills were agreed upon to be paid with the exception of Victory Soda Shop for the purchase of film & bulbs which was use for taking pictures inside of Mrs. Watson's house after a threat was made to damage the contents. Mr. Watson paid the bill, after the rejection of Council.

Following the discussion of repairs that was needed on back Police cars. Mr. Watson made a motion to repair the new Police car (Cost app \$225.) and park the old one until money was available for repairs.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Sammons, Mrs. Wilson & Mr. Smith voted no to having the new car repaired, due to possible less expense on the old car repair. Mayor Sirmans was called upon to vote. He suggested that he take the old car & get an estimated repair cost before he would give a vote on the issue.

Due to the cost of operating the Police cars and the complaints of police cars operating outside of city limits, motion was made by Mr. Sammons to have a travel log inside each vehicle. Police is to log the date, time, place, reason & time returned for any outside city limit duties. The logs are to be checked weekly by Mayor & Council if they desire to do so. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson & carried by Council.

Council agrees also that when the Police are transporting prisoners to jail that they drive the ^{state} required speed limit.

Council discuss the on-coming City Election for Mayor & two Councilmembers. Councilmembers Wilson & Smith term will be vacant at the end of the year. Election date was set for Dec. 2, 1975 with qualifying deadline to be ^{Noon} Nov. 15, 1975 with a qualifying fee of \$15⁰⁰ for each candidacy. Registration books is to be closed Nov. 6, 1975 at the end of the business day. Polls to be opened at 7:00 AM & closed at 7 P.M.

Meeting dismissed until Tuesday Nov. 4, 1975

Marie Morgan
City Clerk.

Continuation of Regular Meeting Nov. 4, 1975

Mayor Sirmans called the meeting to order. Council member Jeanette Wilson was absent. The meeting was continued to give Mayor Sirmans an opportunity to find out the cost of repairing the old police car. Mayor Sirmans' findings were that the old car would be app \$260⁰⁰ to repair. Mayor Sirmans ~~the~~ cost his vote to drive the old car as is and have the new car park in the shop at Nashville. No other business meeting adjourned.

Call Meeting Nov. 20, 1975

Mayor Sirmans called the meeting to order. Council member Watson was absent.

Mayor Sirmans called the special meeting to set the millage for the city property tax digest. Due to increase in County Appraisals Council Smith made a motion to reduce the mills to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ mills instead of 10 mills of last year. Mr. Sammons second the motion & carried by Council. ^{Vote} Business concluded. Meeting adjourned.

Regular Council Meeting Dec. 1-1975

Mayor Simmons called the meeting to order. All members were present. Minutes of November meetings were read and approved.

Steve Webb was present to discuss the death of his dog, after being tabled at last meeting. Jerry Bastick, Assistant Police Chief has resigned from the Police Dept., therefore he was not present at the meeting to answer the charges placed against him. Mr. Webb is asking that the city pay the medical bills that occurred in 1974 due to a car accident which the dog was involved in. The amount of money that they are asking in payment for personal loss is \$163.50. Council instructed Clerk to call Lakeland Insurance Agency and see if our insurance would cover the loss. Motion was made by Mrs. Wilson to table final decision until the information was obtained from the insurance co. Motion was seconded by Mr. Sammons and carried by Council.

Mr. Robert D. Conner presented the Mayor and Council with the 1976 budget which they had ask prior for him to prepare. Motion was made by Mrs. Wilson that we adopt the resolution to adopt the budget as follows: Be it resolved, that the budget of estimated revenues of \$84,010.00 and Appropriations of the same amount for all operating funds of the Town of Lay City, Georgia, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1976, as presented to this meeting, be and the same is hereby adopted, ratified and approved, and Be it further Resolved, that a copy of the budget for the year ending Dec. 31, 1976, as presented to this meeting and as hereby adopted be filed with and made a part of the minutes of this meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and carried by Council.

The County Land fill will be in operation some time during the following year, therefore the city will have to transport the garbage app. 40 miles round trip. Our present vehicle is not sufficient for this task. Motion was made by Mr. Sammons to purchase a 1971 International Compacter from James Chaney.

Motion was second by Mrs. Wilson and carried by Council. The terms suggested for ^{finance} ~~finance~~ was \$500⁰⁰ retainer and the balance of \$5000⁰⁰ to be paid Jan 5th, 1976

Motion was made by Mr. Sammons to purchase a safe for the city for the price of \$350⁰⁰ from Mr. Conner. Motion was second by Mrs. Smith and carried by Council.

Christmas party for the children were discussed and Council agrees to give the party as in the past years. Mayor Sirmans was authorized to check the Christmas lights and to hire the help that was required for repairs and installation.

Insurance bids for next year was discussed and Clerk instructed to contact 4 companies to give their bids.

Water and Sewerage tap-ins which have not been paid was discuss. Council ask Mayor Sirmans to contact the 4 customers and give them till Dec. 19, 1975 to come into City Hall and make some form of arrangement for payment for their tap-ins as their water services would be disconnected on Jan. 15, 1976. Clerk was instructed that monthly payment of \$25⁰⁰ can be made if they are property owners.

Council instructed Chief Biddens to contact City Recorder John P. Webb and have warrant taken against Steve Dell and Larry Johnson for their unpaid fines.

The travel logs for the vehicles are to be in effect starting Dec. 2, 1975. The hiring of an Assistant Police was discussed. Council agrees for 25 hours a week, with no holidays, leave or vacation the suggested work days will be Friday, Saturday & Sunday with Chief Biddens in charge. Salary to be approx \$220 an hour no higher than 2.42 an hour.

Council agrees for a telephone extension to be installed at Chief Biddens gun shop. Clerk was ^{paraded in. Jan} ~~instructed~~ ^{minutes} instructed to call & make the arrangement.

No other business. Meeting adjourned.

Call Meeting Dec. 31, 1975

Mayor Sirmone called the meeting to order. Council member Wilson was absent, ~~the~~. The meeting was called to discuss a trailer ordinance.

Motion was made by Ms. Watson that our city lawyer was contacted and ask to prepare an ordinance which will require ^{a home or trailer, be placed} a distance of 25 ft. from each residential house, trailer, or business, 10 ft. from property line and 20 ft from street. Motion was second by Ms. Sirmone and carried by Council.

Business concluded Meeting Adjourned.

January 5, 1976 Regular Meeting

Mayor Sirmone called the meeting to order. All Council members ^{were} present. Minutes of December meeting were read and approved with an amendment clause added to the Agreement of the telephone extension to Chief Siddens' gun shop. This clause being that the cost of the phone extension be paid by Chief Siddens.

Unfinished business for the year 1975 was first order of business, with Mayor Sirmone giving a report on the water and sewerage tap-ins, which are not paid. He stated that he has contacted only Joe Rodney Walker. The others he has been unable to contact.

Water services for the Wood's property was discussed. No final decision was made, pending further discussion with Mr. Woods.

After further discussion with Steve Webb about the killing of his dog and acting on the advice of the city lawyer, Council instructed clerk to contact two dog kennels and find out the value of an unregistered male German Shepherd dog, 6 weeks to 6 months old. This information to be available for Wednesday night meeting.

Motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, that in the further discussions on land clearing with Mr. Marion

Harpe be conducted by our attorneys, that any decisions will be thru them. Motion was seconded by Sammons and carried by Council.

Bills were checked by Council and clerk instructed to pay the bills for December.

Mayor Serrano and Council thanked out-going Council member Mrs. Wilson for a job well done.

City Clerk, Marie Morgan gave oath of office to the new term of officers, which consist of Mayor Serrano reinstated as Mayor; S. J. Smith reinstated as Council member and Wayne Siddens, his first term as a Council member.

First order of business consisted of hiring the employees for the following year.

Clerk - Marie Morgan
 Sanitation - Bobby Sammons with a 3 to 1 vote
 " helper - Roger Bowling and Wendell Rickwine
 Police Chief - James E. Siddens, Assistant Police Leroy Faulkner
 Old Pond - Clyde Morgan, Sheriff: Bobby Sammons,
 Auditor - Robert D. Conner, Lawyer: Jack Knight; Court Recorder - John P. Webb.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson to adopt the Ordinance Regulating the placing of Mobile Homes in the City of Lay City. Motion was seconded by Mr. Siddens and carried by Council.

Mayor Serrano ask Mrs. Wilson if she would be the Bi-Centennial delegate for the City. Mrs. Wilson accepted the assignment ~~to~~ with the aid from Council when needed.

The purchasing of City gas tanks was tabled until further data could be obtained.

City License for Sammons' Package Store was discussed. Mr. Watson made a motion to reduce the Beer, Wine & Whiskey license to \$300, when all three were purchased. Motion was seconded by Mr. Siddens and approved by Council.

The Council agreed to let Mr. Sammons make ³ monthly payment. Now being late meeting recess until Thursday night.

Continuation of Regular Meeting 8th Jan.

Mayor Serrano called the meeting to order. All

members present. The Mayor ask the Council to adjourn outside to select among themselves a Mayor, Pro Tem, upon returning inside Council announced that Mayor Pro Tem would be Wayne Biddens.

On January 5th meeting Council voted to replace Mr. Ed Woolley with Bobby Sammons. A group of residents were present on behalf of Mr. Woolley, asking that the Council re-consider their decision. After the discussion with Council and residents Council left the room to make a decision. Upon returning Council agreed to amend the Jan. 5th meeting and to rehire Mr. Woolley. Council Sammon said he would advise Bobby Sammons of the Council's decision.

Clerk gave price reports on an unregistered Male German Shepard dog - 6 wks to 6 mo. old. Dr. Baseman, Adel, Ga. price \$25-\$50; Dr. Byrd, Nashville, Ga. price \$10-\$25 Sandy Kennel, Valdosta, Ga. price \$25 to \$50 City was also advise by City Attorney not to exceed \$35.00 or to replace dog. Mr. Webb was asking for \$160.00 for medical cost, which he had involved in the dog. Motion was made by Mr. Biddens to pay Mr. Webb \$160.00 for his dog. Motion was second by Mr. Smith and approved by Council.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson to leave the City License as in the past years with the exception of "gun business" which will be operated on part time basis. This license being \$12.50 per year. Motion was second by Sammons and carried by Council. Meeting recess until Jan. 13, 1976.

Meeting Jan. 13, 1976 - Continuation of regular meeting.

Mayor Surman re-open the meeting, all Council members were present.

Discussion of building, or structure being placed less than 20ft. to public street were brought before Council. Council agreed for Mr. Sammon & Mrs. Smith to talk to the parties, Ed Biddens & Wendell Richman, and have them to correct the situation.

Junior Surmans was present to ask for a water tap-in for a trailer. He stated that at this

Time he did not want the sewerage tap-in app. footage involved will be 230 ft to 250 ft. Motion was made by Mr. Sammons that the city extend the water line to service Mr. Serrano. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved by Council.

Several dog complaints were brought before the Council. Those complaints were: Robert Rabinette's dog which fought with Betty R. Burgess dog the fight occurring in a garden of Mrs. W.C. Watson's destroying part of the garden. Charles Watson dog, turning over track cans and picking chickens which belong to James E. Siddens. Also an apparent stray dog which stay around the Miller's residence, chasing children which pass. Council instructed Chief Siddens to inform each dog owner of the complaint and tell them to confine the animal or they would be impounded by the city. Council also instructed Chief Siddens that any dog hurt or dying whose owner, after a thorough search, could not be located or owner who would not attend to the situation be destroyed by him.

Council instructed Chief Siddens to take warrant for old fines, also to enforce loud mufflers ordinance.

Motion was made by Mr. Siddens that any bicycle on the street at night, which did not have sufficient front and back light be fined \$15⁰⁰. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved by Council.

Chief Siddens informed Council that his school would require him to be absent Tues. and Thurs. evening 5 till 9. Council asked that the Police Car be park in town while he was away. Chief Siddens suggested more patrolling on week-ends would help with the complaints of the people.

Mr. Watson pointed out that our 1974 budget was not being met on the Police Dept. fines. Unless the situation is straightened out we will throw our budget out of balance.

Aulie Serrano also present to ask the Council to clean up the ditch in front of his house or

Jones St. Motion was made by Ms. Watson to clean all the ditches of the city which was in need of being cleaned. Motion was seconded by Ms. Siddens and approved by Council.

Marion Harpe was present to bring his complaint of the land clearing, which the city had Leroy Hines to do. Mr. Harpe states his hours were unfair, which was billed to him, due to the time involved in pushing all the debris ^{all properties} onto his property for burning. Mr. Harpe also asks for a delay time to pay his bill. Mayor Serrano informed Mr. Harpe that the city had turn all decision over to the city attorney. Mr. Harpe states a fair price for land clearing is \$125⁰⁰ per acre.

Clerk instructed by Mayor and Council that there will be no payments for bills outside of City Hall, and anyone who fails to pay the penalty for late charges, would have their service discontinued, also Mrs. Roberts late penalty for the January bill which was paid after the 10th by J. R. Roberts be put on her February bill, and payment would have to be made at that time. Clerk instructed to send newsletters informing residents of these facts, reminding them that their water will be discontinued on the 16th if their bill is not paid.

Pay raises for city employees were discussed. Clerk, Police & Sanitation ^{amended Motion} Motion was made by Ms. Siddens to give a pay increase of 10% to each. ^{at 2-2-76} Motion was seconded by Ms. Smith and approved by Council.

Others facts brought out by Council regarding the work require by Council were that sanitation dept. employees work a 40 hour work week - overtime in an emergency only. Emergency meaning "broken water line, or something which could not possibly wait until next day. Another fact was that when there was no need for all three employees assigned to a job, when 1 or two could do the task, at this time assign the vacant

employee or employees to another assignment, in order to cut the idle time Lunch time would depend upon Mrs. Woodley decision.

Fire Chief Bobby Sammons was present to discuss a raise for his job as fire chief. Motion was made by Mr. Siddens to give Mr. Sammons a raise from \$5.80 to \$25.00 a month, this including services for operating and servicing fire trucks, washing out buckets when having fire drills. In the future no city fire calls will be paid to the fire chief; only outside city calls. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and carried by Council. Mr. Sammons abstained from voting.

Clerk instructed by Mayor & Council to write another letter to James Canon, Bobby Canon, Joe L Walker and Queen E. Graham, giving them a deadline of Jan. 16, 1976 to pay on their water and sewerage tap-in or water services be disconnected. Clerk is to give letters to Chief Siddens, who will read the letters to them and get their signatures stated it was understood.

Council agrees for Mr. Siddens to purchase some street signs from City of Adel and order and replace them at later date. Signs are for trucks prohibited to be placed on Jones St. to protect fire hydrant when turning on North St.

An injured dog on North St. which was carried to Nashville by Kathleen Jabar ^{at a cost of \$2.00} and Dr. Byrd put to sleep for a cost of \$4.00. Motion was made by Mr. Siddens to reimburse Mrs. Jabar for the cost of shots and gas for the trip. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved by Council.

No other business Meeting Adjourned

Call Meeting Jan. ~~24~~ ^{27, 1976}

Mayor Simone call the meeting to order. All members present. The special meeting was called by Mayor Simians to discuss Junior Simians sewerage tap-in. After two days of digging the city employees were unable to do a sewer tap in. Councilman Siddens suggest that he could contact Willy Strong who does this work for

The City of Adel and let him give us a price for the job also replacing 1 section of sewerage pipe which was destroyed. Council agrees. Mr. Siddens will present details at regular meeting in Feb. Meeting Adjourned.

February 2, 1974 Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Serrano called the meeting to order. All Council members were present. Minutes of January meeting were read and approved with an amendment added to include oxidation pond employee, Clyde Morgan with the 10% increase in salary.

Bi-Centennial delegate, Mrs. Juanelle Wilson was present to discuss the program that the Bi-Centennial steering committee had formed. Committee members are Juanelle Wilson, Billy Clements, Bill Barnes, E. L. Mably and Albert Studstill. Some items Mrs. Wilson has suggested will be booths, Antiques display quilting, soapmaking and a peddler's wagon. Name for the program will be "School Reunion and Bar & Que". Date of event will be July 3. Council has given Mrs. Wilson an okay to use Community bus when needed, help with the newsletter to Ray City residents and City Hall for meetings. Mrs. Wilson will present to Council at monthly meeting, and give a progress report.

Motion was made by Mr. Sammons to install a drain pipe in front of J. W. Walker residence. Motion was seconded by Mr. Siddens and approved by Council. Mayor Serrano said he would contact the county and ask for their aid with installing the pipe.

Mr. Siddens said he would contact Mrs. Sissett on the water that backs-up behind the dam into the residents back yard.

Motion was made by Mr. Sammons that the City hire Willy Strong to put in the sewerage tap in for Junior Serrano at a cost of \$600⁰⁰ which will include the building of 1 manhole. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved by Council. Councilman

Didden said he would do the digging free of charge.

Clyde Morgan Ask the Council to instruct the residents in a newsletter not to put rags down the sewerage lines. Mr. Didden made a motion that anyone who was caught lifting the lid of the manhole, who was not authorized would be fined 50⁰⁰. Motion was seconded by Mr. Sammons and approved by Council.

Motion was made by Mr. Didden to Annex Herbert S. Lewis into the City limits of Ray City. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved by Council. Amount of footage will be ^{amended 1000 ft. (3-1-76)} 1300 ft. length and 150 ft depth. Mr. Lewis applied for water and sewerage tap-ins. Mr. Watson stated that this time it was not feasible to install the sewerage, because of lack of money in the water account, although water would be installed. Council agrees.

Motion was made by Mr. Didden that the City use a walk-side report. Motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and approved by Council.

Mr. Sammon made a motion that no more Police uniforms be billed to the City or no personal calls be made on the City Telephone. The Banner Uniform bill will be paid by the City this time, but Chief Didden is to reimburse the City immediately. Other clothing bills owing the City by Chief Didden could be taken ~~by~~ from clothes allowance. Motion was second by Mr. Smith and approved by Council.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson to set deadline of March 10, on paying taxes, at that time 9% interest and five for cost will be added. Motion was second by Mr. Sammons and approved by Council.

Motion was made by Mr. Didden that the old taxes of resident who has moved or died ^{no expected property now owned.} be dropped from the tax digest. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved by Council.

Mayor Sammons instructed Clerk to contact Mr. ~~was~~ on his property clean-up

No other business Meeting Adjourned

Call Meeting February 5, 1976

Mayer Sirmans called the meeting to order.
All members present.

The special meeting was called for two items: self-service gas pumps and Brooker Fountain's request for license to operate a package store.

Public discussion of the self-service pumps was the first item. After discussing the pros and cons of self-service Council Sammons made a motion that the City issue a City license to Holiday Mini Mkt, so long as they complied with State regulations. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith ~~and~~ carried by Council. Mr. Watson abstained from voting until state regulations could be obtained.

Council agrees for Brooker Fountain to purchase a City license for ~~his~~ retailing beer, wine + whiskey also operated gas station.

Business Concluded Meeting Adjourned

Call Meeting February 17, 1976

Mayer Sirmans called the special meeting for a discussion on the Police Dept. Chief of Police. Mayer Sirmans called the meeting to order, all Council members were present. Mayer Sirmans turned the meeting over to Sheriff Walter Gaskins. Sheriff Gaskins read the qualification for a police officer and then he recommended Brooker J. Fountain who has been a Deputy Sheriff since 1969 to act as Chief of Police, until one could be chosen. Mr. Gaskins stated that he would be responsible for Mr. Fountain's actions and that Mr. Fountain was willing to work for the City free of all cost.

Mr. Sammons made a motion to turn the Chief of Police hiring over to Sheriff Gaskins. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Mr. Siddens and Mr. Watson voted to go with Police Committee's decision.

Council stated that no tickets be issued by our police department men, due to not being

qualified by the ~~Standard~~ Peace Officers Standards and Training Council, that any cases that were to be made ^{be} done by ~~whomever~~ whoever was hired by Sheriff Siskins.

No other business Meeting Adjourned.

Marie Morgan, Clerk

Approved March -1- 1976

Regular Council Meeting March 1. 1976

Mayor Simmons called the meeting to order, all Council members were present. Minutes of February meetings were read and approved with an amendment added to Exhibit "A" concerning the footage of Lewis' Property. It was amended from 1300 ft. to 1000 ft.

Motion was made by Mr. Siddens that the expense of the firetruck being used at the Holiday Minit Mkt. by the City employees for L. J. Canon be paid by L. J. Canon. Motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and approved by Council. Expenses incurred were labor, gas & water.

Motion was made by Ms. Siddens that the City bill Ed Wrasley \$10.⁰⁰ for carrying the firetruck to his house while he was doing some burning. Motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and approved by Council. 10.⁰⁰ is a fixed fee for outside City limit call.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson to reimburse Mr. Wrasley for his school expenses to include 2 trips to Americas at 10¢ per mile, food and board. Motion was seconded by Ms. Siddens and approved by Council.

Motion was made by Ms. Sammons that Shamom Corporation did not live up to their Agreement, therefore, the City would not reimburse the unpaid balance that was supposed to be use up by water services. Motion was second by Mr. Siddens and approved by Council.

Council instructed City Clerk to contact Georgia Power Co. about street light being installed in Alley-way

for Lloyd Germans.

Due to a misunderstanding on Police duty hours motion was made by Mr. Sammons to pay Leroy Faulkner for his extra hours of Police duty. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved by Council. Council instructed Brooks Fountain of the 25 hours agreed upon.

After a discussion of who authorized Mr. Woosley to work on Saturday Feb. 6 on a contracted job, motion was made by Mr. Watson to not pay the wages. Motion was seconded by Mr. Siddens and approved by Council. This motion will become void if they find out he was authorized to be at the job and then be pay regular hours for the work, since no over-time labor was involved.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the $\frac{3}{4}$ hours of labor Mr. Woosley bill to the City for using the backhoe on his personal property be paid at regular rate and not overtime, since it was not on city time. Motion was seconded by Mr. Siddens and approved by Council. Mr. Woosley had paid a rental fee of \$9.00 which included driver.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson to put Mr. Woosley on straight salary of 125.40 a week. Motion was seconded by Mr. Siddens. Mr. Watson withdrew this motion after discussion of work order being authorized for all overtime, until next month and see if authorized work order would decrease the overtime hours.

Motion was made by Mr. Siddens that all overtime hours that city employees work would have to be on an authorized work-order.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Sammons & approved by Council. These work orders to be checked weekly by Mayor & Council.

Council agrees that there should not be but 1 man supervising the school crossing at a time.

Motion was made by Mr. Sammons to adopt the resolution presented by Chief W. Hiram Bemby representing the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police for Chief Ed Giddens. Whereas: Chief Ed Giddens of the Ray City Police Department gave meritorious service in the field of law enforcement for two years; and whereas: Chief Ed Giddens died while providing law enforcement services to the citizens of Ray City; and whereas: Such meritorious service was given with devotion to duty and with little regard to personal safety; now be it therefore resolved that the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police post-humously commend Chief Ed Giddens for his years of service to the law enforcement profession and condemn those who would take the life of a law enforcement officer while performing those duties. Adopted this 17th day of February, 1916. John W. Crunkleton, President Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. Motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and approved by Council.

M. L. Langford and Mark Vickers was present to ask the Mayor and Council if they have any objections to having Railroad Ave closed since there was no traffic involved on that street. Mr. Fountain whose property joins on the west side, said he was in agreement with it being closed. Motion was made by Mr. Sammons to close Railroad Ave. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved by Council. Clerk was instructed by Council to contact Jack Knight for legal proceedings.

Motion was made by Mr. Giddens to accept J. J. Smith bid of \$25 per foot for the new water lines which will run to the property line of Henry Woods and Hubert Lewis. Motion was seconded by Sammons and carried by Council. Mr. Smith abstained from voting. Agreement of Mr. Smith was to dig ditch, help City employees lay water line and to cover the lines after completing job.

Motion was made by Mr. Giddens that no overtime work would be made by City employees

on the job of Ms. Smith's. Motion was seconded
by Mrs. Sammons and approved by Council.
Business Concluded Meeting Adjourned.

Marie Morgan
City Clerk.

Call Meeting March 4, 1976

Meeting was called to order by Mayor
Sirmans. Councilman Smith was absent from
meeting. The special meeting was for the discussion
of applying for a F.H.R. grant for our water system
and the discussion of how far to run the
water lines to Herbert B. Lewis and Henry Wood
property.

Motion was made by Mrs. Watson to have
Miller, Stevenson & Steinichen to make a grant
application to F.H.R. for the grant. Motion was
seconded by Mrs. Sammons and approved by Council.

Council agreed to run the water lines to the
property lines of Lewis' & Wood's property. Mayor
Sirmans suggested that they look at the location
Saturday, March 6, and decide if they need to run
it further than planned. Mayor Sirmans said
he would be on hand to assist the employees.
Business Concluded Meeting Adjourned.

Marie Morgan,
City Clerk.

Call Meeting March 19, 1976

Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Siddens called the
meeting to order, in absence of Mayor Sirmans
who was confined to the hospital. The Special
Meeting was called for the purpose of Mr. Dennis
Crain to discuss with Mayor and Council his
policy for policing and Mrs. Wilson's Bi Centennial
Program.

Mr. Crain stated the procedures that he would work under are: All cases which are made by him + his department be handled by ~~Prostate~~ ^{City Recorder} Judge. All tickets be accounted for using the uniform citation ticket books. All tickets which are voided would be mark as such and signed by officer who issued the ticket. Warning tickets would be made on city citations. All arrest reports will be filed with the Dept. of Public Safety in Atlanta. All cases made will be handled with fair treatment to all people involved, with a clear cut violation.

Police will obey all traffic rules except in case of emergency, only. Minor traffic citations for people who lives or owns property in the city, and cannot pay the fine be brought before court and not placed in jail.

Chief Crain recommended that an Ordinance be adopted for Public Drunk, and that due to the fact that Leroy Saulpner is unqualified, he be dismissed from the police force, immediately.

Juveniles will be jailed only if they commit a felony. Otherwise, be placed under the care of parents or juvenile authorities.

Chief Crain express his opinion on Police Conduct: at all times police officers have good conduct, with no harassment or brutality and gun used only in emergency. Mr. Crain stated that any time a police officer is found not performing his duties as a police officer should the charge be "Official Mis-Conduct." All complaint report will be filed at Police Station for further reference. Inventory will be taken for all police equipment, and filed with The Clerk. Dog Complaint will be handle by The Police Dept.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson to hire Dennis Crain with his recommendation as Chief of Police for Ray City. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved by Council.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson to dismiss Leroy Saulpner immediately, due to not being a qualified

police officer. Motion was seconded by Mr. Sammons and approved by Council.

Motion was made by Mr. Sammons to turn the hiring of an Assistant Chief over to Chief Crain with a salary of \$110.40 per week for a 48 hour week. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved by Council.

Motion was made by Mr. Sammons that any problems, complaints or instructions ^{they had} to be brought before Police Chairman J. J. Smith and Mr. Smith would relay them to Chief Crain and the Police Department. Motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and approved by Council.

Council agrees that City Citations may be used for minor traffic cases.

Motion was made by Mr. Sammons for City Recorder to come each Monday at 5:30 P.M., if needed, for Municipal Court hearings. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved by Council.

Council instructed Police Dept. that Police car #2 would stay parked at Police station except when in use only ~~for~~ ^{on} week-ends for several hours each night, and police station light will stay on at night. Auxiliary Police will be organized with the assistance of Chief Crain.

Motion was made by Mr. Sammons for Chief Crain to purchase two uniforms and bill to the City, also he will have the \$10.00 a month clothing allowance. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved by Council.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson to hire Chief Crain at his present salary of \$150.00 per week for a month and then raise his salary to \$165.00 per week. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved by Council.

Motion was made by Mr. Sammons that a telephone extension be installed in Chief Crain's residence, with him keeping a log of all personal calls and checking with Clerk on each bill for payment to be made for the personal calls. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved

by Council.

Mrs. Wilson ask City Council for a \$100⁰⁰ ad for the Bi. Centennial Advertisements. Motion was made by Mr. Sammons to give Mrs. Wilson their Council pay for March. City Clerk will also give \$15.00. Any amount less than \$100⁰⁰ will be given by the City to finish up the \$100⁰⁰ page ad. Chief Crain will give \$15.00 for a personal ad. Motion was seconded by Mr. Watson & approved by Council.

No other business Meeting Adjourned

Marie Morgan,

City Clerk.

Regular Meeting April 5, 1976

Mayor Sirmans called the meeting to order all members were present. Minutes of March meeting were read and approved by Council.

Council Agree not to install street lights in Alleyway for Citizens.

The Closing of Railroad Avenue was brought before Council by the Clerk after being advise by City Attorney Jack Knight that both parties involved would have to sign a letter giving an okay for the Avenue footage to be divided equal between them. Lay City Farm Service would not agree to the terms suggested, therefore Council voided the Closing of Railroad Ave.

Mrs. Juanelle Wilson was present to give the up-dated happenings of the Bi. Centennial Program. She ask the Council for the use of the old adding machine and typewriter, plus water and light for the Bi. Centennial Headquarters building. Motion was made by Mr. Siddens to furnish these items for Mrs. Wilson. Motion was seconded by Mr. Sammons and Carried by Council. Council also agree to have Christmas lights change to red, white & blue, and use them during the Celebration. Bi. Centennial will furnish the bulbs with the City helping on the installation.

Motion was made by Mr. Biddens to remove the meter that was installed on Mr. Felder Dupree property and installed it on city property from the main water line. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Sammons and approved by Council.

Donation for Little League Ball Team was tabled until next month.

Mrs. Juanita Boyd was present to file a Incident Report to Mayor & Council on the unauthorized removal of soft drinks bottles from her property, by Wendell Rickwine. Mr. Rickwine was not present at the meeting, but Mrs. Chris Bowling stated the bottles had already been returned. Council agreed to postpone the Incident until Mr. Rickwine was present at Tuesday night meeting, April 6, 1976.

Clyde Morgan, oxidation pond employee turned in his resignation being effective at the time of his moving from the city. Mr. Morgan recommended that Wayne Bidden take his place. Motion was made by Mrs. Sammons to hire Mr. Biddens. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Smith & approved by Council. Clerk instructed ~~to check~~ to check into past minutes and find the ruling on Councilmembers working for the City on regular basis.

Neil Singleton, ex assistant Chief of Police, was present to present his case for dismissal from the Police Dept. by Mayor Sammons. Mr. Singleton objection was personal interference by Mayor and the release of offender without a signed bond. Mr. Singleton also stated that he wanted his job return to him. Ben Williamson, Acting Chief of Police stated he had an eye witness to the incident involving the firing of Neil Singleton, who would testify that Mayor Sammons had sufficient grounds for firing. No decision was reach at this time, by the Mayor & Council.

City Clerk Marie Morgan turned in her resignation to be effective April 10, 1976, with a recommendation

to Council to hire Mrs. Juanelle Wilson to fill the position as City Clerk.

Motion was made by Mr. Sammons that the City hire Mrs. Wilson for a month. Motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and approved by Council.

Meeting dismiss to be continued on Tuesday night 4-6-76.

April 6, 1976 Continuation of Meeting.

Regular Meeting re-opened by Mayor Simons Council members were all present.

Chief Williamson was present and presented a ticket on the cost of a gun he had purchased to use for the City. Mr. Williamson stated that he would pay for the gun if the City did not. Mr. Sammons made a motion for the City to pay the \$202.45 price for the gun with Chief Williamson paying \$10 a week until the gun was paid for in full. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved by Council. Council agreed that when the old gun was returned by the Court that it would be sold or exchange for another since no Police Officer would want to use it after another officer was killed with ~~it~~ the gun.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith to hire Ben Williamson as Chief of Police for a salary of \$150⁰⁰ a week for 1 month and then raise his salary to \$165⁰⁰ a week. Motion was seconded by Mr. Sammons and approved by Council.

Chief Williamson suggested that the Council adopt the "Vehicle Inventory Form" ^{when a} was vehicle impounded by the Police Dept. Motion was made by Mr. Smith that the City adopt the vehicle Inventory Form. Motion was seconded by Mr. Siddens and approved by Council.

Motion was made by Mr. Sammons that our police could live outside the City limits, since it was so close to the City limits. Motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved by Council. Council agreed that one car will be used at the Chief's home.

the other will stay park at Police Station.

Mr. Sammons ask that the bill that the city owes Leray Hines for labor be ~~for~~ filed against his back taxes. The Council voted to pay Leray Hines for his labor and then bill him for the taxes.

Mrs. Juanita Boyd was present to continue the complaint on charges against Wendell Rickwine. Mrs. Sammons had talked prior to Mr. Rickwine and he stated he would not be present since he returned the bottles on Tuesday morning April 6, 1976. Council agreed that they would continue this discussion when both parties were present. Meeting is to be held Tuesday April 13, 1976.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson to pay the employees the hours that they had built up at time & half and after this date, all overtime will be taken off each Thursday, before time goes in for the week. Motion was seconded by Mr. Siddens and approved by Council.

Motion was made by Mr. Sammons that the \$100⁰⁰ for Bi Centennial be paid out of City Funds instead of the Council pay. Motion was seconded by Mr. Siddens and approved by Council.

Other discussions were culverts, for Betty Diamond; pipe installed behind Watson Dairy Stat; holes in road in front of Larry Mikell, North Street and Main St.

No other business meeting adjourned

Marie Morgan
City Clerk

Monday, April 12, 1976 - Call Meeting
This special meeting was called to order by Mayor Sammons to discuss the Rickwine - Boyd Incident and Police Station renovation. Other business also discussed was Oxidation Pond employee, donation for Church softball team, placement of Office safe and recreation grant.

Mayor Sammons advised Mrs. Boyd that if

she was not satisfied with the return of the soft drink bottles, the incident should be handled through proper channels in court.

Police station renovation was discussed with consideration in using existing bldg. on city property (the old Hardie Serv. Sta.) as a future police hqtrs. Cost of improvement to this bldg was discussed, interested citizens have volunteered to donate labor, covering materials would be donated by Mayor Sermons, with city responsible for paying the cost of electrical installation. An ample size ^{breaker box} meter is available at a reasonable cost. This discussion of improvement and renovation is to be continued at the next regular meeting until further investigation as to best possible solution for the need of a different Police Station and shelter for city equipment is being made. Chief Ben Williamson gave a report on the urgent need for adequate facilities for the Ray City Police Dept. and revealed possible means of securing financial aid in obtaining same.

Mr. Wayne Giddens decided not to accept the position of Oxidation Pond employee and due to the necessity of attending a ^{special} school required for said employee, Mr. Clyde Morgan declined the position also, as he cannot take the time for this school from his regular job.

Mayor Sermons advised that necessary repairs have been made on city water pump and that all will be functioning normally within a few days.

A donation for the Church Softball team was brought up due to the urgency of their need at this time. Council discussed amount to donate and a motion was made by Mr. Frank Watson that the city donate \$50.00 for the Ray City Church Softball team, motion seconded by Mr. Wayne Giddens, all council agreed.

Placement of recently acquired city safe was discussed and was decided that the mason, Mr. Billy Webb, would remove the safe from inside City Hall and enter through the back door to storage room where safe is to be installed.

Aulin Sermans was present at this meeting to request that a mud hole at his house be filled. Necessary repairs are to be made as soon as possible.

Mr. E. L. Mobley was present to bring before Council and Mayor the pending recreation grant. He asked for financial aid and also assistance in locating necessary land for said project consisting of one softball diamond, an outdoor basketball court, and one asphalt tennis court. City officials agreed to give this project their careful consideration for a week then report to Mr. Mobley.

Council and Mayor asked City Clerk to check on deeds of the city landfill, also to check with lawyer, Jack Knight, as to the official ruling regarding city officials becoming city employees simultaneously.

There being no other business, meeting adjourned.

Jeanette S. Wilson
City Clerk

Regular Meeting May 3, 1976

Mayor Sermans called the meeting to order. Councilman Sammons was absent. Minutes for April meetings were read and approved with the following correction. Reference to Police Station renovation instead of meter either, a fuse panel or breaker box should be used.

Mr. Fred Belcher, attorney representing Mr. Brooker F. Fountain was present to explain a Court decree, issued Sept. 17, 1973, declaring that the alley between Brooker F. Fountain's and Mary Philma Rayab's ^{property} is open and ^{this passage} is to remain open at all times. A copy of this decree was given to the City officials by Mr. Belcher for future reference and records. Mr. Junior Sermans and Chief Williamson ask city officials to make necessary

improvements for the alley to be usable and provide access to their property. At present the 10 ft wide alley is open approximately 150 ft. Attorney Belcher suggested that the alley should be opened up in its entirety and that all adjacent property owners be notified of the City's intention. Mayor and Council agreed to send all adjoining property owners a letter stating that the alley is to be opened up and that necessary improvements to make the alley ^{accessible} ~~passable~~ provided as soon as possible. Any obstructions now existing in this alley are to be removed immediately.

Juonelle Wilson's application for position as City Clerk was accepted and approved by Council and Mayor.

Mr. Jimmy Simmons resignation was submitted and accepted by Mayor and Council. Police Communications Grant was reviewed and signed by designated officials to be sent to Mr. Grayson Powell on May 5, 1976 for expediting.

Public Hearing information on wastewater plant was reviewed and meeting has been set for June 10, 1976, Thursday at 8:00 P.M. with required advertising to begin on Wednesday, May 5, 1976.

Mr. Billy Clements was present to ask the help of City employees in keeping flags encumbered. City officials agreed to take care of maintenance and upkeep of flags and banners.

Mr. Clem Mikell was present to remind City officials that prior arrangements have been made to give New Ramah Church free sewerage as well as free water and that a copy of said agreement should be presented to New Ramah Church officials. Mayor and Council instructed clerk to copy original agreement, using a current date and present names of officials, have copy notarized and ready to issue to Mr. Mikell at the next regular meeting. Mr. Watson made a motion to give free water and sewerage to New Ramah Church, ^{and bring agreement up to date} motion seconded by Mr. Smith Council agreed. Copy to be attached to minutes.

Mr. Geddes made a motion that a qualified man be appointed ^{to the Council} to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Jimmy Simmons, motion was seconded

by Mr. Watson and Carried by all Council members.
 After a brief discussion City Officials unanimously agreed to appoint Mr. Clem Trickett to fill the vacant Council seat. Mr. Trickett accepted the appointment and was sworn in by City Clerk.

City Officials reviewed bills and recommended that they be paid as listed.

Sewer Tap-in for Lawrence Johnson was discussed and she is to pay balance of \$30.00 on former tap-in, then \$125.00 for new tap-in. Street sewer and water tap-in discussed - was tabled until next meeting.

Fire Chief Mr. Bobby Sammons asked that we call Georgia Power Co. to see if they will install a new and taller pole for fire alarm. This request was agreed to by City officials.

Discussion on picking up dogs was tabled until a ^{time} schedule can be arranged for ^{Mr.} Bowling who is to collect animals. Discussion will be opened again at the next regular meeting.

Preliminary on first quarter finance was given by Mr. Conner and he requested a special meeting with City officials when audit is completed. Mr. Watson made a motion that Mayor and Council meet in Executive Council with Mr. Conner to discuss the budget. Motion was seconded by Mr. Godwin, Carried by Council. Date for this meeting to be arranged later.

Meeting recessed to be continued on Wed., May 5, 1976 at 6:00 P.M.

May 5, 1976 Continuation of regular meeting.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Sammons, all Council members were present. The police department activities were discussed and the following rules of operation were agreed upon by all city officials. In the future all needs, such as uniforms, supplies, Car repair and upkeep, are to be listed with estimated cost when possible, submitted to Chairman of Police Dept., so that he may bring the request before Council, then if approved a purchase order will be issued for same. Trip tickets are to be put back into effect, with requested

information completely filled in, and last must establish a definite time for police force to work during week days and night.

Mayor and Council agreed that Mrs. Betty Langford may use City bus to transport, boys to Deshuz Roads, and Lay City teachers to Lakeland for a luncheon. Clerk instructed to notify Mrs. Langford to take bus to Gulf Station for service and check a day or two before making a trip.

The ~~application~~ ^{salary} of Mr. Woosley as Oxidation Pond Employee was discussed, no decision was reached as to amount, subject tabled until Mayor Simmons can confer with Mr. Woosley. Mr. Mikell made a motion that Oxid Pond should be checked during normal working hours and pay Mr. Woosley \$37.⁰⁰ per month whether or not extra time is spent at Oxid. Pond. There was no second.

There being no other business meeting adjourned.

Juanelle S. Wilson
City Clerk

Called Meeting, Monday, May 17, 1976

Mayor Simmons called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. All Council members were present. Subjects to be discussed were, hiring City Recorder, hiring Oxid Pond employee and the Police Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith to pay Mr. Giddens \$3.75 per hr. at Oxid. Pond, motion was seconded by Mr. Mikell, Council agreed.

The functioning of pumps at the Oxid Pond was discussed - one line starter is not functioning causing overload on only one pump during rainy weather. Mr. Mikell made a motion that Mayor Simmons buy a line starter for the Oxid. Pond, Mr. Giddens seconded the motion, Carried by Council. Line starter is to be installed by Mayor Simmons.

The property offer by the Langdale Co. was reviewed and Mr. Giddens made a motion to contact Mr. Burns Simmons, to stock appraisal proceedings and to start negotiating with the

for a recreation park and second a place to store city equipment, seconded by Mr. Watson, Council agreed.

Subject was brought up about asking County to furnish fire truck for the City of Kay City.

The hiring of Recorder to replace Mr. John P. Webb, who is resigning on May 19, 1976 was examined. Two possible replacement applications were mentioned, Mr. Fred Belcher and Mr. Lester Thompson. Mr. Mikkil also suggested Mr. [unclear] was reached - topic tabled until next meeting.

[unclear] employee was discussed and Mr. Worsley's application for this position was received. A copy of this application is attached to these minutes with record of official vote. Mr. Giddens made a motion to hire Mr. Worsley according to application submitted on a trial basis for three months, no second reached. Mr. Worsley will be reached. Mr. Worsley will be reached. The Aid. Pond.

5 mo of April uncollected fines who will show up as old fines on the following mos. Former policemen will appear monthly as old fines. Mr. C. K. Marcum has been as

a appeared in the Fla. Times Union last week concerning police work and grants, Ed Giddens as the person responsible for work accomplished. Will ask reporter who gave this release to the paper.

Mr. Smith ask that only one police car be used one be available at police [unclear] if Williamson will have a report on plans for police station at the next regular Council meeting.

Mr. Dutch, on Ward St. will buy pipe to

install in the whole length of ditch, Jones to Main St, about 100 ft., if City will provide installation.

Keeping police cars inside our city limits was discussed and it was reiterated that any Police car repairs are to be approved by Mr. Smith, Chairman Police Dept., At this point Chief Williamson asked the officials to be pulled as to their confidence in him, no hands shown, no poll was taken. Mr. Watson answered by reminding the Chief of Police that he had not been in Ray City long enough for Mr. Watson to form an opinion at that time. Mr. Watson assure Chief Williamson that he would have his backing as long as he, the Chief, followed strictly the guidelines set up by City officials. Chief Williamson ask for rewording of prior request - he ask for a yes or no in confirmation of some backing now as he had when kind at Chief of Police.

Messers Smith, Giddus and Watson said yes with some qualifications. All police maintenance of a minor nature should be done locally - not out of town.

Mr. Giddus made a motion that the rate of fine for D.U.I. be \$200.00 first time and \$50.00 more for each additional DUI arrests not to exceed \$300.00.

Seconded by Mr. Nickell.

Mr. Giddus will take care of Old Pond for \$37.50 until our next regular meeting. The hour being 11:30 P.M. meeting adjourned.

Jeanette S. Wilson
City Clerk.

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| Police Dept: | Water, Sewerage & Sanitation |
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| Clem Nickell, Co. Chair | Frank Watson, Co Chair |
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| Wayne Giddus Co. Chair | J. J. Smith Co Chair. |

Regular Meeting, June 7, 1976

Mayor Serrano called the meeting to order. All Council members were present. Minutes of May meetings were read and approved.

Mr. Elba Jefferson was present, ^{at meeting} to ask City officials to close a part, approximately 80 ft, of alley between North and Parallel Streets in order that he might connect his two store buildings. Discussion was held and Mr. Frank Watson made a motion that the alley be closed for walkway access ^{from one bldg. to the other} for Mr. Jefferson, motion was seconded by Mr. F. J. Smith, Council agreed.

The necessity of hiring an Oxidation Employee was discussed, Mr. Wayne Giddens made a motion to hire Mr. Clyde Morgan for this position, same duties as before except the mowing for \$82.50 per month, motion was seconded by Mr. Clem Mickell. Mr. Watson agreed, Mr. Smith reserved an opinion until public hearing for our wastewater system. Mr. Morgan said that he would not consider accepting the job as the Oxidation Plant Employee. It should be noted here that the public hearing for our wastewater system is to be held here in City Hall on June 10th, 1976, next Thursday, at 8:00 P.M.

Mr. Carson Lane Perkins has been appointed to the position as City Recorder starting on June 7, 1976. Appointment has been approved by City officials.

Mr. Clem Mickell made a motion that the minimum fine guidelines be adopted as they are listed. Mr. F. J. Smith seconded the motion. Council agreed. Copies are to be submitted to Chief of Police, City Recorder and one for City use to be attached to minutes.

Mr. F. J. Smith made a motion that all those who have been fined \$200.00 for D.U.I. since June 2, should be refunded the amount exceeding \$154.00 which is the amount set by City officials - No second. Mr. Clem Mickell made a motion that the City officials rescind the act of fining \$200.00 for D.U.I. which was adopted at the regular meeting in May, 1976, and refund all over \$154.00 to those who have received such fines since April 1, 1976.

motion was seconded by Mr. F. J. Smith. The legality of such a move to be verified by City Attorney, Mr. W. D. (Jack) Knight. Council Agreed.

Mayor Simmons presented the offer from Mr. Marion Harpe for the city to buy his property situated north of Jones Street and between Parallel Street and Patten Ave. No offers to purchase this land were made.

Day situation and the scattering of garbage was discussed - no workable solution was reached. Problem to be considered at a later date.

Mr. Larry Hayes Environmental Specialist has stated that the city needs a scale for the Chlorine cylinder and a time clock for meter which will enable operator to keep accurate records on daily Chlorine usage & daily pumpage. Mr. Clem Mickell will try to find a scale for Chlorine, and other officials will investigate the installation of time clocks on pumps.

Officials instructed City Clerk to pay Police bills received on Thurs. 27th of May, also received other bills and instructed clerk to pay same. A motion was made by Mr. Frank Watson and seconded by Mr. Clem Mickell that pay checks for anyone working for the city were to be written only once each week, namely on Friday of each week. Council agreed. Mr. Clem Mickell made a motion that all bills be paid, referred last two items on agenda, motion seconded by Mr. Frank Watson. Council agreed.

Mr. Bobby Sammons brought up the feasibility of spraying for mosquitoes - discussion was held and Mr. Wayne Liddens is to investigate a means for combating this problem. Meanwhile a coating of oil on stagnant water was suggested for temporary relief.

Mr. Merion Harpe, Jr. ask city officials to intervene with the rules for paying a fine handed down by City Recorder, Mr. C. Dave Perkins, the rules being payment in full by 6:00 P.M. on June 8, 1976 or 30 days in jail. City officials concurred with ruling of City Recorder.

The brochure included in Police Chief's report, officials

instructed clerk to buy 100 post cards for Police Dept. in amt. of 9.00 for Senior Citizens to reply to letter of assistance offered by Police Dept. This transaction was put into a motion by Mr. Frank Watson and seconded by Mr. Clem Mikell - Council agreed.

An additional light is to be installed at Oxid. Pond. Cards are to be printed to leave under door of business buildings when Police are making night checks. This was approved by Council.

Motion was made by ^{Mr.} Frank Watson that meeting adjourn, seconded by Mr. Clem Mikell - All officials unanimously agreed. Meeting adjourned

Jeanette S. Wilson
City Clerk

Called Meeting June 23, 1976

At 6:00 P.M. Mayor Serrano called the meeting to order - All Councilmen present except Mr. Wayne Hadden. Also present Mr. Eliza Jefferson

The purpose of this meeting was the signing and acceptance of a resolution, quit claim deed and Petition from + for Mr. Eliza Jefferson involving the closing of 80 feet of alley between North and Parallel Streets. This business was executed and completed by 6:30 P.M. at which time meeting adjourned.

Jeanette S. Wilson
City Clerk

Regular Meeting July 5, 1976

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Serrano, all Council members present with the exception of Mr. F. J. Smith. Minutes of June meetings were read by Clerk, minutes were approved as read.

Monthly bills were reviewed - Council instructed Clerk to pay all bills contained in envelopes.

Council members agreed to furnish the Chief of Police four uniforms, and 2 uniforms for Patrolman Marcum provided this meets with the approval of Councilman Smith - Discussion tabled until the next meeting.

Georgia Firemen's Assn. Ins. needs to be renewed at a rate of \$5.00 per man. Council agrees to renew this Ins. and instructed Clerk to Contact Fire Chief for a corrected list of Volunteers, then issue check as soon as possible.

County Commissioner Bradford officially presented a County Fire truck to the City of Lay City and explained that all maintenance and operational costs would be defrayed by the County.

This meeting is to be continued later in the month when officials have returned from vacations to discuss the acquisition of the Laydale Property for a Public Recreational Facility and also a financial ^{report} from Mr. Robert Conner, City's Certified Public Accountant.

Respectfully submitted
Jesse S. Wilson, Clerk

Special Minutes

Aug. 2, 1976 - 7:30 P.M.

On August 2, 1976, at the regular Council meeting, the Mayor and Council of the City of Ray City, held a special session for the purpose of discussing and making first payment towards the purchase of a 25 acre tract of land situated in the City limits of Ray City, Ga, west of Highway 129, on the north side of town. This property is owned by the Langdale Company.

An agreement of purchase had been discussed previously by City Officials and Mr. Gene Quick of the Langdale Co., and the following arrangements for land purchase were found acceptable by both parties.

City of Ray City to furnish an adequate appraisal per acre for the entire 25 acres.

The Langdale Co. will sell the City of Ray City 5 acres at \$2,000.00 per acre, totaling \$10,000.00.

The remaining 20 acres to be donated by The Langdale Co., to the City of Ray City for use as a Public Recreational Park.

Payment schedule to be:

- 1- \$1,000.00 down payment within 60 days
- 2- Balance of principal in four equal parts, ^{annually} plus interest at 6% per annum.
- 3- City Officials agreed to the above terms.

The land appraisal was furnished by Mr. F. J. Luke, ^{Jr.} Luke Realty, Valdosta, Georgia.

The City Clerk was instructed by Officials, at this special meeting, to issue a check for \$1,000.00 to the Langdale Co., initial payment for purchase of above described property. This transaction is to be recorded in the regular book of minutes and a copy furnished to the Langdale Co., noting date of this special meeting, description and location of the minutes, all to be approved and signed by Mayor & Council members. The check ~~is to be~~ ^{is to be} mailed on Aug. 4, 1976, and a copy of these minutes will be available to Mr. Quick by Mon. Aug. 9, 1976.

Special minutes are recorded on pages 153 and 154 in the City's Regular book of minutes and is dated August 2, 1976. The book of minutes is kept on file in City Hall.



Respectfully Submitted
 Juanella S. Wilson, Clerk

Special Minutes approved as ~~read~~ recorded:

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| Jay M. Smart | Mayor |
| Willis W. W. W. | Councilman |
| W. W. W. | Councilman |
| J. W. W. | Councilman |
| Clara M. W. | Councilman |

Regular Meeting Aug. 2, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larrison, all Council members were present. Minutes were read for the July meeting by Clerk and were approved as read.

Chairman of the Police Dept., Mr. Smith agrees with other Council members that the City should furnish Chief Williamson four uniforms and Patrolman Marcum two uniforms.

Mr. Smith brought before City Officials the urgent need to furnish the Auxiliary Policemen with two uniforms each. Auxiliary members present at this meeting were Mr. Sam Wright, Mr. Bobby Cook and Mr. L. J. Miller. These men ask for assistance in defraying expenses for necessary clothing and accessories. Price per uniform average \$45.00.

Mr. Mickell made a motion to reimburse Mr. Cook and Mr. Wright for one uniform each and to buy a uniform for Mr. Miller, then as budget allows buy each man one additional uniform, motion was second by Mr. Smith, all Council members agreed.

Clerk was instructed to check with Mrs. Waller, Lakeland Insurance Agency, about Insurance coverage for Auxiliary Policemen.

Mr. F. J. Smith made a motion that the City eliminate the third policeman, Mr. Jimmie Norton, Mr. Mickell second the motion.

Suggestion was made by Mr. Giddens that both Police cars be used on Friday and Saturday nights, Councilmen Watson, Smith and Mickell agreed to use both cars on weekends, provided the ^{second} ~~2nd~~ Car is used for emergency only. This applies to use during the week also, with one car to always be at the Police Station. Chief of Police should be on duty at night during weekends.

Mr. Wright gave an Auxiliary ^{Police} report as follows:
 In the two and one-half months since the forming of the Auxiliary Police for the City of Lay City, they have logged over 560 hours of work on the job, plus two hours of Police training one night each week. They have assisted in the arrest of one drug pusher five D.U.I. Cases, one possible theft and many other minor Traffic and non-traffic violations. They have assisted in watching the business in

town until they are closed, they assist the Bank with the Friday payroll and help with the daily contact of our Senior Citizens and those people who live alone.

There are three of us at the present time and our long range goal is to have enough Auxiliary Policemen so that our regular Policemen must never ride alone at night. Respectfully submitted
Sam Wright, Aux Police

Clerk instructed by City officials to pay current bills.

Mr. Bobby Sammons was present for the purpose of resigning his position as Lay City Fire Chief. Mr. Sammons suggested that Mr. Wayne Giddens succeed him as Fire Chief. Mr. Giddens has been assistant Fire Chief for the past two years. The reason for Mr. Sammons resignation is that he is moving to Moultrie, Ga. Mr. Sammons has been a definite asset to this Community and he and his family will be missed. Council agreed to accept Mr. Giddens as the City's new Fire Chief.

Officials reviewed the budget for the first 6 months of 1976 along with City accountant Mr. Robert Conner. Departments that are over budget are the Police Department and Salary for City Clerk.

Sewer and water tap-ins were discussed. Mr. Giddens made a motion that all citizens be treated equal and if tap-ins are not paid for within the allotted time according to City Ordinance, then water and sewer service is to be discontinued, motion second by Mr. Watson - all Council members agreed.

It was decided by City Officials that a diesel tank, for city use only, be installed at the Gulf Service Station. All Council members concurred.

A motion was made by Mr. Giddens to approve and accept the Georgia Power Street Light Contract, motion second by Mr. Smith, Council unanimously agreed. Contract was signed, letter and contracts to be forwarded immediately to Mr. Anderson.

Georgia Power Co., Valdosta, Ga.

City Fire Department will be responsible for burning trash on City Park site, with burning to start, weather permitting Aug 3, 1976.

Cost of Thrift Shop License was discussed, a motion was made by Mr. Giddens to issue a license for \$10.⁰⁰, second by Mr. Pickell - Council agreed.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jusselle Wilson

Called meeting Aug. 17, 1976 at 8:45 P.M.

The purpose for this meeting was to discuss cutting of timber on Park site and installation of Street Light behind Lay City Cemetery.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Simons, all Council members, except Mr. Watson, were present.

All officials agreed to having timber cut, to clear way for a perimeter road at Park site. Mayor Simons was appointed to represent the City in the sale of this timber. All proceeds from timber sales is to be turned over to the City of Lay City.

Council agreed to install a street light in back of Cemetery at the Baptist Church on existing utility pole. Clerk instructed to notify La Power Co by letter to install light as soon as possible.

With business completed, meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Called meeting Aug. 23, 1976 at 5:30 P.M.

This meeting was called to sign deeds and deed loans from Laydale Co. for the Park site land purchase and to adopt resolution for water Grant submitted by Miller, Stenerson & Steirichen, Engineering Representatives for the City of Lay City.

Mayor Simons called the meeting to order, all Council members present. The attached resolution was read and a motion was made by Mr. Watson that we adopt this resolution as read.

motion second by Mr. Smith and carried by Council - all officials in agreement.

Deeds and deed loan contracts for payment of property acquired from The Lanydale Co. were signed and properly executed. Copies of payment contract will be filed in City Hall, Original Contract is to be returned to The Lanydale Co. on Aug. 24, 1976.

Council and Mayor agreed to abide by City rules in that our local City dump is restricted to the use of City residents only and said residents may take trash to City dump during normal operating hours ~~only~~ if permission is granted by City Officials.

The build-up of a mound at the City Park site was discussed. Officials agreed to visit site after this meeting adjourned to visably determine what adjustments are necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Jesselle S. Wilson, Clerk

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 7th, 1976

At 8:00 P.M. regular Council meeting was called order by Mayor Lermans, all Council members were present except Mr. Watson. Minutes for the month of August were read and approved as read. Monthly bills were reviewed by City Officials, Clerk was instructed to pay all current bills.

A letter of resignation from B.P. Williamson, Chief of Police, was read, Council members and Mayor accepted the resignation. A written request is to be submitted to Mr. Williamson for items of City property to be returned to City Hall by Friday, Sept. 10, 1976. Clerk instructed to compile list of items to be given to City Officials for the purpose of collecting same.

A motion was made by Mr. Nibell that each sewer tap-in is to be inspected by a City Official before the sewer line has been covered, motion second by Mr. Giddens. All Council members agreed. Mr. Wassley

is to be the inspector for top-ins after mobile home has been installed.

Discussion concerning sewer top-ins, and payment of same, was tabled until Mr. Watson can be present at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Marcum and Mr. Norton are to continue on the Ray City Police Force. A third man will not be hired. At a later date it will be decided which man will be designated as the Chief of Police and what salary should be paid to each man.

Mr. Lewis' sewer top-in was discussed, an estimate of cost was presented - no decision was reached, this matter was tabled until next regular Council meeting.

Councilman Watson was able to attend this Council meeting before adjournment and upon a motion made by Mr. Watson, Finance Chairman, then second by Mr. Smith and unanimously passed. The Citizens Bank was redesignated as depository for city funds.

There being no other business, meeting adjourned.

Juanelle S. Wilson
City Clerk

Special meeting, Wednesday, September 22, 1976 7:30 P.M.

This special ^{meeting} was called to submit specifications to local automobile dealers for bids on a new Police car and to grant permission to Mrs. Emory Summelle to install a gas tank in the alley between Parallel & North Streets for furnishing heat at the Victory Soda Shop and Summelle's Dry Goods store, also a desk for the Police station.

Mayor and all Council members were present at this meeting also Police Chief Norton and Asst. Chief Marcum.

Police Chief Norton submitted a bid from The Laydole Co. in Valdosta for a car on hand and immediately available as follows:

one four-door, white Ford Torino, with air conditioning, 351-V8 motor, heavy duty electric system, steel belted radial tires, power steering and brakes, tinted glass, remote mirror, and heavy duty handling suspension. Price \$4,479.56.

Mr. Smith made a motion to buy the car from The Laugdale Co, motion second by Mr. Mikell and unanously accepted by all officials.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith that a siren, speaker and scanner be purchased and installed in the new Police Car, motion second by Mr. Mikell ^{all} Council members agreed.

Officials agreed that City Recorder's Court might be held in City Hall, if the Police Dept. so desired.

It was unanously agreed with Mayor and Council members that Mrs. Emory Scumille install a gas tank ^{in alley} for heating her two stores between Parallel and North Streets.

Purchase of a desk for the Police Station was discussed, Clerk and Police Force instructed to try to find a good used desk to buy.

There being no other business meeting adjourned.

Jeanette S. Wilson

City Clerk
to the City of Ray City

Mrs. Emory Scumille gave permission, for the Citizens Bank and Ray City Farm Service to erect shelters for the school children on her vacant lot west of North Street and adjacent to the Eliza Jefferson property.

Regular Council Meeting Oct. 2, 1976 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Godwin called the meeting to order - all Council members were present. Mayor Serrano not present due to illness.

The minutes of Sept. meetings were read. a motion was made by Mr. Truckell that minutes be approved as read - all Council members agreed.

(Police Dept.)
Guidelines fees and/or charges were reviewed and Council agreed that arresting officer should use his judgment according to existing offense. A motion was made to make adjustments to Guidelines by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Watson, Council concurred.

The need for Street repairs was discussed, and it was agreed that holes at J. L. Woods, J. D. Conis, and Leonard residence should have immediate attention and that any other Street maintenance needed should be done immediately. Clerk instructed to see Mr. Woolley to make repairs with both fire dirt and asphalt as soon as possible, weather permitting.

Council members are to investigate the need of a Street light on Pauline Street between Elizabeth Suggs and A. B. Coplands residences.

Discussion was held concerning a 35-40 ft pole on J. V. Tower for radio antenna and fire alarm. Clerk instructed to call Mr. Becham and find out cost of pole and installation thru the La. Power Co., Fire alarm is to have a switch at both City Hall and the Police Station.

Current bills were reviewed, envelopes were signed by officials authorizing Clerk to pay same.

There being no other business meeting adjourned.

Juanille L. Wilson
Clerk

Regular Council Meeting - Monday Nov. 1, 1976 - 7:00 P.M.

The regular, ^{monthly} Council Meeting was held on Nov. 1, 1976 with all officials present and Mayor Serrano presiding. Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved as read.

Discussion was held concerning an antenna for the Police radio and fire alarm. Prices for a pole and ~~price~~ of installation by La Power was considered prohibitive and Mr. Diddens made a motion to buy a 50 ft tower from Dennis, ^{Fabrications} at \$3.50 per ft. to be installed on concrete slab with supporting guy wire, motion was second by Mr. Smith. All Council members agreed.

Public hearing for 201 Facilities Phase II is scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 1976, at 8:00 P.M. at City Hall. City Officials are to meet with the Engineers at 7:00 P.M. to review a resolution concerning Phase I, preceding Public Hearing at 8:00 P.M. All persons interested and involved with this project, especially those in our local area will be notified of this meeting by letter or telephone the first week of November.

Discussion about purchase of pipe and fittings exceeding \$75.00 was held. Council agreed to pay Morrison's full amount due for Oct purchase of pipe and fittings.

The installation of sewer and water pipe for Williamson's Trailer Park was discussed. It was decided that an easement should be obtained from Mr. Williamson to install ^{necessary} pipe for sewer and water on Melanie Lane, a private drive. When easement is obtained a fee of \$125.00 for sewer tap-in and \$25.00 for water tap-in for each trailer will be paid to the city upon completion of installation. All officials agree to the above stipulations. Mr. Diddens made a motion that at least half the cost of sewer and water tap-in be paid in advance, with balance to be paid in monthly installments of at least 25.00 per month, and if subscriber misses one payment, his water service would be discontinued. Mr. Smith second the motion and Council members agreed except Mr. McKell.

The City Trieman are planning their annual supper to be held at Ray Respond on Nov. 8. Officials agree to pay for food and clerk instructed to write check when Pie Chief Diddens

submits statement of amount required.

City Officials voted not to participate in the Mayor's Watercade to Milledgeville this year. They feel that we should do something special for our local Senior Citizens instead.

City budget for 1977 was discussed - a motion was made by Mr. Watson that a 1977 budget be prepared by Mr. Conner using the 1976 budget as a guideline - second by Mr. Giddens - Council members agreed. Mr. Conner will submit proposed budget for official approval at the December meeting.

The bid from Mr. Frank Studstuei was reviewed. It concerns sewer and water tap-in at 98 Jackson St., and, ^{also} resurfacing where it was crossed. Officials requested that City Clerk contact three Companies for bids on above mentioned work to determine fair price to be paid to Mr. Studstuei. Clerk also asked to contact City attorney as to the disposition of bonding cleaning and tax charges for Marion Harper.

City officials appointed Mrs. Carter, ^{Mr} Mrs. Pueris, ^{to be held} Clerk and Mrs. Wilson, ^{clerk} to hold the City election, on Dec. 7, 1976. Mrs. Carter will be Chairman. There will be two Council members elected., deadline for qualifying is Sat, Nov. 20th at 12 noon, qualifying fee is \$15.00 for each Candidate, registration book is to be closed Nov. 12, 1976, polls to open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Mickel that Mrs. L. N. Carter be used as a substitute Clerk in the absence of Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Giddens, carried by Council.

A newsletter is to be prepared for official approval and signatures. Then reproduced for mailing on Dec. 1, 1976 with a copy of this letter enclosed with the minutes of this regular Nov. meeting.

Delinquent taxes collected during the month of October amounts to \$894.37

There will be a meeting on Tues. Nov. 23rd, 1976 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall with City Officials and Mr. Robert E. Dr. Beth, a representative of the Ga. Community Betterment Program, to brief Officials about this program

and how to enter the competition. John De Moe of Coates Plain APDC. will also attend this meeting.

Clerk was asked to submit a bill to the County Commissioners' Office for garbage truck trips to landfill during the month of October giving round trip mileage, amount of gasoline used and days and dates of trips.

Business Completed - meeting adjourned.

Juanelle S. Wilson, Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Dec. 9, 1976 at 7:00 P.M.

Regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Larrison, all Council members were present. Minutes were read for the Nov. meeting and were approved as read. Bills were reviewed by officials, Clerk instructed to pay all except those otherwise marked. Clerk was instructed to purchase log books for recording fines, long distance telephone calls and clean-up hours and charges. The log book recordings are to begin in Jan. 1977.

Shotgun shells were purchased from Miller's Supplies, Inc. by Aux. Police Dept. to use for turkey shoots and will be paid by them. Policeman Edward M. Marcrum is enrolled and has been accepted for school at Abraham Baldwin College, in Tifton, to begin Jan. 10, 1977.

Mr. Watson made a motion to let Mr. Emory Webb have his business license at the same price as last year, Mr. Webb second the motion. all members agreed. Let it be noted that the City has approved Mr. Webb's license for 1977.

Mr. Smith made a motion that we start using the dog pound again for stray dogs, using catch pens to apprehend them, with dogs not to be held in the pound more than seven days at 2.00 per day with a pick up fee of 3.00. Motion second by Mr. Giddens, all officials agreeing. A newsletter is to be sent in Jan. relaying this information to all residents and included will

be a warning that anyone sitting the days out of the period will be fined accordingly.

Clerk was instructed to call Georgia Power Co. about leasing Christmas street decorations for next year, with a limit of \$100.00 to spend for this purpose. Fire Chief Giddens will be in charge of putting Christmas street lights and Christmas tree at City Hall. No limit set for these expenditures.

A motion was made by Mr. Mickell that Mr. Giddens be hired to put up Christmas lights and that he get one person to help. Mr. Giddens to be paid \$4.⁰⁰ per hour, the helper to be paid 2.30 per hour. Motion was second by Mr. Smith, all other Council members agreed.

Mr. Conner, City Auditor, assisted the City officials in expediting Grants and Resolutions submitted by Miller, Steunson & Steunick, Inc., Engineers for the Odiation Pond, Sewer Treatment Facility.

Mr. Watson made a motion to adopt Phase I Resolution that reads: Whereas, the City of Ray City proposed to construct projects for the abatement of water pollution consisting of wastewater treatment works, and Whereas, the City of Ray City has held a public hearing to review the alternatives available for the regeneration of existing sewer facilities and/or construction of new facilities, and Whereas, the City of Ray City has received the various alternatives available and analyzed the results of the public hearing.

Now, Therefore, It is Resolved that the City of Ray City select the plan to construct sewer collector lines, trunk lines and treatment facilities described as Discharge to Surface Water in the 201 Facilities Plans developed by Miller, Steunson & Steunick, Inc., for the City of Ray City in accordance with Public Law 92-500, Title II regulations (40CFR 35.917) Approved this 9th day of December, 1976. City of Ray City, Ia. Jay M. Simmons, Mayor - Motion seconded by Mr. Mickell, all Council members agree.

Mr. Mickell made a motion to adopt Phase II Resolution that reads: Whereas, the City of Ray City proposes to construct projects for the abatement

of water pollution consisting of wastewater treatment works, and where, the City of Ray City is eligible for Federal grant assistance under Title II of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, P.L. 92-500, Now, therefore, It is Resolved that the City of Ray City prepare and submit an application to the Environmental Protection Agency for a Step 2 (preparation of plans and specifications) grant under provisions of P.L. 92-500, It is Further Resolved that Jay M. Sermans, Mayor for the City of Ray City is authorized to execute all forms and applications on behalf of the City of Ray City for this project, and that hereinafter all documents so executed will be valid and will reflect the intentions of the City of Ray City.

Approved this 9th day of December, 1976.

Jesselle S. Wilson
Title: City Clerk

motion second by Mr. Giddus, all officials in agreement.

Mr. Watson made a motion to adopt the Governance Project Competition Program resolution as read, motion seconded by Mr. Giddus, all Council members agreed. Resolution and application to be submitted to Mr. M. B. Bat. Lighting for the Park ball fields was discussed, members of the Council are investigating the possibility of acquiring lights through Moody A. F. Base.

Officials are agreed to haul fill sand from Little River pit at 3.50 per load to fill mud holes, repair streets and drives. Residents with problems requiring fill sand are, Merwin, Mikell, ^{Giddus} Watson, Diamond, Sermans, Wood, Cox, Martin and the Cafe.

Clerk instructed to call County Commissioners concerning dirt roads in the City limits that are badly in need of grading.

The use of purchase orders was discussed, it was decided that bills without accompanying purchase orders beginning Jan. 1, 1977, will not be paid by the City. Letters are to be written to businesses where the City has charge accounts that purchases are not to be permitted

without accompanying purchase orders. Mr. Watson made a motion that the City adopt the use of purchase orders in all City ~~procurement~~ ^{buying} to be issued under the signature of the City Clerk, and to be filed under the proper department beginning Jan 1, 1977. Mr. Reddus second the motion, all Council members concurred.

A log will be kept for all fire calls, a stand is needed for refilling Fire Engine water tanks.

Officials agreed to purchase items for Children's Christmas Party and fruit baskets for Senior Club-Luncheon. The delivery of the baskets and the Children's Party is scheduled for Saturday Afternoon, Dec. 18, 1976.

Mrs. Marion and Howell Harpe applied for a building permit for construction of a commercial bldg on their property located between the railroad and the Citizens Bank on Main St.

There being no further business - meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Jesse S. Wilson, Clerk

Called meeting at 6:00 P.M. Thurs. Dec. 16, 1976

An emergency meeting was held on this date with all City officials present for the purpose of discussing the construction of a new Fire Station.

A motion was made and unanimously carried that construction should begin on Mon. Dec. 20th, 1976, on Main Street property owned by the City with Albert Studstill hired as Construction Foreman at a rate of \$6.00 per hr. His service is to include labor, use of his equipment and tools and job supervision.

In the absence of City Clerk, Frank Watson, Councilman, acted as recorder. There being no other business meeting adjourned.

Regular Council Meeting, January 3, 1977 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Council was called to order by Mayor Slemmons with all Councilmen present. Minutes for December meetings were read, minutes approved as read.

In the category of old business discussion was held as to whether Christmas Strah Lights should be left up or removed and stored. Subsequently this topic of discussion was tabled until a later date.

The day situation was reviewed. Councilman-elect Purvis ventured to check in Valdosta as to cost of catch pens, and the feasibility of the City of Lay City acquiring day catch pens, either by purchasing the pens, or by building them.

The City received a check for 3,500.⁰⁰ from the Berrien County Commissioners towards the construction of a new Disc Station. Commissioners also paid ^{78.00} for County landfill trips from Oct. through Dec. 1976.

Samples of Nashville's Fire Dept. reports were reviewed and it was decided to have similar copies made for use in the City of Lay City.

New Councilmen Watson and Purvis, who were elected in Dec. were sworn into office by City Clerk and welcomed by other City officials. Mr. Mikell - outgoing Councilman, was thanked for his service on the Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Watson that all City employees be re-hired for the year 1977, second by Mr. Purvis - all officials agreed.

The fees for City licenses was discussed, not enough time for thorough examination, subject tabled until next Council meeting.

Chairman and Co-chairman for city departments for 1977 were appointed by the Mayor as follows:

Police - Buddy Purvis - Chair - T. J. Smith Co. Chair.
 Streets - T. J. Smith - Chair - Wayne Giddens Co. Chair.
 Police - Frank Watson - Chair - Buddy Purvis Co. Chair
 Water, Sewer & Sanitation - Wayne Giddens - Chair, Frank Watson - Co. Chair

Councilman Purvis was selected as Mayor

Pro Tem, by the body, with all members in unanimous agreement.

Construction of New Fire Station was discussed, all officials were pleased with progress thus far. Drive to Main St is needed. State Highway Dept. is to be asked if they will do this work including the paving. A drive way is also needed for the back of the building, type of materials to be used on back drive way were discussed also wiring of the building. Cost of this new building is being monitored regularly to avoid overspending also all departure from the City zoning ordinance has been approved by City Attorney and a formal resolution is being prepared for officials to review at the next meeting.

Fire fees and the payments of volunteer fire fighters was discussed, the fees are \$10.00 for County, \$6.00 for City. These fire fighters answering calls will be responsible for clean-up and refilling water tanks, otherwise city employees will be paid extra to render this service. All city employees will be paid for fire fighting and also allowed to make 8 hrs. time on their regular job.

The hiring of a firm to assist the City in securing secondary grants was discussed. These firms are available at no cost to municipalities if no grants are issued.

It was suggested that a central place be designated for all City Correspondence so that City officials may have access to same for reading and studying.

This meeting to be continued on Thurs. Jan. 6, 1977 at 7:00 P. M.

Meeting reconvened on Jan. 3, 1977 at 10:00 P. M. so that Councilman Purvis might present the following motion:

That the City buy two C. B. Radio sets with one to be used in the Ford Police Car, and the other one to be installed in the Street, Sewer & Sanitation Vehicle, motion second by Mr. Giddens - All unanimously agreed.

Continuation of Regular Council Meeting, Jan. 6, 1977

~~Continuation~~ Meeting Called to order by Mayor Sermons, all Council members present.

Amendments ^{and additions} to 1976 License Fee Ordinance were discussed and certain changes were made and are listed and attached to this section of the minutes. Councilman Purvis made a motion that all License Fee amendments ^{and additions} be accepted, second by Councilman Watson - all members of the body agree.

Councilman Watson made a motion to renew the two certificates at The Citizens Bank, second by Councilman Purvis, all officials concurred.

A motion was made to wait for the budget report before setting tax millage for 1977 by Mr. ~~Watson~~ second by Mr. Watson - all Council agree.

The City will pay tuition, room, board and transportation at ABAC, Tifton, Ga. for Policeman Marcum. These expense items will be reimbursed by the State upon completion of the 6 weeks of school. Tuition 388.00, Room 48.00.

It was agreed by all Councilmen that the Police Dept. select a temporary replacement for Policeman Marcum while he is attending school. Policeman Cook requested that Jemie H. Norton be the replacement - with Norton on night duty while Policeman Cook takes the day duty. Pay for replacement is to be same weekly as regular that of Policemen.

The City officials agreed to pay a \$50.00 reward for conviction of persons or persons who have damaged City signs. The fine to be levied will be \$300.00 for anyone found guilty.

Discussion was held concerning sewer lines at the Barrentine Cafe and the future installation of mobile homes. City Officials agreed that regular sewer and water tap-in fees would be charged.

The Council instructed City Clerk to notify by letter those residents who are delinquent in payment for sewer and water tap-ins namely B. P. Williamson, Elton Dupree, Luccenia Johnson Larry Nubel and Joe Sermons, that full

payment must be made by Jan. 21, 1977. An appropriate letter is to be drafted by Council members at a called meeting to meet with Marion Harpe, Sr. which is scheduled for next Thurs. Jan. 13, 1977.

Councilman Geddes made a motion that beginning Jan. 6, 1977 all sewer and water tap-ins will be recorded at City Hall before any installation begins. Work order will be presented to Mayor and Council for approval to determine when and if installation is to be made, second by Councilman Purvis. All of the body agreed.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully

Joanette Wilson, C. Clerk.

Called Meeting Sat. Jan 29, 1977 8:30 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting was to decide type of closure for the back of the New Fire Station.

Mayor Serrano called the meeting to order, all Council members present.

Motion was made ^{by Mr. Watson} that three garage doors be installed at the back of New Fire Station as originally agreed upon at last regular Council Meeting. There was no second. The above motion was amended as follows: Motion made by Mr. Watson to install two garage doors in the back of the new Fire Station building, this motion was second by Mr. Geddes, Councilman Smith agreed thus carrying the motion. Councilman Purvis and Mayor Serrano opposed this motion.

Business Completed - meeting adjourned.

Called Meeting Mon. Jan 31, 1977 at 7:30 P.M.

To discuss property clean-up and taxes concerning Mr. Marion Harpe, Sr.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Purvis and then Mr. Purvis opened the meeting with prayer. Councilmen, Watson, Smith and Geddes were present, also Messrs Johnny and Howell Harpe.

A General discussion was held concerning property clean-up within the City limits and a report of no response from those who have received recent letters asking them to do some cleaning lead the following people to volunteer for personal contact. Mr. Watson will contact Mr. Warr and Ray City Farm Service. Mr. Giddens is to contact Mr. M. C. Arthur.

The next topic was that concerning the delinquent payment for clean-up and taxes in 1975. Re: Marion Harpe, Sr. Mr. Watson made a motion to grant one ^{337.53} third off of the 1,012.50 total charges for clean-up. There was no second. After further discussion it was decided by the entire body to deduct \$500.00 from \$1,012.50 considering loss of trees and fencing to be accepted or rejected by Mr. Harpe at the regular Council meeting in Feb. 1977. If offer not accepted on designated date and at that time paid in full, charges will revert to the original amount and which is to be paid along with 1975 & 1976 city taxes on date decided by Council for total payment of all charges against Mr. Harpe.

Business completed - meeting adjourned.

Jesselle S. Wilson
City Clerk

Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1977 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Serrano, all Council members present. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mr. H. M. Creech.

Minutes for January meeting were read, correction was made on motion made by Mr. Watson concerning one third off on Harpe Clean-up bill - the deduction was offered in lieu of extra burning ^{truck} on his land - after corrections were noted - January minutes were approved.

Bills were reviewed by City Officials, envelopes were signed authorizing payment.

One day catch pen was constructed by City Officials and one purchased from Mr. Walker for \$35.00. Pens are placed in areas where dogs have been a nuisance.

Police report was given by Mr. Bobby Cook, a list of needed items were submitted for purchase as follows:
 1 pr. handcuffs - 64 D 110N 15.15, 4 long sleeved shirts 67-0201 46.00, 2 collar Insignias 7 1/2" style 10, 6.64, 2 collar insignias style 5, 6.64.

Policeman Cook asked that the Aux police, who will be working extra hours, until Policeman Maroum finishes school be paid. It was suggested by, Mr. Wright, Aux policeman, that Mr. Cook keep a log of hours and if the Auxiliary help desires pay, the salary would be 2.50 per hour. Otherwise the work will be given free leaving the decision up to the individual involved. Radio from wrecked police car is to be converted to a base radio station with conversion and installation to be made by members of the Council.

Discussion was held concerning installation of C. B. radios in designated City vehicles, also what to do with collapsed Police antenna and fire alarm. It was decided to provide temporary connection for the fire alarm, lean the antenna building and securing same for safety. Then upon completion of construction of new Fire Station, antenna is to be re-erected with cement base and ample supporting guy wires.

Inventory of all water and sewer supplies and equipment on hand was requested by Councilman Siddens. Clerk was instructed to contact Mr. Woodley and ask him to prepare an inventory for review by the next regular Council

meeting date.

It has come to the body's attention that a stray dog, male, black, has tried to bite pedestrians along Pauline St., between Main and Jackson Sts. A decision was made by the body to try to catch this dog in one of the catch pens and put animal in the pound for the required length of time.

A motion was made by Mr. Watson that the City adopt the Fire Station resolution, was second by Mr. Giddens, the body unanimously agreed.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that CPA, Mr. Robert Conner, be hired for the year 1977 as City auditor. This motion was second by Mr. Purvis, all Council agreed.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that we retain an attorney from the firm of Knight, Perry and Franklin, as city attorney for the year 1977. Motion second by Mr. Giddens - all Council members agreed.

Motion was made by Mr. Purvis to retain C. Lane Perkins as City Recorder, second by Mr. Smith. Councilman Watson agreed - Councilman Giddens opposed.

Mr. Watson reported that Mr. Warr has started clean-up on his property, Ray City Farm Service agreed to clean-up around their place of business, weather permitting.

Mr. Marion Harpe submitted a statement saying that his losses amounted to \$954.40 on his property, (Re: Council meeting concerning delinquent payment for clean-up charges) and that he thought the City had unjustly treated him in not allowing more than \$500.00 off of the original charges, and he asked for further consideration. Council considered Mr. Harpe's statement and the body agreed to grant an additional \$75.00 deduction. \$47.31 has been paid and Mr. Harpe will pay the balance of \$434.81 within the next 10 days.

^{if not paid} ^{will} ^{be} ^{paid} ^{to} ^{original} ^{amount.}
 City CPA, Mr. Robert Conner reported on correspondence from F.H.A. concerning loan and grant for water improvements for the City of Ray City which pertained to scheduled meeting to be held at City Hall on Thurs. Dec. 17, 1977 at 1:00 P.M. The City

officials, City attorney, City CPA, City Engineers, ~~and~~, ^{all} urged to be present to meet with Mr. Chetnon and District Director of Farmers Home Administration.

The body agreed to concrete the front of the Fire Station from Main St to doors of building.

Meeting adjourned to be continued on Wed., Feb. 16, 1977 at 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, February 16, 1977, 7:00 P.M. Continuation of Regular Council Meeting.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Simmons, all Council members present except Mr. Liddens.

Mr. Kelly Dawsey, Coastal Plain APDC was present at this meeting to explain the Flood Disaster Control Plan for Ray City and the City's responsibility in adapting an Ordinance to meet Federal requirements for Designated Flood Plain areas. Mr. Dawsey, ~~is~~ is the Coordinator between the City and Flood Disaster Control Insurance Co. A motion was made by Mr. Purvis to adopt the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, motion was second by Mr. Watson. All officials agreed.

The two dog catch pens, owned by the City, have been stolen, a \$100.00 reward is being offered for each trap for conviction of person or persons responsible for this theft.

It was agreed that Attorney Lee Franklin be contacted and asked to prepare an Ordinance concerning the discharging of firearms in the City limits with a fine of \$25.00 each discharge. This Ordinance is to also include B.B. guns. This is to be prepared by the Attorney in time to be read for adoption at the next regular Council Meeting.

The City Attorney is to be called and asked what legal action can be taken if regular fees are not paid for sewer and water tap-ins.

The body decided that a letter should be written to Mr. Howard Ray and ask him to see that the Ray City Post Office is connected to the City Sewer System. The sewer tap-in has been paid but the building was never connected to the sewer lines. City Officials ask Mr. Ray to respond to this request by March 7, 1977.

A copy of this correspondence is to be forwarded to the Ray City Postmaster.

On Friday, Feb. 25, 1977 at 1:30 P.M. a special meeting is to be held with Certified Public Accountant Robert Conner to review June - Dec 1976 audit and the proposed 1977 budget. This being a called meeting no other topics will be discussed.

Paul Newbern is available to repair the Ray City water tank line. Mr. Newbern is to be called on Thurs, Feb. 17, 1977, by Mayor Simmons and hired to make the necessary repairs.

The functioning of the Fire Dept. was discussed and it was decided by the officials present that the Fire Chief would no longer receive a monthly salary but would be paid 10.⁰⁰ per fire he attends whether in the City or the County. Fire fighters are to be paid \$6.⁰⁰ in the City, + \$10.⁰⁰ in the County for each call answered. Discussion was held concerning the appointment of an Asst. Fire Chief, the person selected for this post must be approved by the Council. The body is considering taking Engine #2 to Mr. Billy Cruch for sand blasting.

The 1975 taxes of Bobby Ashby was discussed and it was decided ^{by council} after reviewing all available records, that sufficient proof of payment was not established, therefore the 1975 City taxes are still due.

The installing of a city gas tank for supplying gasoline to all City vehicles was discussed. Many pros and cons were aired, it was decided that further study is needed before a decision can be reached.

Business Completed - meeting adjourned.

Called meeting at 3:15 P.M. Feb. 17, 1977

Mayor and all Council members present. The purpose for this meeting was to adopt the following resolution. quote " Resolution - Whereas the United States Department of America, Farmers Home Administration, has proposed to make a loan to the city not to exceed

\$ 270 000 00 make a grant to the
 City not exceed
 sewer improvement; a
 in need of such ; and now
 Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Mayor and
 City Council of the City of Ray City, Georgia, all
 members being present

is of intent to meet the
 immediately. So Resolved,
 77,
 and Council. Signed
 Councilmen Frank Watson, Wayne
 Giddens, T. J. Smith, G.
 L. by seal affixed.
 made a motion that the
 above Resolution be adopted, second by Mr. Buddy
 sly agreed.
 Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P. M.

Wayne Giddens and Frank Watson.
 This meeting was called for the purpose of
 reviewing June through Dec. 1976 Audit and a preliminary
 budget for 1977 presented
 Robert Conner. Mr. Conner explained both reports
 and offered some suggestions.
 Since there was no
 discussion will be
 Council meeting at which time a decision should
 reviews and discussion -
 Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,
 Jewell L. Halton
 City Clerk

Regular Council Meeting, March 7, 1977 at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sirmans, all council members present. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Deyd Mitchell, Pastor Ray City Methodist Church.

Minutes for February meetings were read by the Clerk and were approved as read.

The dog problem was again discussed, Mr. Giddens is to get a tranquilizer gun to use with weekend to round up stray dogs. It was decided to dispose of those dogs who have been in the pound for longer than seven days. A trap door is to be installed at the opening of the garbage pit behind Jefferson's store to catch stray dogs. Council decided to buy another catch pen and possibly to build one.

Water tank repairs are to be made this weekend by Wayne Giddens and Howell Harpe, at a price pre determined by the body.

Motion was made by Mr. Perrais to adopt the Ordinance Prohibiting the discharge of Firearms in the City limits, motion second by Mr. Watson - all officials agreed.

Leaves and water top-ins were discussed. Mr. Elder Dupree and Mr & Mrs. Elton Dupree were present to discuss the City Charges for top-ins at 204 North St. After discussion a decision was made to table the Dupree top-ins until a later date.

An audit of the City books, from through Dec. 1976 was reviewed, as well as the budget proposed for 1977, which was submitted by CPA Robert D. Conner. Mr. Watson made a motion to adopt the budget resolution as follows:

Be It Resolved that the budget of estimated revenues of \$96,929.00 and appropriations of \$99,885.00 for all operating funds of the Town of Ray City, Georgia, for the year ending December 31, 1977, as presented to this meeting, be and the same is hereby

adopted, ratified and approved, and, Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of the budget for the year ending December 31, 1977, as presented to this meeting and as hereby adopted be filed with and made a part of the minutes of this meeting, motion second by Mr. Giddens, body unanimously agreed. In conjunction with audit, several changes in procedure were recommended by Mr. Conner in a separate letter. Recommendations noted and accepted by Council and Mayor, with a motion from Mr. Watson to adopt recommendations accompanying the year end 1976 audit, Mr. Giddens second the motion. body agreed.

A motion was made by Mr. Watson to accept letter of requirements for city auditor and to establish retainer fee on a monthly basis, motion second by Mr. Purvis, all officials agreed.

Lighting for the new fire station was discussed, fluorescent lights are to be installed, with the two on the side beams to burn at all times to provide continuous lighting. Next on the agenda was the painting of the fire station. It was decided that the City would furnish necessary materials and the volunteer firemen will do the painting. Details such as time and date are to be arranged by Fire Chief - Wayne Giddens and Assistant Fire Chief - Clyde Morgan. Only the County truck is to answer calls outside the City limits and if assistance is needed other local County units are to be contacted. Within the City only one truck should answer calls leaving one truck in reserve to be called if needed. Volunteer firemen will not be paid until a list of eligible firefighters who have answered calls is submitted to the City Clerk by Fire Chief - Wayne Giddens.

Interest on Delinequish 1976 taxes is set to start on March 20th, 1977.

At this point it was decided to dismiss and continue this regular meeting on Thurs., March 17th, 1977, at 7:30 P.M.

Phon. March 17, 1977

Continuation of Regular Council Meeting 7:30 P.M.

Mayer Serrano and all Council members present.

Die Engine #2 was sandblasted by Billy Creek at a cost of \$140.00 on March 16, 1977 in preparation for painting.

Sewer and water tap-ins were again discussed. City Officials agreed that \$125.00 will remain the fee to be paid for sewer tap-in and \$25.00 for water tap-in. Mr. Woodley is to secure a list of all mobile homes in Ray City for review by City Officials.

The governing body decided that if a volunteer fireman misses three or more meetings he will be dropped from the active volunteer roster and ineligible to receive payment for fire calls. Fire Chief Giddins phone number is to be used as an alternate for after duty fire calls.

There being no further business meeting adjourned -

Jeanette S. Wilson, City Clerk

Called meeting Mon. March 28th, 1977 - 7:30 P.M.

The purpose of this meeting was to hire a policeman.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Serrano, all Council members present except Mr. Smith.

Discussion was held concerning the hiring of a police officer to replace Officer Bobby Cook. Mr. Cook submitted a letter of resignation which was accepted by Council.

Mr. Ben Jones was interviewed by the body and it was favorably decided that Mr. Jones be hired. Mr. Perrins made a motion that the City hire Mr. Ben Jones, motion second by Mr. Watson, all members present agreed.

Mr. Jones is to start to work on Tues., March 29th, 1977 at a salary of \$125.00 per week.

Mr. Jones was sworn into office by Mayor Sermans.

Discussion concerning Patrolman Bennfield, a recent replacement for Patrolman Marcorum, will be held at a later date when all Council members can be present.

No further business - meeting adjourned.

Juanelle S. Wilson, City Clerk

Regular Council Meeting - Monday, April 11, 1977

This meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mayor Sermans with all Council members present. The meeting began with a prayer offered by Mr. Billy Mathis.

Minutes for March meetings were read and stand approved as read.

Mayor Sermans talked with Lt. Power about repair to street lights on Pauline St. These lights have been out for some time and Lt. Power promised that they would render prompt repair service.

Insurance coverage for city property, equipment and assets was discussed. A list of changes in our policies is to be prepared by Council and made available to City Clerk so that the following Agencies may be contacted and ask to submit bids: Prudential, Nationwide, Houston-Griskins, and Bennett Ins. Co.

Letter of public hearing concerning upgrading sewer water system is to be mailed to all residents with next water statement, and notice is also to be published in local newspapers. This hearing will take place at our next regular Council meeting on May 9, 1977. Councilman Watson is to assist in preparing this notice for printing.

Clifton Harrell was present at this meeting to request that City Officials make necessary arrangements for opening the extension of Dupre St., that runs between the Harrell and Harpe property.

Council instructed Clerk to notify Mr. Woodley to cut off water where any resident is delinquent with payment. Council will set up testing for Calibrating water meters in order to determine if the meters are mal functioning. Mayor Simmons is to take care of installing this facility.

The body agreed to purchase necessary tools and tool box for use by City employees. Mr. Woodley is to be responsible for all tools used by other employees.

Councilman Higgins will secure needed ball valves for Fire Hydrants.

No new shirts are to be purchased by the police department.

Ford Police car to be checked by Langdale Co. for service - windows, gears, etc. Complaints on Car are to be written up by Councilman Watson.

Mr. Mather was kind enough to brief City Officials on a change in procedure for procuring used equipments and other surplus items from Moody Field. Starting Oct. 17, 1977, this new procedure will be initiated and Mr. Mather may be contacted to see if materials & equip are on hand that we need, if so can be earmarked for purchase for future date of sale.

Councilman Purais will secure hot and cold rack for Fire Department.

Desks for Police and Fire Department are needed, they are to be secured from Moody as soon as suitable desks are available.

Time Off for Poliamon Benefield was discussed and will be included on requested work schedule.

City will furnish water pipe for Park in the amount of \$100.⁰⁰ - Installation to be supervised by Mayor Simmons.

Policeman Benefield is officially approved by the body and is being considered for the position as Chief of Police.

Business Completed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Juanelle S. Wilson, Clerk

Regular Council Meeting - Monday May 9, 1977

Regular Council meeting called to order on May 9, 1977, by Mayor J. M. Serrano at 8:00 P.M. All Council members present. The meeting was opened by a prayer recited by Clifton Harrell.

First topic of discussion was the upgrading of the City Water system. Several Citizens were present at this meeting who took an active part in the pro and con discussion. It was suggested by Dannie Harrell that Council review all materials pertaining to said project. Complete and have available for public examination a narrative report for study, then decide if project is acceptable by Citizens individual vote. At this meeting no show of hands was requested.

Councilman Perris made a motion that the City give \$25.00 each to Men's Softball Team and Women's Softball Team, motion second by Councilman Giddens, all Council agree.

Motion was made by Councilman Perris that the body accept the Bicycle Ordinance as presented, motion second by Councilman Giddens. All Council members agree. This Ordinance to be filed in designated binder for said official documents.

City decided against hauling old wire to landfill for Mrs. Jessie Waters.

A raise in pay for City employees was discussed. A motion was made by Councilman Perris that Mr. Hoastly should have two weeks vacation each year and that his salary be increased to 3.50 per hour and that City Clerk will have two weeks vacation each year in lieu of an increase in pay. Motion second by Councilman Giddens - Unanimous body agreement.

Official body agreed to hire someone to paint the New Fire Station at a price of \$4.00 per hr.

Officials agreed to accept bid from Bennett Ins. Agency for city insurance. Clerk instructed to call Mrs. ^{Griffin} Lake and inform her on Tuesday, 10th of May to proceed with proposed Ins. Coverage. Original policies to be forwarded to F. H. A. - Copies to the City of Kay City.

At this time body was dismissed, meeting to be continued on Wed. May 11, 1977

Continuation of Regular Council meeting

On May 19, 1977 Thurs. the Regular Council ^{to order} meeting recommenced. Mayor called the meeting, all Council members present.

Mr. Bob Zimmerman, Eng. with the firm Miller, Stevenson & Steurich, Inc. was present to answer questions regarding the upgrading of our present water system.

After discussion a motion was made by Councilman Watson to authorize the firm of Miller, Stevenson & Steurich, Inc. to proceed with Water System Improvements according to "Letter of Conditions" from Mr. J. Paul Holmes, State Director of Farmers Home Admin. dated February 3, 1977. This motion was second by Councilman Hadden with both Councilmen Smith and Perrins agreeing making the vote unanimous. Notice to Proceed furnished by Engineering Firm is hereby attached.

No further business - meeting adjourned

Respectfully

Juanella S. Wilson
City Clerk

Thurs. June 9, 1977 - All Council members and Mayor present.

A called meeting was held this day for ^{the} reading of an Ordinance, Water and/or Sewer, this Ordinance was requested by F. H. A. in preparation for upgrading the City's water system and was prepared by City Attorney, J. Russ Franklin - No other business, meeting adjourned

Regular Council Meeting
Monday, June 13, 1977 9 P.M.

Regular Council Meeting was called to order. The reading of the minutes deferred until meeting continuation scheduled later this week.

Councilman Perruis made a motion to adopt Water and/or Sewer Ordinance, requested by F.H.A. in compliance with new water system "Letter of Conditions" prepared by our City Attorney J. Reese Franklin - Motion second by Councilman Smith with agreement by Mayor and both Councilmen Haddow and Watson making the adoption vote unanimous. Copy of Ordinance is attached for reference.

Meeting dismissed until Wed. June 15, 1977 at 9:30 P.M.

Monday, June 20, 1977 6:30 P.M.

Called meeting -

The purpose for this special meeting was for the governing body to decide upon re-opening the original North St road which was replaced by North St. extension in 1943.

Mayor Sermons called the meeting to order, Councilmen Smith, Watson and Perruis were present. Councilman Haddow was absent - After discussion -

A motion was made by Councilman Smith that the City of Ray City re-open the original North St. road, motion was second by Councilman Perruis. Body agreed unanimously.

This road is to be staked out by City Officials and then opened by County employees. Corresponding property owners' deeds are herein attached for reference.

No other business - meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

The Continuation meeting for June regular Council meeting was not held.

Respectfully submitted
Juanette S. Wilson, Clerk

Regular Council Meeting, Tues. July 12, 1977 8 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Serrano, Councilmen Smith, Watson and Perrais were present.

Minutes of June meeting were not read.

Councilman Watson made a motion that the City purchase a 3 M Copier at the price of \$200.00 - Motion second by Councilman Perrais, body unanimously agreed.

Councilman Watson made a motion to adopt a City Ordinance regulating drinking in public, motion was second by Councilman Perrais, all officials agreed.

A motion was made by Councilman Smith to adopt an Ordinance giving the City of Ray City, Ga. jurisdiction over possession of Marijuana of less than one ounce. This motion was second by Councilman Perrais. Acceptance of Ordinance was unanimous.

Councilman Perrais made a motion that the City purchase a telephone monitoring and recording device for the Police Dept. with price not to exceed \$200.00. Motion was second by Councilman Smith. All the governing body agreed.

Following discussion the City decided to take action on collecting the balance of Harpe fees for mowing and land clearing as follows: A letter is to be sent by Police Dept. notifying Mr Harpe that he has defaulted in payment and the amount due will be the original charges less the \$250.00^{part} payment made by Mr. Harpe.

A letter is to be sent to Mr Loyale requesting that all junk and old automobiles or truck bodies be removed from his property.

A newsletter is to be sent out in August advising Citizens of newly adopted City Ordinances Re: Bicycles, Marijuana, and Public Drinking requesting that they come by City Hall and read these Ordinances.

Body decided not to make a donation to the American Legion.

Completion of Fire house Construction was discussed and it was decided that Councilmen Watson and Perrin would contact Contractor to correct faulty doors and install proper locks. Body also agreed to contact Huey Barker and ask if he will finish painting new Fire Station.

A motion was made by Councilman Watson that Councilman Hodges term of office be terminated due to a change of residence outside of Ray City, motion was second by Councilman Perrin. All officials concurred.

A new water meter is to be installed at Estelle Berry's residence prior to next Council meeting.

General work at the Recreational Park was discussed regarding preparation for Gous. Project Competition judging and for pond evacuation and perimeter road construction. \$500.00 to 600.00 is to be allotted by the city for pond and road construction.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
 Jewelle S. Wilson, City Clerk

August 4, 1977, Thursday -

Prior to called Recreational Park meeting at City Hall - Council met to read amendment to Water and/or Sewer Ordinance as follows:

Amendment to Water and/or Sewer Ordinance, City of Ray City, Georgia.

Amendment to Ordinance Establishing Water and/or Sewer Rate Schedules and Service Rules and Regulations for the City of Ray City Georgia: Providing For Penalties and Cut-offs upon Failure to Pay Bill: Providing For Cut-On and Cut-Off Fees, and For Other Purposes:

Be It Ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of Ray City, Georgia, and it is enacted by the authority of the same as follows:

P. O. BOX 387

FRED L. BELCHER
LAWYER
NASHVILLE, GEORGIA 31639

TELEPHONE 686-3357

June 20, 1977

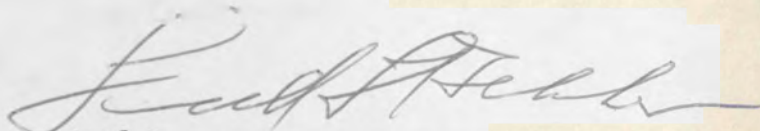
Hon. Mitchell Sirmans
and Members of the Council
City of Ray City
Ray City, Georgia 31645

Gentlemen:

On behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Boyd it is hereby requested that action be taken by the governing body of the City of Ray City to open the certain street known as North Street running on the West side of lands of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Boyd as shown in copy of deed from Ealey Cumbus to Mr. and Mrs. Carson Boyd dated May 25, 1966, as recorded in Deed Book 95 Page 63 of Berrien County Deed Records. I am attaching herewith a copy of the above described deed.

It is requested that this street known as North Street be reopened from the point where same intersects with North Street Ext. and running Northerly to its intersection with a branch.

Please advise me together with Mr. and Mrs. Carson Boyd as to the time and place of the council meeting at which this matter will be discussed.



Fred L. Belcher

FLB/wrm
Encl.

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W.D. FROM EALEY CUMBUS TO MR. & MRS. CARSON BOYD
GEORGIA, BERRIEN COUNTY.

THIS INDENTURE made and entered into the 25 day of May 1966 between Ealey Cumbess of the first part, and Mr. & Mrs. Carson Boyd of the second part, WITNESSETH: That the party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of (\$1,000.00) ---One Thousand and No/100----DOLLARS in hand paid, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted, bargained, sold and conveyed unto the said Mr. & Mrs. Carson Boyd Party of the second part, heirs and assigns, all that tract or parcel of land, situated, lying and being in the County of Berrien State of Georgia, and described as follows:

Lying and being in the Town of Ray City, Berrien County, Georgia, said lot fronting west on North Street 119 feet and extending back east of even width 188 feet to Pauline Avenue. Bounded south by lands of Exum: West by North Street; East by Pauline Ave.; and North by lands of Yarbrough.

ALSO: A certain Lot in the City or Town of Ray City, Georgia bounded as follows: Commencing at a certain Northwest Corner of lot of land now or formerly owned by Jackson Brothers Lumber Company on North Street and running back East to Pauline Ave.; and thence north along said Pauline Ave. to a certain Branch in the northern part of the town; and thence south west along said Branch to North Street; and thence South along said North Street to starting point.

To have and to hold the above described lands and premises, together, with all and singular the rights, members and appurtenances thereof, to the same, being, belonging, or in anywise appertaining to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the party of the second part, successors, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns in fee simple.

Which said tract or parcel of land the said party of the first part will well and truly warrant and defend against the claims of all persons whom soever, unto the said party of the second part, heirs and assigns, forever in fee simple.

Witness the hand and seal of the party of the first part the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:
Mrs. Josie Webb
H. P. Clements N.P
My Commission Expires Feb. 7, 1970

EALEY CUMBUS (SEAL)
CLERK

REC. MAY 25 66 M.M.

LOAN DEED FROM DENNIS RUTHERFORD TO GEORGIA FERTILIZER COMPANY
STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF LOWNDES

THIS INDENTURE, made the 25th day of May, in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Six between Dennis Rutherford of the County of Berrien and State of Georgia, as the first

Strickland the simple.

And the said party of the first part, for his heirs, warrant and forever defend the right and title of the above described property unto said parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns, against the claims of all whomsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal, the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of; ROBERT A. ROWAN (SEAL)

Jimmy D. Akins
W.D. Knight
N.P. Berrien Co. Ga.
My Comm. Expires 1/5/69
\$14.85 Rev. Stamps hereto attached & duly canceled.

REC. APR 27 67 H.C. CLERK

W.D. FROM ROBERT E. CROLEY TO RUTH LUKE GIDDENS

STATE OF GEORGIA, LOWNDES COUNTY.

THIS INDENTURE, made this 27th day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-seven Between Robert E. Croley of the first part, and Ruth Luke Giddens of the County of Berrien of the State of Georgia of the second part WITNESSETH: That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars and other valuable consideration in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said party of the second part, her heirs, and assigns, all that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Ray City, County of Berrien, State of Georgia, bounded as follows; Beginning at the run of a certain branch that runs through the northern part of said Town, where the Georgia and Florida Railway crosses said branch, and running South along said right-of-way five hundred twenty (520) feet to a certain corner of wire fence, thence east twelve (12) feet, this twelve feet being an alley, thence south seventy-eight (78) feet to a wire fence now dividing these lands from lands of R.D. Swindle, thence east to North Street, thence north along said street to where North street crosses the above described branch, thence southwest along said branch run to starting point.

There is also included in this deed a hot water heater, now located in the dwelling house on said land.

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1.

That said ordinance is amended by striking the Water Rate Schedule in SECTION 1 and inserting in lieu thereof:

Water Rate Schedule

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| 0-2999 gals. | \$ 5.00 (Minimum) |
| 3000 - 3999 gals. | 6.00 |
| 4000 - 4999 gals. | 7.00 |
| 5000 - 5999 gals. | 8.00 |
| Over 5999 gals. | 8.00 plus \$1.00 per additional 1,000 gals., or any portion thereof. |

2.

That said ordinance is amended by striking SECTION 3 of said ordinance and inserting in lieu thereof:

" Section 3. Charges For Initial Water And Sewer Service. Each Consumer subscribing to use the water and sewer service of the City of Ray City, Georgia shall pay a Connection fee of \$150.00 times the number of Connections desired for water service and \$150.00 times the number of Connections desired for sewer service."

So Amended And Ordained by the Mayor and Council this 4th day of August, 1977

See attached copy of Amendment adopted on Aug 8, 1977 at Regular Council meeting.

Jeanette Wilson
City Clerk

Regular Council Meeting, Monday August 8, 1977 at
8:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor
J. M. Serrano, Councilmen Perris, Smith and Watson
were present.

Minutes of July meeting were read by Clerk - Minutes
were accepted as read.

A city wide Clean-up is to be urged by all
Citizens in August newsletter in preparation of
Park dedication on Labor Day, Sept. 5, 1977.

Motion was made by Councilman Watson
to adopt Amendment to Water and/or Sewer Ordinance,
seconded by Councilman Perris - all members agreed.

A letter was written to Mr. Drake, District
Engineer for Southern Railway requesting a car load
of Cross Ties to be used in City Park.

Mr. Morris of Patton Ave., was present to inquire
about doing automotive mechanical repairs on the premises
of his residence. City advised that only minor repairs
of an individuals' own cars could be done at residence.
as this area is zoned for residential only. Work
already started on vehicles to be done in back of
residence as well as any future minor repairs.

Repairs for public not allowed because of zoning,
no adequate & required building and no license. Mr.
Morris may have until August 31, 1977, to finish
motor overhaul on his own vehicles under repair, then
minor repairs only.

Clerk instructed to send check for Police Telephone
monitoring and recording device on August 9, 1977.

The Council unanimously agreed that Clyde Morgan
should be the Lay City Fire Chief. Councilman Perris
made a motion to appoint Frank Watson, Asst. Fire Chief,
motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, all agreed.
Old Fire Truck is to be checked by Fire Chief
and then advise Council what is needed to put
truck in operating order.

The Council decided that a Curfew for
Minors up to 18 years of age should be set
at 9:00 P.M. City Attorney will be notified
to draft this Amendment to our existing

Curfew Ordinance.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:50 P. M.

Respectfully submitted
Jovanille Wilson, clerk

Regular Council Meeting Saturday, Sept 17, 1977 at 9:00 AM.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Simmons, all Council members present.

Councilman Watson made a motion to raise millage from 9 1/2 to 10 mills for city tax purposes, seconded by Councilman Puccio. All officials agreed.

Councilman Watson made a motion to transfer funds from City Savings to Gen Fund and Park Fund back to be replaced when funds are available, motion seconded by Councilman Puccio, vote unanimous.

Council agreed to pay the following outstanding bills: Howell Harpe for repairs to water tank
Vaccata Amateur Works, well pump service

A motion was made by Councilman Watson to adopt amendment of Ordinance pertaining to Curfew for minors and Loitering, motion seconded Councilman Smith. All officials unanimously agreed see attached amendment.

A newsletter is to be sent to all Ray City residents Oct. 1, 1977, mentioning the following items. Ordinances or amendments concerning, Bicycles, Curfew for minors, Public Drinking and Marijuana. Also no riding of horses on Streets and Sidewalks. Fall Clean-up - if City does the work charges for mowing 8.00 per hr, backhoe 12.50 per hour.

Asking residents to use 455-2501 when calling City Hall leaving 455-4921 free for Police Calls and Emergencies.

Motion was made by Councilman Puccio that Patrolman Dow attend the Police Academy for 6 wks beginning Oct 10, 1977, seconded by Councilman Smith. Vote unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M. Respectfully submitted, Jovanille Wilson, Clerk

Regular Council Meeting, Mon. Oct. 10, 1977 - 7:30 P.M.

Meeting postponed until Wed. night, Oct. 12, 1977 due to an insufficient number of Council members present to hold a regular meeting.

Wed., Oct. 12, 1977 - 7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Sermons, all Council members present. Minutes of Sept. meeting were read and approved as read.

Council requested that all delinquent taxes be figured through Dec. 1977, people who are delinquent be notified in Dec. and if no response, property is to be advertised for sale in The Berrien Press during the month of Jan. 1978.

Leviath Huskins was present to request payment for necessary repairs to his car after hitting a "pot hole" on North Street. Council decided to pay half the amount charged for parts and repairs, a sum of \$25.00. A motion was made to this effect by ^{Councilman} J. J. Smith further stipulating that in the future that anyone having the same problem will not receive payment for or replacement of parts without first being thoroughly investigated by all City Officials on the spot where damaged occurred and before vehicle has been moved. Motion seconded by Councilman Sunday Purvis, all members agreed.

Council agreed upon the following concerning city election to be held on Tues., Dec. 6, 1977:
 Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. til 7:00 P.M.,
 Deadline for qualifying noon, Sat., Nov. 19, 1977.
 Registration books will be closed on ^{Nov.} Dec. 10, 1977.
 The purpose of this election is to select a Mayor and two Council members. Qualifying fee is 15.00.
 Election Officials are to be: Mrs. J. N. Carter, Mgr.
 Mrs. Iny Purvis, Clerk and Jewelle Wilson, Clerk.

Police are to be paid their clothing allowance from June through December 1977, this money to be used for the purchase of two winter jackets.

Council and Mayor decided that the City of Ray City would not participate in the "Mayor's motorcade to Milledgeville this year.

Council voted unanimously to pay Policeman Dowe 10¢ a mile and 1.75 per day during the six weeks he is attending the Police Academy in Defton, Ga.

Requested water and sewer top-ins were discussed and this work will be done in the order requested and as time allows. The Hayward Stone top-ins and Carson Boyd top-ins as soon as adequate surveys can be made.

Council was reminded that the ditch by J. D. Lous house and also ditch by Eugene Sheard's should be cleared and dug out.

No further business meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Jeanette Wilson, City Clerk

Special called meeting on Oct 25, 1977.

Purpose for meeting was to discuss installing water and heat in the fire station. Council agreed that there should be water and heat in the fire station and Mayor Serrinus will see to this installation.

Second item concerned our wastewater treatment system.

After discussion with Mr. Zimmerman from Mier, Stevenson & Steichen, Inc, Eng. Councilman Watson made a motion to accept the wastewater system - step-two Grant also to accept resolution as stipulating according to plans. Motion seconded by Councilman Purvis - all council agreed.

A plaque for new Fire Station was discussed, also future parking of City vehicles in back of Police Station.

No further business meeting adjourned

56,600.00
42,450.00
City's 14,150.00

Special meeting held Nov. 14, 1977 5:00 P. M. Monday

Purpose to read Day Central Ordinance

Mayor and all Councilmen present,
Ordinance was read and body unanimously
voted to adopt Ordinance and that it would
become effective Nov. 15, 1977. No other business meeting
adjourned after signatures were attached to new Ordinance

Jessie S. Wilson
Clerk

Regular Council Meeting, Mon. Dec. 19, 1977 - 7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor, all Councilmen were present.

Letters of resignation by Police Officers were read - discussion tabled until a meeting could be called to meet with Police Officers

Councilman Purvis presented a request by School Prin. Marshall Harper that school garbage pick up should be scheduled as of this date between the hours of 8 AM to 10 AM or after 3:45 P.M. when there are no children outside for safety purposes.

Dannie Horrell and Lucille Savage have requested street lights to be erected at Pauline & Semille ^{middle of 400 Blk} and Jones St. Action to be taken during Jan. meeting.

The Mayor is to check out Christmas St lights and see if they can be lighted without extra expense to the City. Amount allotted to spend on Christmas lighting not to exceed \$30.00.

The newly proposed Countywide Police Protection was discussed.

Mrs. Dorminey requested that a City Ordinance be adopted by Ray City to prevent Mobile Homes from securing water hook-ups until owner has registered Mobile Home at the Tax Commissioners Office in Nashville. Councilman Purvis made a motion to adopt said Ordinance, motion seconded by Councilman Watson, the body unanimously agreed and Clerk was instructed to notify City Attorney to draw up said Ordinance or to acquire a copy from Mrs. Dorminey for local drafting.

The Blue Police Car needs repairs in order to operate it - decision on repairs to be ~~made~~ made at the January meeting.

City Clerk was granted 2 days leave, Dec 27 & 28th.

The Childrens Christmas Party was a huge success on Dec. 17th. This annual party is sponsored and financed by City Departments as well as the fruit baskets for our sick, handicapped and shut-ins.

A special word of thanks to all who helped make this a successful event, and to The Periman for

providing rides for the children on the fire engine
Coca Cola provided our drinks free of charge.

No further business meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Jocelle L. Wilson
City Clerk

Regular Council Meeting, Mon., Jan. 9, 1978 at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Sirmans called the meeting to order, all Councilmen were present. Minutes for December meeting were read, minutes approved as read.

Garbage pick-up at the school was again discussed, Councilman Perrin will check with Pien. to see if present schedule is acceptable.

Street lights for Pantini and Sundler, 400 block of Jones St. tabled until next meeting.

An application for sewer and water tap-in the City will be governed by date of application instead of date of completion for the purpose of payment for these services.

A check was run on balance due for sewer and water tap-in on the Larcenia Johnson lot and there is an unpaid balance of \$102.00. A letter was hand carried by a Police Officer, per instructions by Council, to the present resident who in turn contacted City Hall and promised to pay 10.00 weekly until account is paid in full.

Mayor J. M. Sirmans was sworn into office as well as the two new Councilmen, Samuel J. Brown and J. D. Cole. Congratulations were extended to each new official and J. J. Smith, outgoing Councilman, received a vote of thanks and appreciation for a job well done in serving two terms in office.

Councilman Watson made a motion to keep a permanent log of service calls and outgoing mail in City Hall by the Clerk, motion seconded by Councilman Brown. Body unanimously agreed.

Discussion was held concerning the hiring of Joseph C. Herndon as a part time Police Patrolman. Body agreed to hire Herndon,

part time to work 7 hours daily. Clerk to check with former employers for references.

CPA Robert Coover told City officials that preliminary budget could be prepared and presented at the February Council meeting.

Discussion was held on installing sewer lines on Albert Studstill's property, prices are required before estimating cost to the City for installation. Estimate on Herbert Lewis sewer line installations are also required for 1978 budget purposes.

Motion was made by Councilman Pierce that Ben Jones, Police Chief, attend school for 6 weeks at ABAC Police Academy in Daytona starting on 1/10/78, motion seconded by Councilman Cone, all Council members agreed.

The following officials have been selected as Chairman and Co-Chairman serving this year in the named departments

Finance - Chair. Councilman Pierce - Co. Chair Councilman Brown
 Police - Chair. Councilman Cone - Co. Chair. Councilman Pierce
 Water & Sewer - Chair. Councilman Watson - Co. Chair. Councilman Cone
 Harbor & Streets - Chair. Councilman Brown - Co. Chair. Councilman Watson

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 to be continued on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, at 7:30 P.M.

Continuation of Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1978 at 7:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Simmons, all Councilmen present.

Herbert Lewis met with Council to request a license for selling beer and wine "to go" at his place of business. All officials agreed to issue said license.

City limits signs to be moved on Nashville Highway to incorporate Lewis and Simmons property.

City employees were hired as follows:

Ben E. Jones, Chief of Police

Joseph C. Herndon, Patrolman
 Robert E. Woosley - City Supervisor
 J. Reese Franklin - City Attorney
 Robert S. Conner - C.P.A.
 C. Lane Perkins - City Recorder

City Clerk - undecided - to consider for 60 days.
 City Clerk was asked to call County Health Officer, Phil Jordan, concerning the residence of Robert Sabrette and to confer with Mrs. Yarbrough, landlady.

Motion was made by Councilman Watson to adopt Mobile Home Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Perrow - body unanimously agreed.

Body to discuss fine for revoked drivers license with Police Department before setting amount of fine.

Clerk instructed to call Mr. Lyne about painting yellow lines and erecting safety signs on Highway 129 in front of Police Dept. Fire Station and Post Office and to get assistance from D.O.T. Traffic and Safety Dept.

Cost of living increases in pay for employees to be discussed at the Feb. meeting. City Clerk authorized to write checks for City Firemen.

Council appointed Councilman Cone Mayor Pro Tem.

City Officials agreed that Mr. Woosley could use the hackney for 1/2 hr. work at his residence.

Discussion was held concerning W.P. Walker's bill for damages to septa tank caused by our Police Car driven by Charles H. Dowe. Clerk directed to call City attorney to handle this matter. Insurance adjuster advised that Company will not pay claim.

City Officials agreed to buy hand guns for Chief Jones and Patrolman Herndon - Cost of weapons to be repaid to City in monthly payments, with understanding that if either man should leave the City as employee before final payment, firearm will be held by the City.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully,
 Jewelle S. Wilson
 Clerk

Special Meeting, Tues. Feb. 7, 1978

A special meeting was held on Tuesday, February 7, 1978 to adopt maintenance agreement with Department of Transportation for bridge to be constructed over Beaver Dam Creek on Park St.

Body unanimously agreed to adopt maintenance agreement. Copies of same are attached herewith; duly signed and recorded.

No other business; meeting adjourned.

Jeanette S. Wilson
City Clerk

Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 14, 1978
at 7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Sermans, all Council members present. Meeting was opened with a prayer by Councilman Perrier.

Mr. Lloyd Sermans was present to discuss increased water bill for Feb. due to a leak in his hot water heater.

Council agreed that building permits should be issued in the amount of \$1.00 for any City Construction whether new buildings or remodeling.

Check in the amount of \$125.00 was received from Bennett Ins. Agency to pay W. P. Walker for septic tank damages.

Councilman Perrier made a motion to change the regular Council meeting night to first Tuesday of each month beginning in March, 1978, motion seconded by Councilman Case, body unanimously agreed.

A motion was made by Councilman Case to adopt the two Department of Transportation, Traffic Regulation Ordinances presented to Council, motion was seconded by Councilmen Brown, body all agreed.

A called meeting is to be held on Feb. 20, 1978, Monday at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of setting license fees and discussing Town Clean-up.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jewelle S. Wilson, Clerk

Special Called Meeting, Mon. Feb. 20, 1978 at 7:30 P.M.

The purpose of this meeting is to set license fees, discuss water bills, City Clean-up and uniforms for Patrolman Herndon.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Sirmans, all Council members present.

Council decided to install a new water meter for Estella Barry and that she would pay her bill for Feb. in full.

License fees were set and a copy of new rates will be posted on the bulletin board and copies are to be issued to each official.

City Clerk was asked to send clean-up letters to Hubert Warr, Lay City Farm Service, Marion Harpe, Billy Webb and the Langdale Co. to take care of property by March 31, 1978 deadline.

A motion was made by Councilman Cone to buy 4 shirts and 4 pairs of pants for Police Patrolman Herndon, motion was seconded by Councilman Purvis, the body unanimously agreed.

No other business meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Jewelle S. Wilson, City Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Tues March 7, 1978
at 7:30 P. M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Serrano, all Councilmen present. Meeting was opened with a prayer by Robert D. Cooner. Minutes were read for February meetings and were approved as read.

Councilman Brown made a motion that City employees Robert Woosley and Juanella S. Wilson be given a 5% Cost of Living increase effective Jan. 1, 1978. Motion seconded by Councilman Coe - body agreed.

Discussion was held about getting a new Fire Chief - Juanita Serrano was asked to take the Chiefs job by the Council and he agreed to take the job. Councilman Watson made a motion to pay \$25.00 to Fire Chief whose duties are to keep trucks in operating order, checking the station for heat and equipment, servicing trucks, ^{and} submitting a list of firefighters to be paid to the City Clerk at the end of each month. Motion seconded by Councilman Perrin - all officials agreed.

A 2" overhead plastic pipe is to be installed in the fire station by City employees. Council instructed Clerk to pay fire fighters through Feb. 1978. All payments beginning 3/1/78 will be according to list submitted by Fire Chief to Clerk.

Robby Cook has been approved by Council as a new City employee under the CETA Title VII program. Mr. Cook replaces Larry Powers who quit work on 3/1/78.

Council decided that garbage at Webb's and Taylor is to be brought to front of street for pick up as well as Jack Patten and all other city residents.

City employees are to lush hog wall property as far as possible then report progress to Mr. Warr and ask his assistance in

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Completing the clean up job needed. Rates for
hush bag is \$14.00 per hr, hand labor \$2.65 per hr.
The same process is to apply to Mr. Harper's
property.

G.M.A. letter pertaining to Personnel Section
rejected by City Officials.

C.P.A. for the City Robert S. Conner was present
to present the 1978 budget outline, ^{for 1978} and a review of
1977. Mr. Conner also advised that the City must
have a public hearing for Revenue Sharing. Records as
to how Revenue Sharing money is spent are available
at City Hall for public inspection. The public hearing
notice must be advertised in a local newspaper -
date for newspaper advertising is scheduled for
3/16/78 and the hearing will be held in City
Hall on Nov. 27, 1978 at 7:30 P.M.

New tires have been purchased for the
Ford Police Car at a cost of \$148.60 for four
tires. Repairs for blue Police Car was discussed.
This Car is needed for back up and City use,
and to be seen by motorists. Council decided
to have necessary repairs made on the blue Police Car,
estimates to be acquired from local mechanics.

A motion was made by Councilman Watson
to adopt the presented schedule of duties for City Clerk
and that a copy of same be attached to the
minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Coe. Body
unanimously agreed.

The City is to buy a heater from Mayor Sermons
for Fire Station, at a cost of \$80.00 with half of the
cost to be paid by County Commissioners. All Council
members agree.

Councilman Watson made a motion that Mayor
and Council be directly responsible for supervising the
functioning of the City Park - no further action taken.

Resolution - Department of Transportation 508-C
Revised 4-72. For Johnson St. Concerning acquisition
of clearance of rights of way with Control of
future encroachments and regulations of vehicular
traffic on highway construction projects was

unanimously adopted by the Council of
Ray City.

No further business adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Jocouelle S. Wilson, Clerk

Called Meeting for Public Hearing Mon, March 27,
1978 at 7:30 P.M.

A Public Hearing meeting for review
of Revenue Sharing was held on Mon, Mar. 27,
1978 at 7:30 P.M. at City Hall in Ray City.

The mayor and all Councilmembers were present
as well as Mr. Robert Conner, City CPA.

Meeting was called to order by Mr Conner
and let the records show that no citizens
of the City of Ray City were present for
this meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Jocouelle S. Wilson, Clerk

Other topics discussed were: Land purchase, shelter for ^{vehicles}
estimated cost Capital Improvements for 1978 - sewer
5,000.00 improvements for Watson and Studstill property.

The City officials agreed to put back fence
as is and enclose pond as is on Frank Watson
property - This work being necessary for
construction of Beaver Dam Creek Bridge
on Park St.

Council agreed to give Police Chief Ben
Jones a 5% cost of living increase in pay
effective Jan 1, 1978. Also it was agreed
that Patrolman Joe C. Herndon is to receive a
5% cost of living increase effective 1/1/78.

Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 4, 1978 at 7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Sermous, all Council members present. Meeting was opened with a prayer by Buddy Purvis, Councilman.

Minutes of March meetings were read and were approved as read.

Hewell Hope was present at this meeting in regards to speeding on Ward Street. He suggested speed barriers to deter speeders or speed limit signs to be furnished and installed by the City. Discussion was held and Council agreed to check into installing speed barriers and installing signs designating "15 MPH" and "Caution Children Playing" also signs to "watch for speed barriers". It was brought to the Council's attention that there are no stop signs at the corner of Ward and Pipe also Ward and Semble. Police are to work out shifts suitable for apprehending speeders on Ward St.

Dog Control was discussed - Officials are to call the Mayor of Nashville for support in keeping County Dog Control law in effect - also there is a need to talk with the Berrien County Commissioners. A letter is to be drafted by City Officials to send to Mayor Carter and the Commissioners with copies for County Health Officer, Phil Jordan. Council agreed to share each of a tranquilizer gun with other towns in this County provided the County Commissioners will furnish the necessary serum.

Council agreed to have the name painted in one foot^{letters} on the front of the new Fire Station, in black at an estimate of 65.⁰⁰ to 75.⁰⁰, also City Hall signs is to be replaced.

Drainage ditch south of East Main St. on Grisette property needs to be opened because of stagnant water, mosquitoes and odor. The Mayor is to contact the County and see if they will open the ditch provided the Grisettes will agree for the City to open and drain ditch into pond. Also drainage ditch on West side of Ward St. between Hope and Lee property needs attention.

Removal of dirt on North and Park St shoulders was discussed. It was decided that

the County should be asked to clear sides of these Sts. after top dressing is completed. In the meanwhile City employees will help to clear driveways for access for those residents who are physically unable to move dirt.

Council agrees that Shirley Weikerson may be a substitute for City Clerk in emergencies and when Mrs. Carter is not available.

Council agreed to ask Robert Martin to haul some of the dirt from driveways on Park and North Sts. if he will pick up and haul dirt himself.

Discussion was held about getting much needed fill dirt for the City Park. Further discussion to be held on Thurs. night, April 6, at regular Park meeting.

A siren is needed for the blue Police Car and Council decided to purchase one at the cost of 20.95. City Clerk instructed to order siren from National Police Supply. Also the blue Car needs to go back to mides shop for muffler replacement. Records are to be checked by Clerk to determine last date of service by Mides.

Councilman Frank Watson or Chief Ben Jones are authorized to look for and purchase a seat for Dord Police Car.

The anhydrous ammonia tank at Ray City Farm Service recently had a leak. Council decided to contact owners pertaining to extra safety installations within thirty (30) days. If no action is taken by owners then City is to notify OCEA. The owners need to keep on hand safety clothing and masks, also tanks as a back up measure.

Business Concluded meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacqueline Wilson, Clerk

Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 2, 1978 at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Serrano called the meeting to order, all Council members present. Meeting was opened with a prayer by Robert Conner. Minutes for the April meeting were read and were approved as read.

First order ^{of business} was the presentation of the proposed 1978 Budget by Robert D. Conner, City CPA. Mr. Conner advised the Council members to review said budget and make any desired changes. Mr. Conner also advised that a public hearing for summary of City budget is required by Federal Revenue Sharing. This public hearing is to be held on Tuesday, May 23rd, 1978 at 7:30 P.M. City Hall. The meeting is to be published in the Benion Press on May 8th, 1978.

Items two thru fifteen on the agenda covered and accounted for by Council.

The City Affairs discussed the purchase of a lawn mower for use at the Old Park and for City sidewalks. Motion was ^{made} by Councilman Cone to purchase a 4-horse Briggs + Stratton mower, motion seconded by Councilman Purvis - body agrees. Councilman Purvis to purchase lawn mower.

Sewer lines to be installed for H. G. Lewis discussed - body to check prices with Contract Costs for total job or hiring individuals for services needed.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Respectfully

Juanell S. Wilson, Clerk

Tuesday, May 23, 1978, 7:30 P.M.

Public Hearing to discuss City Budget

Present at this meeting were the following people.

Mayor J. M. Serrano, Councilman Watson, Purvis and Brown, CPA Robert Conner and City Clerk Juanell Wilson.

Let the records show that no other person was present at this meeting.

Juanell S. Wilson, Clerk

Called meeting, Thursday, May 25, 1978 at 7:30 P.M.

The purpose of this special meeting is to expedite Water System Improvement Contracts and resolutions, City Park finances and transporting light poles from Colquitt REA. All officials present except Councilman Cone.

A motion was made by Councilman Brown to adopt the Resolution of Tentative Awards and Contracts pertaining to the Ray City Water System Improvements, motion seconded by Councilman Watson. Body unanimously agreed.

Motion made by Councilman Perrais to approve and adopt the resolution and contract authorizing acceptance of a Grant from the Governor's Emergency Fund to upgrade Ray City Recreational Facilities, seconded by Councilman Brown - motion unanimously accepted.

Body agreed to pay balance due to Morrison's for Park charges during 1977. A check in the amount of \$500.00 to be sent to Morrison's on 5/26/78.

Arrangements were made to pick up the 10 free light poles and up to 10 more at a cost of \$8.00 each from Colquitt REA on Tuesday, May 30th, 1978.

Discussion was held concerning the purchase of a tractor with backhoe from J. J. Smith. His asking price is \$3,000.00, City to offer 2,500.00 and wish to pay over 2,900.00. Mayor Sirmous is to contact Mr. Smith regarding this purchase -

No further business meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Joculle S. Wilson, Clerk

Newsletter to be prepared in June for 1st of July mailing.

Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 6, 1978 at 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Serrano, all Council members present. Meeting opened with a prayer by Councilman Perrais.

Minutes were read for May meetings and were approved as read.

The body decided to advertise for bids for the disposal of the City owned Massey-Dugless Diesel tractor, backhoe and front-end loader. Bids are to be opened on Sat. July 8, 1978 at 12:00 Noon at City Hall. The body reserves the option to refuse any or all bids submitted.

The Council revised old rules and suggested new regulations concerning the use of the Fire Siren, all of which is to be published in the next City Newsletter. The Siren is to be used for Official or Emergency use only, such as Fire Drill - three blasts of the Siren, Fire to summons fire fighters - four blasts of the Siren and any City emergency - one sharp blast is to be sounded to alert City employees to report to City Hall. These new rules are to be complied with by order of Mayor and Council members.

Sewer installation for Frank Watson on Main St property was discussed, this property and other properties requiring sewer upgrading is to be surveyed on 6/8/78 by Mr William Branch and construction is to start as soon as survey is completed.

A motion was made by Councilman Watson to adopt the budget resolution as follows: Be It Resolved, that the budget of estimated revenues of \$ 110,464.00 and appropriations of the same amount for all operating funds of the Town of Ray City, Oregon, for the year ending December 31, 1978, as presented to this meeting, be and the same is hereby adopted, ratified and approved, and Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of the budget for the year ending December 31, 1978, as presented to this meeting and as hereby adopted be filed with and made a part of the minutes of this meeting, motion seconded by Councilman Perrais - body unanimously agreed.

A motion was made by Councilman Nation to adopt the resolution + Ordinance for the use of a speed detection device in the City of Lay City, Ga, motion seconded by Councilman Brown. all members agreed.

A motion was made by Councilman Cone to subscribe to Police Magazine for 2 years at a cost of \$20.00 - motion seconded by Councilman Purois, all the body agreed.

Council and Mayor agreed that Mr. Wessly could do ditching for John Billy Webb at \$12.00 per hour on Patton Ave. property.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jesse L. Wilson, Clerk

Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 11, 1978 at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Serrano called the meeting to order with all Council members present. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Councilman Purois.

Minutes for June meetings were read and approved as read. Balance in checking accounts was read by Clerk, bills were reviewed, envelopes were signed for payments.

L. J. Miller ask for some kind of street signs to slow down speeders on Miller St. Council agreed to have an appropriate sign installed.

Walter Snipes ask Council to erect a barricade in Beaver Dam Cemetery to prevent motorists from using old road and driving over his cemetery lots - Council will install a restraining rope and divert traffic to new roadway.

Frank J. Parry ask that Pauline Street ditches be opened ^{to permit} for water drainage into sewer. Councilman Brown is making

arrangements to have work done on all city ditches to promote adequate drainage. Eugene Sheard also has some complaint about ditch on Jones St. from Tripi to stream at back of the Jimmy Sammons house.

Complaints were heard about overgrown and unkempt property on Jones and North Streets. Clerk instructed to contact owners and arrange for immediate clean-up. All property owners who have not cleared and mowed are to be notified and given a time limit for clean up. There is a dangerous curve on Main St. caused by weed over growth.

According to an Ordinance adopted early in 1978 the City is obligated to check Mobile Homes for current stickers and if not in compliance, water service is to be discontinued. Mr. Hossley is to check for Mobile Home Stickers at the time the water meters are read.

Those residents who are delinquent in payments on water and sewer tap-ins will have water service discontinued the week of July 17, 1978.

City Officials discussed hiring L. V. Dupree on Saturdays @ \$5.00 per hr. to operate backhoe. A check will be made with the County about Street and ditch clearing before hiring anyone. Albert Pullman is available to operate City equipment @ \$3.75 per hr.

A motion was made by Councilman Cone that the Mayor will hereafter be authorized to sign checks in the absence of City Clerk, Councilman Brawn seconded the motion - body unanimously agreed.

No further business meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacqueline S. Wilson, Clerk

Regular Council Meeting - Tuesday, Aug. 1, 1978 at 7.30 PM.

Mayer Sirmans called the meeting to order with all councilmen present except Buddy Purvis.

Minutes for July meeting were read and approved as read. Bills, that were in, were received and envelopes (except Sewer) were signed for payment.

On the discussion of unpaid water bills, Mayor and Councilmen agree to discontinue service on water meter reading day. Also, Mr. Wesley is not to accept any money as he is not bonded. Citizens must pay City Clerk.

The Salvage Yard at Americus was discussed by Mayor Sirmans. Paperwork is being sent to us so that we may be eligible to obtain items from them.

The bad checks were reviewed and discussed. Councilman Watson made a motion to turn checks over to Police Chief Ben Jones for collection. He is to hand carry a letter to the individuals; then if not paid after 10 days, turn it over to Sheriff Gaskins. Councilman Cone seconded the motion.

Other business discussed was the barricade for Beaver Dam Cemetery and the trailer hook-ups. Councilman Watson is making a diagram for trailer wiring and sewer hook-ups.

A newsletter is to be prepared by the City Clerk to inform the public about the procedure for handling bad checks, delinquent water bills and unpaid taxes.

City officials discussed whether or not exterminators are exempt from city license. This is to be carried to Robert Conner or Reese Franklin for advice. Also whether

McKesson Beer & Wine can add malt liquor to their line of products without raising the cost of their city license.

No further business, meeting was adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Shirley Wilkerson, Acting Clerk

Called meeting on Wed. Aug. 23, 1978 at 2:50 P.M.

This special meeting was called to review and adopt a Bond Ordinance for the updating of Ray City's water system.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Simons, all Council members and the city attorney were present.

A motion was made by Councilman Watson to adopt the Bond Ordinance Concerning water system upgrading and construction. Motion seconded by Councilman Brown. Body unanimously agreed.

No further business meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Jessie L. Wilson, Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1978 at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Simons called the meeting to order, prayer was rendered by Councilman Purvis. All Council members were present.

Minutes were read for August meetings and were approved as read.

Discussion was had concerning Edinfield trucks sending fruits and vegetables, Chief Jones is to check on true ownership of this business.

City taxes were discussed and a motion was made by Councilman Watson to reduce the city millage from 10 mills to 5 mills for 1978 taxes, motion was seconded by Councilman Purvis. Vote was unanimous for adoption.

City officials discussed the probability of hiring Jack Patten as resident inspector for the city's water system construction. Mr. Patten is to be

contacted by Mayor Serrano.

Earnest Walker was hired on 9/5/78 as a City employee to replace Willie Tucker. Mr. Walker will start to work on Thurs. 9/7/78.

The Council decided to hire Southern Railway for damages to water lines at the crossing between Pauline St and Patten Ave. Mayor Serrano is to furnish ^{necessary} information to Clerk concerning the charges involved for correct billing.

City Officials discussed the need for purchasing lock valves for water cut-off pertaining to City water customers, which should be used especially on rental property. It was decided to purchase 50 of the above mentioned valves. Council also decided to purchase 500 (yellow) water notices for individual information to citizens with water problems. 300 Red warning cards are to be ordered for water meters.

Officials reiterated that there would not be any squirrel shooting in the City limits.

Newsletter approved as drafted, to be printed and hand delivered on Sat. Sept. 9, 1978.

The following street signs are to be ordered from the State Correctional Institute 6 - 15 MPH, 6 - STOP, 6 - SPEED DETECTED BY RADAR., at a cost of \$ 405.⁰⁰ with a 20 year guarantee.

The City is to have installed 2 gas tanks, fuel to be used for all City vehicles. These tanks are to be acquired from M. L. Langford, Gulf Dealer. Location of tanks to be decided by Officials this week.

Discussion was held about buying sewer and water supplies from Southern Meter Co., prices are to be compared with other companies before order for needed materials is placed.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted
 Juanita S. Wilson, Clerk

Called meeting Sept. 13, 1978, 7:30 P.M. Wednesday -
 Meeting called to order by Mayor Serrano,
 all Councilmen present, meeting opened with prayer
 by Councilman Puccio.

Special business before Council - Recreation
 Hall being open on Sundays - Sewer and water
 lines for N. B. Lewis property.

Mr. Smith, operator of the Recreation Hall,
 presented a ~~resolution~~ ^{petition} with 130 signatures
 requesting that the game room continue to open
 for business on Sundays, except those hours
 when church services are being held. Mr. Smith
 states that he supervises his customers and
 does not allow any unruly behavior, pot
 smoking, bad language or alcoholic drinking
 inside his establishment.

Policeman Gray spoke in behalf of
 the Sunday hours being continued, and that
 it was a great help, particularly in knowing
 where the young people are. Charles Sipey
 spoke in favor of Sunday opening for business,
 also Jeremy Norton, Berrien Co. Sheriff's Dept., is
 in favor of being open on Sunday.

A motion was made by Councilman Puccio
 that the Ray City game room will be closed
 on Sundays from 10:00 A.M. to 12 noon, motion
 seconded by Councilman Cox - body voted unanimously
 to adopt motion.

Lewis sewer and water tap-in construction is
 to begin as soon as materials can be acquired.
 Mr. Lewis has paid for two tap-ins, the third to
 be paid upon completion of construction.

Mr. Adams tap-in to be installed as soon he
 signs easement and pays for connections.

People who have signed requests for future
 tap-ins without specifying numbers of connections
 needed are to be contacted and a definite number is to be
 requested as well payments to start on tap-in. Payments
 must be \$25.00 down and \$25.00 monthly until full
 amount is paid or by payments agreed to by Mayor
 and Council.

An order is to be placed with Southern Meter for 12 meter boxes with lids, 18 separate lids, an S wrench at \$12.00

The hazards have been taken care of by City Employees.

No further business meeting adjourned at 9.00 P.M.
 City Officials decided not to reinstate A. Garden as a Ray City Aux. Policeman.

Called meeting Tues., Sept 26, 1978 at 7:30 P.M.

Meeting opened with prayer by Councilman Purvis. Mayor and all Council members present.

Purpose of meeting to discuss Howell Harpe & Clefton Harrell land lines - Replacing fence on Park St. for Frank Watson and Beauvis Blom on Grissett property -

Harpe and Harrell land line was discussed, a special request to be submitted by Mr Harpe concerning structural location of storage building. Officials to consider and decide where building will be placed when request is received and received.

Any request for building submitted to clerk must be accompanied by written footage requirements on building permit.

Fence is to be replaced for Frank Watson as soon as necessary materials are purchased. 2"-3" line poles to be used, 48" fence wire, corner posts and supports. This fence replacement is according to an agreement with City Officials on 3/27/78. This fence was removed by the County to meet requirements for bridge construction.

Mrs. J. A. Grissett has requested that the City employees tear down the beaver's dam at the mill race at Card Paul dam. City Officials agreed to have dam removed at the employees' earliest convenience.

No further business meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Called meeting Wed. Sept. 27, 1978 at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor and all Councilmen present, meeting was opened with prayer by Ray Rejester.

Purpose of meeting was to discuss the possibility of an industry locating in Ray City and a continuation of the Horpe - Harrell land line and street opening.

Mr. Marvin Fayer, Pres. of Rabbits Sportsman Co., was present and expressed a desire to locate a Boys jeans and outer garment plant in Ray City. Ideas were exchanged and requirements outlined for both the Company and the City were discussed. A second meeting is to be held on Oct 25, Wed at 7:30 P.M. at which time the City and Company Attorneys are to be present and it will be decided if both factors can meet the necessary requirements, then proceed from this point.

Discussion was opened concerning the Horpe - Harrell land line and Mr. Fred Belcher, Atty^{was} present representing Mr. Harrell. Mr. Belcher requested that Trixie Street to the west of Ward Street be opened by the City, this street being the land line in question for both Mr. Horpe and Mr. Harrell. Mr. Belcher stated that a quit claim deed for said street would be issued to the City by Mr. Harrell. A decision was not reached, ^{issue needs further study,} and it was decided that Mr. Aultman, surveyor for Mr. Horpe property, is to be contacted for ^{more detailed} further information on Trixie Street and discussion will be reopened on Oct. 3, Tuesday, 1978 at the regular Council meeting.

No further business meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Juanelle S. Wilson, Clerk

Sept. 27, 1978 Wed.

9/26/78 → Continuation of Horpe and Harrell land line and Trixie Street. Mr. Belcher, representing Clifton Harrell requested that Trixie St. be opened going West, and a quit claim deed would be issued to the City for said Street for the required number of feet by Mr. Harrell. The question for Council - open Trixie St or leave closed. Issue needs further study, was tabled until regular Council meeting on Oct. 3, 1978. Surveyor Aultman to be contacted for more detailed information to determine if Trixie St. ever existed west of Ward St. City Atty is to be notified to be present at regular Council meeting Oct. 3, 1978.

Meeting adjourned.

Regular Council Meeting Tuesday October 3, 1918 at 7:30 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Sermons, all Council Members present. Meeting was opened with a prayer by Councilman Perais.

City attorney J. Russ Franklin was present and also attorney Fred L. Belcher was present, representing Clerk Clifton Harrell, in the case of Harrell vs. Harpe.

There are no deeds or dedication on record in the County of Berrien for Tripie Strub, east of Ward Strub according to Attorney Franklin who searched the County records back to 1833. Attorney Belcher stated that a Free Will Baptist Church once existed and was on Tripie St., it being a one lane path leading to the Church.

George Cockfield stated that he moved to Ray City in 1923, that he attended this Church and used the one lane path to get to the Church in 1923 and used this path thereafter as long as the Church stood.

Mr. Belcher made a motion that Tripie Strub be reopened. An issue, ^{was} submitted to Council that L. E. Gaskins, Ferris Scimble, Hubert Warr, Verna Jackson all remember the road leading to the Free Will Baptist Church.

Mr. Franklin contended that the path was on private property since there are no records of a road, but that Strub might be opened by consent of both property owners involved. Proposal to open Strub put before Council by Attorney Belcher. Attorney Franklin's ^{suggestion} was for both property owners to deed right-of-way to City of Ray City then Strub can be opened up. To open Strub without right-of-way deeds is asking for future trouble stated Atty. Franklin.

City Officials disapproved motion to open Tripie Strub, west of Ward Strub and stipulated that all structures nearer than 10 feet to property lines shall be set back or removed.

Councilman Perais made a motion that all structures that are in dispute, nearer than 10 feet to land line shall be set back or removed, motion was seconded by Councilman Cox, Council unanimously agreed to

this motion.

Letter to Chief Jones from Peace Officers Assn. to be published in the Valdosta Times and the Berrien Press.

Cards are to be ordered for complaints to the Police Dept., and are to be used for telephone complaints and expedited accordingly.

Council decided that there will be no future soliciting at Street and Road intersections (i.e. road blocks) in the City of Ray City as it is unlawful according to State Law, with which the City will comply. Local Police will handle enforcement of this law.

Pire and Police Station Insurance was discussed and amount decided for Pire Station, Contents (equip) and one fire engine is to be \$15,000.00, for Police Station, bldg and its Contents should be insured for \$3,000.00. Ford backhoe and tractor to be insured for \$3,000.00.

Council is to see about truck that the state owns for Ford backhoe, or purchase one outright.

Getting the 1946 Pire Engine in operating order was discussed, the question being whether to repair or sell. It was suggested that Landall Courtani - Val - Tech or Vernon Roberts, local mechanic be contacted for an estimate for the cost of necessary welding on the 1946 Pire Engine pump. Insurance rates are to be checked before discussion will continue at the next Council meeting.

Valdosta Plate Glass Co was selected by Council to replace Police Station window at a cost of \$65.00.

Minutes were read for September meetings and stand approved as read.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Respectfully,
 Jonella S. Wilson, Clerk

Oct. 9, 1978 - Monday at 7:30 P.M.

A special meeting was held for the purpose of presenting a resolution concerning the City Well, pump and land, from where City water is now supplied, that said property and land shall continue to be in use by the City of Ray City in perpetuity. Mayor and all Council members present and all officials voted to adopt this resolution making the decision unanimous.

Special Meeting, Wed. Oct. 18, 1978 at 7:30 P.M.

Topic for discussion 1- Dupre tap-ins, City Election in Dec. and easement for water ^{system} construction

All Council members and Mayor Sermans present for this called meeting.

Easement for water system construction will be available on Monday for property owners' signatures. Easements being prepared by Atty Franklin.

Dupre tap-ins - In view of research Felder and L.V., Dupre has legal water and sewer tap-ins, services can and will be rendered. The connection at Elton Dupre is not according to F.H.A. specifications, proper tap-ins are required within a reasonable allotted time if service is to continue at this address.

There must be a water tap-in at the Joe Sermans trailer or service to Mrs. John Sermans will be discontinued. All residences and businesses must connect according to F.H.A. specifications before the new water system is completed. Discussion was held about other water connections required by F.H.A.

A City Election is to be held in the City of Lay City on Tuesday, December 5, 1978 to elect two Councilmen. Easements are Gordon L. Perrin and Frank Watson.

Qualifications for prospective Candidates are as follows. 1- Must have lived in the City for one year. 2- Must be a qualified voter in Municipal elections. 3- Must submit in writing a request to run for Council. 4- Written request must be accompanied by a \$15.00 qualifying fee.

Deadline for qualifying will be Friday at noon, on Nov. 17, 1978.

Registration books will be closed at the end of the work day on Monday, Nov. 13, 1978. Pairs will be open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. on 12/5/78.

Mrs. I.N. Carter will be election manager, Mrs. Lucy Perrin, Clerk, Jeannette S. Wilson, Clerk. Ballots to be prepared by City Clerk, a list of qualifying candidates to be posted by City Clerk. Prospective Candidates may begin to qualify on Oct. 20, 1978.

No further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,
Jeannette S. Wilson, Clerk

Regular Council Meeting, Monday, Nov. 6, 1978 at 7:30 A.M.

Mayor Simmons called the meeting to order, all Council members were present. Meeting was opened with a prayer by Constable Davis.

Service for County Fire Truck is needed, clerk is to call Teresty Leph and arrange for needed service and repairs.

Clerk is to call State Fire Marshall to find out requirements for lowering City insurance rates, also inquire if number of fire trucks has any bearing on insurance rates, see if 3 instead of 2 ^{trucks} would make a difference in rates.

Minutes for October meetings were read and were approved as read.

Sewer and water tap-ins were discussed, letters are to be sent by registered mail to the following users regarding unsatisfactory connections. Dupree, Mikell, Simmons, Webb and Patton.

Council turned the business of Road Blocks, soliciting for Charitable Organizations, over to the Chief of Police - Lef. minutes of Council meeting on Tues., Oct. 3, 1978.

Council and Mayor decided that the extra Police Radios should be placed in City Hall for use.

Clerk is to contact City CPA and ask that the books be ready for review in January 1979, as well as a preliminary budget prepared.

Council and Mayor also requested that City Ordinances and Resolutions be updated by City Clerk by 1 January, 1979.

Council decided that City Hall does not have adequate space for holding Church services and that it is not feasible to set up regular services in this building. A letter is to be written to the person who made the above request, stating Council's decision and including the suggestion that Aremville, New Loie and Peterville Community Centers should be considered as a possible meeting place.

The City of Lay City will not participate in this year's Mayor's Motorcade to Millidgeville.

Council agreed to furnish 2 shirts and 2 pairs of pants (Police uniforms) for Patrolman Gray.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully, Jonelle S. Wilson, Clerk

November 17, 1978, Friday

A Special meeting was called to adopt a Resolution to acquire licenses from Central of Ga Railroad Co. to construct and maintain an 8" water pipeline crossing upon the right of way of the Railroad. An agreement is entered into Concerning Exhibits A, B, C & D to the Resolution.

All City Officials unanimously agree to adopt the above mentioned Resolution as of this date and to authorize the necessary signatures. Documents were signed on this day and forwarded to the City Attorney.

Respectfully Submitted
Jewel S. Wilson, Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Dec. 4, 1978 at 7:30 P.M.

Mayer Lerman called the meeting to order, meeting was opened with prayer by Councilman Parris.

All Council members were present. Minutes for November meetings were read and were approved as read.

The new water system construction was discussed, there is a need for fire work water lines have been installed. Resident Inspector was advised of areas needing attention.

Mr. J.C. Royals was present to represent Mrs. Philma Royals concerning alley Lieutenant Royals and Troy Ray, Jr. property. The two parties are to decide and agree upon disposition of said alley.

The wrecked garbage truck was discussed; preliminary appraisal figures have been furnished by the Insurance adjuster; Officials of the City are to discuss replacement vehicle with the adjuster on Dec. 5, 1978.

City employees are authorized to supervise trash and leaf burning until further notice, people desiring to burn leaves and trash must notify City Hall of time and place for stand-by fire protection.

All City job applications in the future must state expiration date of applicants' drivers' licenses.

Council voted unanimously to annex the Frank Studette property on Jackson Street into the City limits. Mr. Studette and attorney are to get all paper work prepared for review by City Council.

A resolution designating Councilman Frank Watson as signer for all pay estimates for City Water Improvements was discussed. Councilman Brown made a motion to adopt said resolution, seconded by Councilman Perrie - vote was unanimous.

Council voted to adopt an Ordinance governing the sale of obscene materials (magazines, books etc with nudes) in the City of Kay City. City attorney is to be contacted for minimum fines and wording of the ordinance and for drawing up said document.

City Officials voted to have a Christmas Party for the local children on Dec 16, 1978 and also to remember our Sr. Citizens, shut-ins and those people confined to hospitals and nursing homes.

There being no further business meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanette L. Wilson, Clerk

Regular Council Meeting, Jan. 2, 1979, Tuesday at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Serrano called the meeting to order, meeting was opened with prayer by Councilman Perrie. All Council members were present.

Minutes for December meetings were read and approved as read.

A discussion was held concerning the disposal of the wrecked garbage truck. Officials agreed to sell the Compactor, also truck frame for salvage minus any usable parts for new garbage truck maintenance. If no individual is interested in purchasing truck frame and Compactor, then salvage companies will be contacted for offers or bids.

18 November, 1978

TO: Mayor and Council
Ray City, Georgia

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Article IV of Zoning Ordinance, City of Ray City, dated 1 May 1972, I hereby respectfully request a Variance to Article III, Paragraph A, of same ordinance.

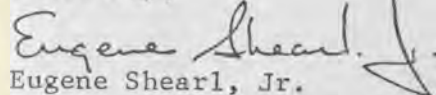
I propose to construct a residence on Lot No. 1, Block 4, Town of Ray City, at the corner of Jones and Ward Streets. The structure will front on Jones Street, being approximately 35 feet from the right-of-way, and will be located 12 feet east of the right-of-way of Ward Street.

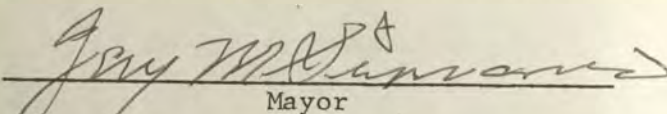
The nearest existing structure on the western exposure is approximately 120 feet away. The nearest structure on the southern exposure of the proposed residence will be approximately 90 feet distant. The property adjoins Lot No. 2, Block 4, Town of Ray City, on which there is no permanent structure. The nearest existing structure in that direction is approximately 115 feet away, and the nearest structure on the northern side is approximately 105 feet back from the proposed construction.

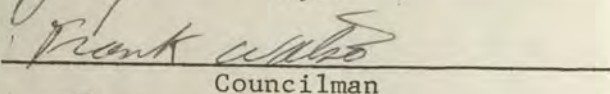
The clearances between the existing structures and the proposed residence should be more than adequate to maintain the spirit and intent of the ordinance, without detriment to the public welfare.

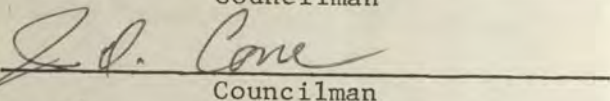
I would appreciate your favorable consideration in this matter. Thank you for your kind attention.

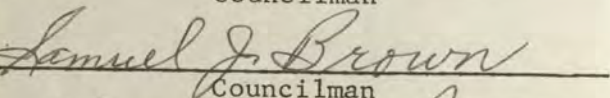
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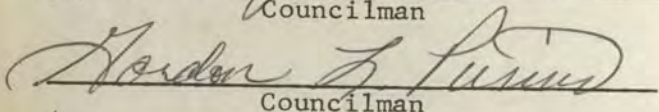

Eugene Shearl, Jr.


Mayor


Councilman


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Councilman

Dannie G. Harrell met with Council to discuss acquiring a City license for his used car lot and a fruit and vegetable stand. Also Mr. Harrell requested a street light to be placed between the fruit and vegetable stand and the Creek on Patten Ave, and one to be placed at the back of his trailer parking next to the Railroad.

Council agreed that the City would request the placement of a street light on Patten, Ga Power Co. to be notified in writing immediately, but the City will not furnish a light at the back of the Harrell property for his trailer park.

Mr. Harrell was notified that the used car lot license fee would be \$35.00 and the fruit and vegetable stand would be \$15.00.

Water and sewer lines for Holiday Market and Harrell property were discussed and an installation plan was agreed upon by Council.

Harrell Harpe was present to discuss the Ordinance governing building permits. After several minutes of discussion subject tabled until next regular Council meeting.

Councilman Watson made a motion that the City of Lay City purchase a transit for sewer and water line work, motion was seconded by Councilman Peruis, Council unanimously approved. Mayor Serrano is to purchase said transit.

Councilmen Watson and Peruis were sworn in as re-elected Councilmen. 1979 Mayor Pro-Tem is Councilman Peruis. Chairmanships to remain the same as last year, they are:
 Finance - Chair - Councilman Peruis - Co-Chair - Councilman Brown
 Police - Chair - Councilman Cone - Co-Chair Councilman Peruis
 Water + Sewer - Chair - Councilman Watson - Co-Chair Councilman Cone
 Streets + Sanitation - Chair - Councilman Brown - Co-Chair Councilman Watson

City employees here for 1979 are Robert E. Woosley at 3.92 per hr, City Superintendent, Attorney Reese Franklin, same salary as 1978, City Attorney, Ben E. Jones at 155.00 per wk, Chief of Police, Joseph C Herndon at 140.00 per week, Patrolman, C. Dane Perkins, same salary as 1978, City

Recorder, Robert D. Connor, same salary as last year, CPA, Betty J. Skuhl at 2.90 per hr. City Clerk - All title VI employees to receive 2.90 per hr.

City Officials planned a fish supper for Monday evening, Jan. 8, at 7:00 P.M.

No further business meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

^{additions}
any ~~admissions~~ or changes to these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Quonelle S. Wilson, Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Tuesday Feb. 6, 1979 at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Sirmans called the meeting to order. The prayer for the meeting was given by Councilman Purvis. All Council members were present for this meeting.

Albert Studtill was present at this meeting to ask Mayor and Council to erect a barricade across his property. The barricade would close off a makeshift road used by occupants of two trailers. Street in question has never been a city street and Mr. Studtill wishes to build on this property. Councilman Purvis made a motion that the barricade be erected. A second came from Councilman Brown and the barricade is to be erected.

Profanity Ordinance was viewed by all Council Members. The Ordinance was agreed upon and signed by all with the exception of Councilman Cone.

Mayor and Council agreed to raise the salary of Mr. Robert Woasley by 10% for his attending of the Oxidation pond. Mr. Woasley will now receive \$40.43 a month for this work.

All unpaid bills were viewed and payment was agreed upon. Disbursement Vouchers were signed by Mayor and Council. Delinquent Taxes are to be sent to J. Reese Franklin for further processing.

Dr. Senior Citizens float has been tabled at this time. It is to be picked up and discussed at the March Meeting of Mayor and Council.

All Council members have agreed to let Mr. Robert Woasley use his own judgement concerning the purchase of new water meters.

Councilman Watson is to draft letters for all those not

tied into the sewer system. Councilman Watson brought up for Carson Boyd the subject of sewer tie-ins. Henry Boyd, Carson's son, tapped into sewer on the West side of the street. The City put tap-ins at Carson Boyd's and Henry Boyd went back to the East side of the street. Council agreed this was an even exchange for both parties.

Mayor and Council will explain to Mrs. Jack L. Webb that she must pay for her own deed to cemetery property. Council has agreed to give complete description of said property and to place their signatures on the deed. All costs involved to secure this deed will be paid by Mrs. Webb.

All Council members have agreed to allow Robert E. Cook to return to work for the City. He is to be counseled by Mayor Simons in the presence of his supervisor, Mr. Woashy, before he begins work.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

admissions:

Changes :

For the Record
Bettye J. Shear
City Clerk

Regular Council Meeting March 6, 1979 at 7:30 P.M.

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Simons. All Councilmen were present with the exception of Councilman Purvis. Robert D. Conner graced our meeting with prayer.

Mr. Stacy Cravey and Police Chief Ben E. Jones were present at this meeting to discuss a contract for maintenance on police radios. Mr. Cravey's business known as Radio Communications and Electronics at 600 N. Lee St. is to be on call 24 hours a day seven days a week and Mr. Cravey agrees to handle all emergencies immediately. This service will cost the City \$360.00 a year. A motion was made by Mayor Simons, a second from Councilman Cone & all Council members agreed to accept this service contract for the radios effective this date. To terminate this contract with Radio Communications a thirty day written notice is required.

✓ Robert Conner discussed the new water & sewer rates and sewer tap-ins. In order to comply with F.M.H.A.

standards, Mr. Conner has drafted a letter to be mailed to Mr. Felder Dupree, Mr. Clem McNeil and Mr. Joe Simmons, sending them bills on letter heads of this City and explaining our situation to them. A copy of this letter is attached to these minutes. The \$253,000.00 grant from Fm. H. A. has been paid. The change over of New bonds in the amount of \$437,000.00 was procured at the Citizens Bank in Nashville on March 2, 1979. Mayor and Council unanimously agreed that all sewer tap-ins must be paid in full before tap-in is made and that tap-in's fees are not returnable nor are they transferable.

Mayor & Council agreed to give Johnny Cooper a check in the amount of \$100.00 to be used for a float in the Senior Citizens parade to be held in Lanier County May of this year. This money to come from the general fund.

Mayor and Council unanimously agreed that all widows of veterans must show evidence of marriage and have a sales tax record before they are exempt from buying a city license.

Mayor and Council decided the services of Junior Simmons as fire Chief are to be terminated. Councilman Watson is to serve as temporary fire Chief.

Robert E. Cook's resignation has been accepted.

All bills were viewed and payment was agreed upon with the exception of \$150.00 due Southern Railroad. Since this bill is questionable Mayor and Council instructed the clerk to hold payment until this bill is explained.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

For the record,
Bettye J. Shearl

April 3, 1979

The scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council for the month of April was called to order by Mayor Simmons on the 3rd at 7:30 P.M. Councilman Brown was absent. Councilman Purvis led our meeting in prayer.

The minutes were read and approved as read.

H. G. Lewis was present at this meeting to discuss

City of Ray City

RAY CITY, GEORGIA 31645

25.00
P. O. BOX
2/28

March 7, 1979

P. O. BOX 178
Phone 455-4921

Mr. Clem Mikell
514 Pauline St.
Ray City, Georgia.
514 Pauline Street
Ray City, Georgia. 31645

Mr. Mikell,

Enclosed is a bill for outstanding sewerage and water tap.n for which you are indebted to the City of Ray City. Under the terms of the outstanding Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds the City is prohibited from furnishing any services for which it is not compensated and the officials of the City are charged with the responsibility of collecting promptly all outstanding acunts.

Please send payment at your earliest convenience. Should the enclosed bill not be paid within thirty days from the date of this letter, the City will have no choice except to discontinue water and sewer services, remove meters and block off all sewer connections.

Sincerely,

Jay M. Sirmans, Mayor

JMS/bjs

City of Ray City

RAY CITY, GEORGIA 31645

March 7, 1979

P. O. BOX 128
Phone 455-0022

Mr. Clem Mikell
514 Pauline Street
Ray City, Georgia. 31645

Sewer and water tap-in. 516 Pauline Street

\$125.00

Please call ahead of your arrival to schedule. We will arrive within thirty days from the date of this invoice. Please do not attempt to disconnect water and sewer service until we have turned off all sewer connections.

Ray E. Simons, Mayor

City of Ray City

RAY CITY, GEORGIA 31645

P. O. BOX 128

Phone 455-4921

March 7, 1979

Mr. Felder Dupree
206 North Street
Ray City, Georgia.

Mr. Dupree,

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Sincerely,

JMS/bjs

Jay M. Sirmans, Mayor

1979 3 7 1838

Phone 455-4971

P. O. BOX 128

City of Ray City

RAY CITY, GEORGIA 31645

P. O. BOX 128

Phone 455-4971

March 7, (1979)

Mr. Felder Dupree
206 North Street
Ray City, Georgia. 31645

Sewer and Water tap-in. 204 North Street.

25.00
25.00
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City of Ray City

RAY CITY, GEORGIA 31645

March 7, 1979

P. O. BOX 136
Phone 455-4000

Mr. Joe Sirmans
115 Pauline Street
Ray City, Georgia.

Mr. Sirmans,

Enclosed is a bill for outstanding sewerage and water tap-in for which you are indebted to the City of Ray City. Under the terms in the outstanding Water and Sewerage Revenue Bonds the City is prohibited from furnishing any services for which it is not compensated. The officials of the City are charged with the responsibility of collecting promptly all outstanding accounts.

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Sincerely,

JMS/bjs

Jay M. Sirmans, Mayor

City of Ray City

RAY CITY, GEORGIA 31645

March 7, 1979

P. O. BOX
Phone 455-4

Mr. Joe Sirmans
115 Pauline Street
Ray City, Georgia.

Water and sewer tap-in

\$150.00

Sincerely,

Ray H. Sirmans, Mayor

City of Ray City

RAY CITY, GEORGIA 31645

P. O. BOX 128
Phone 455-4921

May 1, 1979

Mayor and Members of Council wishes this addition to be added to the regular scheduled meeting of May 1, 1979. Sick leave is accumulated at the rate of one day a month. This sick leave may be carried from year to year by the employee or it may be sold at the end of the year. It is at the option of the employee. No employee may reserve more than 20 days sick leave time that they can expect to be paid for.

For the Record

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CITY OF RAY CITY SICK LEAVE/PERSONAL DAYS/VACATION POLICY FROM MINUTES
BOOK NUMBER 8 PAGE 226 ON APRIL 3, 1979.

Employees are allowed one day a month for sick leave. This sick leave time can be carried from one year to the next however no more than 20 days may be accumulated by any employee with intent to be paid for this time. Employees may use these sick leave days for personal days if it is deemed necessary and a doctor's excuse is not necessary. Mayor and Members of the Council will decide whether or not an employee is abusing this privilege. At the time of termination of any employee all sick leave will be paid. If you quit your job there will be no sick leave pay. You must be employed by the city for at least a period of twelve months before you can expect to be paid for accumulated sick leave. Once an employee has accumulated 20 days of sick leave he/she may be paid once a month for one day of sick leave the last pay day of the month.

Each year of employment with the city entitles an employee to one week of paid vacation. No employee will take more than 2 weeks of vacation regardless of the years of employment. Vacation time must be used within the year and cannot be carried from year to year. An employee may obtain his/her vacation pay before vacation is taken or he/she may wait until they have returned to collect this pay. Vacation weeks are not to be taken consecutively and a weeks notice of an employees intent to be away from his duties with the city is expected by Mayor and Members of the Council. No employee will be allowed to work with the city while he/she is supposed to be on vacation. All vacation time will be paid at the time of termination of an employee but no vacation time will be paid if an employee quits his job.

sewer line and hook-up on his property. Mr. Lewis plans
put trailers on his property on Main St. He also asks advice
Council on the best way to do this. Also, Mr. Lewis has assured
Mayor and Council his business, Ray City Auto Salvage, will be
cleaned up and hidden from view. Mr. Lewis desires sewer
line to his salvage yard & a widening of the creek so the
water can run off. Mayor and Council discussed all this
with Mr. Lewis, at great length, and have asked for more
time before making a final decision.

Old business before the Council was construction of a
building to house the City vehicles. Many details were dis-
cussed concerning this project and a new building is to be
constructed in the near future.

Pay envelopes were signed and all bills agreed upon.
A motion was put before the Council by Councilman Wat-
son and seconded by Councilman Purvis that the following
items are to be purchased for the fire department to
update the City's fire fighting equipment: A new rope, a
fourteen foot ladder, a C.B. Radio, Walkie-Talkie, 200 feet
of hose and two lights. All Council members agreed.

Councilman Watson has instructed the Clerk to pay Jimmy
Sammons \$10.00 for lights.

There is to be a fish fry for all members of the fire
department and their families on April 23, 1979.

Mayor and Council discussed sick leave & vacation policy
for City employees and have adopted the following:
Employees are allowed one day a month or twelve days
a year sick leave. This leave may be carried from year to
year. At the time of job termination you may sell your
sick leave however a minimum of Six (6) months em-
ployment by this City is mandatory before any sick leave
will be paid. Each year with the City entitles you to one
week of vacation time. ^(only 2 weeks will be allowed. See page 227.) Vacation may also be carried from
year to year. Each employee is asked to schedule his/her
vacation but a week's notice before you take vacation is
expected. Councilman Purvis put the vacation, sick leave
policy in Motion and a second came from Councilman Cone.
All members present agreed to accept this sick leave & vacation
time policy for the City. Vacation to be taken one week at a time.

Mr. Ben Jones has agreed to put a new lock on
the police station door. Mr. Jones will also allow the

City to have use of his camera in police work. The City will furnish film and other items.

Having no further business meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M. Vacation Time Correction: No employee will take more than 2 weeks vacation. For the Record, regardless of the years served. Bettye Sheal

May 1, 1979

The regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council for the month of May was called to order by Mayor Jay M. Sirmans at 7:30 P.M. Councilman Purvis offered prayer. Councilman Watson was absent due to illness.

The minutes were read and a change is to be made in the vacation/sick leave policy adopted at the April meeting of Mayor & Council. Councilman Cone made a motion that vacation time will not exceed two weeks at the time and these two weeks are not to be taken consecutively. Councilman Purvis seconded the motion and Council unanimously agreed.

Clyde Morgan and Gabe Sirmans were present at this meeting to register a complaint with Mayor & Council about excessive noise caused by motor-cycles.

Mayor and Council have unanimously agreed to purchase their own gas tanks for the City at a cost of \$200.00. Under the agreement, when the tanks are purchased, the pumps are to be free to the City. Tanks are to have pressure put on them to test for leaks before they are buried.

Letters are to be sent to Marion Hays and Hubert Warr to clean up their property before June 15. The Council have agreed that grass should be cut and no weed killer is to be used. These letters are to go by registered mail.

Mrs. Ruby Moore's permission is to be asked if the City may burn off a wooded area on her property. Voluntary firemen will stand by.

Mr. J. J. Cooper has been hired to maintain the Cemetery at a salary of \$95.00 per month.

has is not to leave the limits of this City. ^{new}
 The Blue Police Car is to be repaired and Uniforms
 for policemen are to be ordered.

Census has been taken. We have 747 residents.
 Having no further business, meeting was adjourned.

For the Record,
 Bettye J. Shear

June 5, 1979

The regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Simmons on Tuesday, June 5, 1979 at 7:30 P.M. All Council members were present with the exception of Councilman Watson who is still ill.

The meeting opened with prayer from Councilman Purvis. Minutes were read and approved as read.

Mayor has asked permission of Council to pay for an Air Conditioner for the police dept. Council has unanimously agreed to purchase the Air Conditioner at a cost of \$125.00

Mayor Simmons has asked the Council to consider hiring someone to install the gas tanks recently purchased for the city. All Council members have agreed to Mayor Simmons request and someone will be hired to do this work.

The clean up of Hubert Warr property was discussed at great length. This City is willing to clean up Mr. Warr's property and to maintain it providing Mr. Warr is willing to give the City of Ray City a ten (10) year lease on said property. Councilman Brown made a motion and a second came for Councilman Purvis to have the necessary legal papers drawn up if a favorable decision can be reached by both parties involved. Mayor Simmons is to contact Mr. Warr and let Council know if an agreement can be made.

Walter Snipes was present at this meeting to ask the assistance of Mayor & Council in helping him obtain some pipe to widen his driveway. All members agreed that the work could be done. All expenses will be the responsibility of Mr. Snipes. D. J. Smith was also at this meeting. Mr. Smith requests loads of dirt to be dumped in his alley. Mayor & Council have agreed to this request and the dirt ^{is to be} dumped as soon as possible.

Mayor & Council have agreed the City will pay for Mr. Robert Wasley's house at the oxidation pond. Fees for the Drapery

Shop have been set at \$7.50 for the remainder of this year. If Frank Carter brings his auction business to Ray City the fee will be \$17.50 for six months.

Jimmy Sammons, Fire Chief, is to be paid for being fire chief. He is not paid for fire calls. Mayor and Council have agreed that only those fire fighters going to the fire, working to put out the fire and helping to get the fire trucks cleaned up and put away after they return from the fire call are eligible to be paid.

Clerk has been instructed to write Carson Boyd a letter to please have his loose hair and lint from his dryers put into plastic bags and placed in a proper container.

Having no further business, meeting was adjourned.

For the Record
Bettye Shear

July 3, 1979

Council did not meet because of the work involved with the fourth of July Celebration. Meeting has been re-scheduled for July 10, 1979.


July 10, 1979

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Simons at 7:30 P.M. Councilman Purvis graced our meeting with prayer. Councilman Brown was absent, also Councilman Watson who is still recovering from his accident.

The minutes from June 5, 1979 were read and stand approved as read.

A representative ^(Mr. Harrell) from Lakeview Cable Television was present at this meeting to ask Mayor and Council for the franchise to bring his business known as Lakeview Cablevision into the limits of this city. Mayor and Council discussed Mr. Harrell's proposal at great length. A decision was reached with a motion from Councilman Purvis and a second from Councilman Cone to allow Lakeview Cable Television to furnish

the City with the Cable. A letter is to be written by the City requesting that Lakeview Cablevision be brought into our City. All Contracts and legal documents are to be reviewed and approved by our City Attorney and our C.P.A. before any formal signing is done.

Mrs. Janelle Wilson was also present at this meeting to give Mayor & Council a full report on the Park. Mrs. Wilson met with Mr. Wiley of Wiley & Wiley on July 9, 1979. After the City makes a few adjustments, such as a ^{land} rail for the  bathrooms for the handicapped and the installation of urinals and Commodes in the bathrooms, Mr. Wiley reports his Company is ready to move on with the work to be done in the Park. Mrs. Wilson also reports that The Homecoming Celebration was a success. At this time she could not give a financial report as all Committees had not reported to her.

The Council have unanimously agreed to insure the volunteer firemen. We will get this coverage under Workers Compensation. Jimmy Sammons ^{Fire Chief} will instruct his fire men that any additional insurance that any individual desires is available to them at a reasonable rate through La. Firefighters Association.

The Clerk has been instructed by the Council to pay Mrs. Janelle Wilson \$46.40 for cleaning up the Beaver Dam Cemetery. Mrs. Wilson and the C.E.T.A. workers will clean the Cemetery again when they have been given instructions to do so.

Mayor and Council have agreed to ask The Berrien County Health Department if they would consider changing their Clinic day until after the 15th of the Month. The Health Dept. has complained that City Hall is too noisy & busy especially for their blood pressure patients. Since City Hall is the most appropriate place to conduct this Clinic a letter will be written to the Health Department about a change of date. The time will remain the same. Having no further business

All Council members are in agreement that no water bills will be accepted until payment is made on the sewer tap ²³¹ for those who are delinquent with these payments.

on the Agenda, the meeting was adjourned,
No changes
No admissions
For the Record,
Bettye J. Shear

August 7, 1979

The regular scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Simans at 7:30 P.M. Robert Conner opened our meeting with prayer. All Council members were present. Minutes read & approved.

Mr. Simans & Mrs. Gene Dees were at this meeting to request a street light and a fire hydrant near their residence. After discussion on the necessity of this request a motion from Councilman Purvis and a second from Councilman Cone with unanimous approval of the Mayor & Council the light and hydrant are to be installed. Mayor Simans and Councilman Purvis are to measure and see how much pipe will be needed for the hydrant and the best way to get the job done.

Robert Conner, C.P.A. presented Mayor and Council with a financial report on the Water Improvement Fund. A copy of this status of construction has been made available to each Council member. At this time progress on the system is satisfactory and funds are stable. Mr. Conner also brought to the attention of Council the grant money we have received from Environmental Protection Agency. Councilman Watson made a motion that the City use this money in the amount of \$7,557.00 to pay our obligations to our Engineers and to continue with phase 2 of this grant. Councilman Cone seconded this motion and all members are in agreement that this is the best way to handle the situation at this time.

Mayor and Council have unanimously agreed to purchase gas from W.K. Gaskins Oil Co. for the gas tanks recently installed for City use.

The fence around the fire station and gas pumps was discussed again. The Council body is in agreement to have a 6ft. fence put up with three strands of barb wire across the top and

Application for Employment.

To The City of Ray City.

Gentlemen

I know that at the beginning of each new year, new employees are hired. I would like to submit this application to you at this time for the position of Garbage Collector and Water Maintenance Man. I have a high school diploma.

I am 39 years of age, married and have 3 children, am a member of Ray City Baptist Church, and I have lived here all my life, also I have been a taxpayer here all my life.

I have 12 years experience operating heavy trucks and equipment, I also have 3 years experience making water meters.

I know that if I am hired I can give the City of Ray City a full work week, as well as the citizens of our city.

I will give the City of Ray City 24 hr. fire protection along with the other work that has to be done.

I am asking for a salary of \$140.00 a week straight time for a full 40 hr. work week.

yours

Bobby R. Sammons

CITY OF RAY CITY
COUNTY OF BERRIEN

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the City of Ray City is desirous of purchasing five acres, more or less, from M. A. Studstill, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, this land will be used to try to attract industry which will benefit all the citizens of Ray City, Georgia, and provide jobs for the citizens of Ray City and provide monies for annual payrolls and will be in the best interest of the City of Ray City.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY the Mayor and Council of the City of Ray City, Georgia, that the City of Ray City shall purchase the five acres described on the attached Exhibit "A" and shall purchase this property from M. A. Studstill, Jr. for the purchase price of \$8000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute all necessary legal documents to effectuate the purchase of this property from M. A. Studstill, Jr. and authorized to give him a check for the total sum of \$8000.00 for the purchase price of this property.

SO RESOLVED THIS 7 day of August, 1979.

Joe W. Studstill
Mayor

John D. Cone

Samuel J. Brown

Frank Watson

Councilmen

Attest: Betty J. Shear
City Clerk

All that tract or parcel of land located in Land Lot 422 in the 10th Land District of Berrien County, Georgia, and being located in the city limits of Ray City, Georgia, and being 5 acres and being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at the southwest corner of tract of land more particularly described on a plat of survey for M. A. Studstill prepared by Walter G. Altman, Registered Land Surveyor, dated March 12, 1977; said plat being recorded in Plat Book 4 at page 123 of the Berrien County, Georgia Deed Records; said corner being on the east right of way of U. S. Highway 129 and which said corner is marked with a concrete monument; and from this point proceed in a northerly direction a distance of 156.43 feet to a point, said point being depicted on the plat of survey referred to above and being on the north right of way of Sirmans Street, and call this Point of Beginning; from this point proceed North $16^{\circ} 47' 41''$ West a distance of 72.62 feet to a point; from this point proceed North $19^{\circ} 54' 49''$ West a distance of 252.80 feet to a concrete monument; from this point proceed North $58^{\circ} 54' 40''$ West a distance of 434.84 feet to a concrete monument; from this point proceed North $28^{\circ} 34' 36''$ East a distance of 165.91 feet, to a point marked by an iron pin; from this point proceed North $30^{\circ} 13' 42''$ East a distance of 125.46 feet to a point marked by an pin; from this point proceed North $78^{\circ} 39' 42''$ East a distance of 111.26 feet to a point marked by an iron pin; from this point proceed $S66^{\circ} 42' 16''$ East a distance of 405 feet to a point marked by an iron pin; from this point proceed $S20^{\circ} 12' 44''$ East a distance of 377.42 feet to a point marked by an iron pin; from this point proceed South $28^{\circ} 38' 40''$ West a distance of 65.79 feet to a point marked by an iron pin; from this point proceed South $77^{\circ} 30' 04''$ West a distance of 115.57 feet to the point of beginning. Said tract of land is a part of a larger tract of land which is more particularly described according to a plat of survey for M. A. Studstill prepared by Walter G. Altman, Registered Land Surveyor, dated March 12, 1977, said plat is recorded in Plat Book 4 at page 123, which said plat is incorporated into this description by reference thereto and made a part hereof. Said tract is BOUNDED on the North by lands of F. Burns Sirmans; on the East by lands of L. J. Cannon, part way and Miller Street, part way; on the South by Sirmans Street; and on the West by lands of the City of Ray City, Georgia, formerly of the Langdale Company.

with gates to swing toward the center fastened to
rod poured in concrete. A metal roof is to be
built over an extension to the fire department.

The Council members are in agreement that
all parts of the wrecked garbage truck ^{belonging to the city} are to be re-
turned. Chief of Police, Ben E. Jones, is to approach Mr.
Herb Lewis of The Ray City Auto Salvage who had these
parts at his disposal and ask that they be returned.
If the City receives no action from this request we are
to contact our City attorney.

A motion from Councilman Watson and a second
from Councilman Purvis will give the Clerk permission
to bill \$25.00 a month on water cards for sewer bills
that are delinquent. Mayor & Council unanimously agreed.

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175⁰⁰

Officer Joe Herndon was present at this meet-
ing to request funds to make buys within the City.
These buys are illegal drugs. Council body has
agreed to have these funds available on request
from Officer Herndon when they are needed. ^{3,200⁰⁰} Limit.

The problem of littering City streets was put be-
fore the Council. All members are in agreement
that, Mr. Ben E Jones, can give a warning to
anyone caught littering or not putting their
garbage and trash in proper containers. If
this warning is not heeded, Mr. Jones has the
authority to make cases against the violator
and a fine of \$25.00 can be imposed on the
offenders.

All Council members have seen the agreement be-
tween M.A. Studette and The City of Ray City for a
land purchase. It is unanimously agreed that
the City will pick up this option to buy this land
before midnight August 24, 1979. The balance of the
land agreement is \$1,500.00 ^{a duly signed & executed copy} of resolution is attached to these ^{minutes}.

Having no further business, meeting was adjourned
at 10:00 P.M.

For the Record
Betty J. Sheard

September 4, 1979.

The regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Sirmans at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was opened with prayer from Mayor Sirmans. Councilman Purvis was absent at opening but was present for a short while later.

Joe Sirmans was present at this meeting to ask about extending water & sewer lines to his & his wife's property on the Valdosta highway. After much discussion Mayor & Council have asked Mr. Sirmans to give them more time before making a decision. A survey is to be made to see how other residents in Mr. Sirmans vicinity feel about the extension of water & sewer lines and whether or not it would be feasible for the City to do so. Mr. Sirmans also discussed the following. Mr. Sirmans put his own sewer lines down to his trailer in 1974. Mr. Sirmans says at the time he was refused sewer lines by the City. His question for Mayor & Council was what steps the City planned to take in this matter. Councilman Watson explained to other Council Members that what Mr. Sirmans has done is acceptable to the City. After a lengthy discussion all Council members are in agreement that if Mr. Sirmans sewer connections are acceptable to I.M.H.A. the City will declare these bills paid since all work, labor and materials have been furnished and paid for by Mr. Sirmans. The preceding decision is also to apply to Mr. Clem Mikell who has taken the same procedure as Mr. Joe Sirmans. A motion from Councilman Cone states that in the event any of the aforementioned individuals have their water shut-off and then want water service restored a water meter deposit is required. A second from Councilman Watson and unanimous agreement from Council Members supports this motion.

Council has instructed the Clerk to write letters to all Churches explaining that under our Contract with I.M.H.A. for our new water & sewerage system according to the specifications of that Contract water meters will be installed

at all Churches and all water passing through these meters will be paid for by the Churches. In the past water has been free to each and every Church but M.H.A. says there will be no free water and will be no exceptions.

All members are in agreement to purchase a Maintenance Contract for the 3-M Copies at a cost of \$76.00 per year.

Mr. Ben E. Jones has given Mayor and Council his letter of resignation as Chief of Police. Mr. Jones' resignation has been accepted by Councilmen Cone, Brown, Purvis and Watson. Mayor Jay M. Sirmans wishes the record to show he is opposed to the resignation.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Approved as read

For the Record
Reetzye Shearl

October 2, 1979

The regular scheduled meeting of Mayor & Council was called to order by Mayor Sirmans at 7:30 P.M. Councilman Buddy Purvis was absent. Robert D. Conner graced our meeting with prayer.

Mrs. S. N. Carter was present at this meeting to ask Mayor & Council's help in getting rid of squirrels in the pecan trees. The problem of the squirrels is to be taken care of by the Police Dept. Council is in unanimous agreement that permits will be issued for the property where the squirrels are to be disposed of. Permits are to be paid for by the individuals who need the service of the Police Dept. in killing squirrels. There is to be no shooting after dark.

Danny G. Harrell & Mrs. S. N. Carter also have asked Council for some police protection after midnight. After a lengthy discussion on this matter, Mayor & Council will meet on Friday, Oct. 5 to see about hiring a third policeman for the City. Mr. Harrell also requests a street light for his

business. Council has instructed the Clerk to send a letter to Gd. Paever making a street light request for Mr. Harrell. Clerk has also been instructed to pay Mr. Herbert Adams \$150.00 for a refund on a water/sewer tap in which the City never installed and Mr. Adams sold his trailer and moved to Fla.

Robert Conner our C.P.A. gave the City its financial report for the year 1978. He also discussed the new water + sewer rates. A news-letter is to be mailed explaining the new rates to all citizens and the new water rates are to go into effect on Nov. 1, 1979.

Millage A motion from Councilman Cone and a second from Councilman Watson to set the at five (5) mills for the year 1979 has been unanimously accepted by the Council.

The Mayor will not participate in the Mayor's motorcade this year in Middleville, Ga.

The building to be built by the fire station was again brought before Council. A motion from Councilman Watson was put before Council that 3 estimates be obtained and a second from Councilman Brown with all in agreement that these bids will be gotten from interested builders and when a builder is decided upon construction can begin. The cost of this building is not to exceed \$6500.00.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Approved as read -

For the Record
Bettye J. Shearl

Nov. 6, 1979

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council for the month of November was called to order by Mayor Lirwans at 7:30 P.M. on Tues. Nov. 6. Councilman Purvis was absent.

Mrs. Marjorie La Page was at this meeting to request changing the name of Bryan Ave. to Newbern Dr. in honor of her uncle Mr. J. C. Newbern

Mrs. La Page presented Mayor & Council with a petition with several signatures of residents on Bryan Ave. who are not opposed to the change. After much discussion Mayor & Council have agreed to contact our City Attorney on the Legality of Mrs. La Page's request. Also, Mayor & Council ask that Mrs. La Page get signatures from all property owners on Bryan Ave. if they are to comply with her request to change the name of the street. It will be several days before Council can work all the details out and give Mrs. La Page an answer.

Representatives of the Tri-County Cable Television were present at this time. We are still waiting for some word from Lake View Cable Television as to what progress has been made to begin to service our area. Councilman Watson reports that a representative from Lake View Cable Television has been by to see him and would get back to us as soon as possible. Mayor and Council have decided that since Lake View first propositioned this City in July of 1979 and having no further contact with them enough time has elapsed that the City may consider giving the franchise for Cable Television here to Tri-County Television. This matter has been tabled until a later date pending some word from Lake View Cable Television.

Mr. Robert Conner was present at this meeting to inform the City he has contacted our City Attorney to have him draw up the necessary documents pertaining to Local Option Sales Tax which must be adopted and filed before January 1, 1980.

The Mayor & Council are in unanimous agreement to install drain pipes at Johnny Harpe's residence. The City makes an exception in Mr. Harpe's case since the City feels responsible for the existing system at the Harpe residence and the new drain pipes are to be installed without charge.

This meeting brought much discussion con-

cerning the building to be built beside the fire station, a motion from Councilman Watson, a second from Councilman Cone and with unanimous acceptance of all members the building is to be built by Newbern Construction Company of Nashville, Ga. Newbern Construction having the lowest of three bids.

It is the decision of Mayor & Council to allow Mrs. J. N. Carter, democratic Chairwoman for our Area, conduct the City election to be held on Dec. 4, 1979. Registration books were closed Nov. 2, 1979.

Qualifying candidates must qualify before Noon Saturday Nov. 17th, 1979. Polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Mrs. Carter will have two workers to assist her in this election. She may choose at her discretion whom she picks to assist her.

Council is in full agreement to buy a calculator and a Copier for the City's use. The calculator is to be somewhere in the \$100.00 to \$130.00 range. The Copier will be purchased for \$299.00 less our Service Maintenance Contract from Lanier Business Machines Albany, Ga.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

approved as read (Drain Pipes)

For the Record,
Bettye J. Shear

Dec. 11, 1979

The regular scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council was one week late due to the City Election held on the first Tues. of Dec. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Simons.

All Council members were present with the exception of Councilman ⁶ ₂ Red Meiler was present to ask Mayor and Council about a salary for his services as an Auxiliary Policeman. This is a complicated matter and Mayor & Council have asked Mr. Meiler to give them more time to consider his request. This subject has been tabled until the January meeting.

All Council members are in agreement to

to have the City Map revised & reprinted.

The Old Business Concerning Bryan St. has been tabled until our attorney is present.

Tools that are needed in the new water system are to be purchased when necessary. Two Valve Wrenches have already been bought. A motion from Councilman Purvis and a second from Councilman Cone give Mayor Simons permission to buy these tools for operating the new system if and when the need arises.

Saturday working hours for the City Clerk has been tabled until our January meeting.

Clerk has been instructed to call Hambrick's Xmas Tree Farm and see if we can possibly dig up a tree and plant it in front of City Hall to be used for many Xmas's to come.

A motion from Councilman Cone and a second from Councilman Purvis instructs the Clerk to send a letter to Jerry Griffin, Principal, Ray City Elementary School about the loading and unloading of students on City Streets.

Mayor and Council are in complete agreement to sell one ^{3^m} Copier and one adding machine to the highest bidder. We reserve the right to accept or reject all offers.

It is the decision of Mayor & Council not to have Mr. Cooper clean the Cemetery during the month of December.

The City will pay for Robert E. Woolley's License & Membership dues in the Georgia Water Pollution and Control Association in the amount of \$10.00.

A resolution supporting the Local Option Sales Tax has been adopted and signed by all members of the Council Body.

Pay raises and hiring or dismissal of employees has been tabled until Jan. meeting.

Clerk has been instructed to order new Stop Signs.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

In the Record
Betty J. Shaul

January 8, 1980

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Simons at 7:00 P.M. all Council Members were present. Robert D. Conner greeted our meeting with prayer.

Minutes were read and approved as read. Councilman J.W. Cone was sworn in for his second two year term & Carson Boyd was sworn in for his first two year term. Mayor Jay M. Simons was sworn in and is beginning his fourth term as Mayor of the City.

It has been brought to the attention of Mayor and Council that J.C. Newbern and Wallace Harpe are not properly connected to the Water/Sewer System. Clerk has been instructed to write letters to these individuals giving them 30 days from date of letter to come by City Hall and make the necessary arrangements to correct this situation. If not there water service is to be disconnected and will not be restored until the proper connections to the system have been made.

all members of Mayor & Council body are in agreement.
All members are in agreement to buy an ad in The Veterans of Foreign Wars Magazine. The ad will cost \$50.00.

All are in agreement to buy, Chief of Police, Ben James a jacket for his uniform.

The water tank, pump and deep well was discussed at great length. Mayor Simons is to meet with Mr. & Mrs. James A. Druet who owns the land where the old water tank stands and negotiate with them about the deep well and pump. The water tank is to be dismantled in the near future.

It has been agreed upon by all Council members that there will be no speeding to fees by anyone. The speed limit posted is to be obeyed at all times. Clerk has been instructed to write Fire Chief, Jimmy Sammons, and have him instruct all his volunteer fireman of this decision and to warn

them that they will be fined if they are caught breaking the speed limit while going to a fire call.

There will be no transfer of Sewer funds as requested by Mrs. H. D. Lewis. It is the decision of all members that is highly impractical and too costly for the City to make this transfer.

The City has a situation that will be quite costly in repairing the old sewer lines. After much discussion it has been agreed upon that the City has no choice but to make these repairs. Some repairs have already been made and a complete restoration of these sewer lines will be made very soon.

Councilman Watson is to see about an alarm system for the fire station. Gasoline is being stolen from the vehicles in spite of locked gas caps.

(beams)

All members are in agreement to have Mr. J. F. Cooper build some tables from left over materials when the City built their new building. Any other materials needed may be purchased.

All members are in agreement to put a fence up. This has been discussed at previous meetings. Its just a matter of finding someone who will do the job at a fair and reasonable price.

The minimum wage has been accepted by all members. ^{the wage} is \$3.12 an hour and it is to be retroactive to January 1, 1980 when the new Minimum Wage Law went into effect.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned.

For the Record
Betsy Shair

Jan. 16, 1980 - Called Meeting

This meeting was called for the purpose of hiring & dismissal of City Employees, pay raises and Chairman - Co-Chairman of the various Committees. The meeting was called to order by Councilman

Watson in the absence of Mayor Simans.
All Council men were present.

The benefits of Eston Giddens were discussed. All members are in agreement that Mr. Giddens is to have the same benefits as all other City Employees. These benefits in question are sick leave & vacation time since Mr. Giddens is a part time employee with the police dept.

License Fees were established for the year 1980. A motion from Councilman Purvis and a second from Councilman Watson and with all members in agreement License Notices are to be mailed and fees are to be received by April 1st. For all businesses who do not pay for a license and continue to operate their business our policemen have been given the right to impose a fine or to place padlocks on their doors.

Water Meter deposits are to go to 30.⁰⁰ immediately. This action is necessary since the new water rates went into effect Jan. 1, 1980.

Pay raises for City employees are as follows:

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| Robert E. Coakley - Sanitation | 10% | 4.31 per hr. |
| Betty J. Sheard - Clerk | 15% | 3.57 per hr. |
| Ben E. Jones - Chief of Police | 10% | 170.50 per wk. |
| Joseph C. Herndon - Officer | 10% | 154.00 per wk. |
| Eston Giddens - Officer | 10% | 3.41 per hr. |
| Junior Simans - Maint. Man. | 3.10 | 3.10 per hr. |
| Pat Hancock - San. Worker | 3.10 | 3.10 per hr. |

A motion from Councilman Watson 2nd from Purvis. All agree. pay raises are retro active to January 1, 1980.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

For the Record
Betty J. Sheard

Feb. 5, 1980

The regular scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Simans at 7:30 P.M. All Council members were present. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Water meters and their proper placement

ever discussed at great length. Since the meters are city property Council feels they should be placed on or as near the city street as possible. Meters are to be installed at Wood's Soda Shop and Swindle's Dry Goods. Tying in off other lines for the Carter Package Store is to be handled by Mayor Sirmann and Flannigan Plumbing Co.

All council members are in agreement to allow Robert Wooley, Junior Sirmann and Pat Hancock to buy uniforms for their work with the City. Mr. Wooley and Mr. Sirmann will pay for their uniforms when they are received. Pat Hancock has asked Mayor & Council for permission to pay for his by the week. All members are in agreement to Pat's request.

Clerk has been instructed to advertise Ben P. Williamson's property for sale for delinquent taxes and a clean-up bill of \$64.50.

Mayor and Council are in unanimous agreement to support Georgians for the Local Option Sales Tax and to send them \$100.00 if it becomes necessary to continue their efforts in the fight for the tax. \$100.00 mailed May 14, 1980. Check No. 885.

No adjustments are to be made on any water bills.

A motion from Councilman Purvis and a second from Councilman Watson will allow the City to impose a 12% delinquent tax on property owners. All members are in agreement.

All agree to allow Marion Harpe to burn his property in the City and to use a weed killer when the grass turns green. Harpe's property is to be cleaned by July 4, 1980.

The issue of Bryan St. has again been discussed and tabled. Council has asked Councilman Cone to check the spelling of Bryan on his deed.

If the City receives no response from Howell Harpe concerning his water/sewer hook up by Feb. 9 a final letter is to be mailed and his service to be discontinued on Friday Feb. 15, 1980. All members are in agreement.

The property of Hubert Warr was again brought before Council. It is their decision to burn it off with the aid of the Volunteer Firemen.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

No corrections
no additions

For the Record
Bettye Shear

March 4, 1980

The regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council met at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 4. All Council members were present. Mayor Sirmann opened the meeting and Buddy Purvis led our meeting in prayer.

Mrs. Jaunele Wilson was present at this meeting to bring Mayor & Council up to date on the park issue. After much discussion concerning the finances and collateral the motion was put before the Council by Councilman Purvis to allow the land at the Park, which belongs to the City of Ray City, stand good for the loan. A record from J.D. Cone and unanimous adoption by the Council members, gives Atkins Const. Co. and with help from the engineers ^{Willy} Willy, construction is almost ready to begin. It is also the unanimous decision of Mayor and Council that all checks are to be signed by the City Clerk, Bettye Shearland Counter signed by Jay M. Sirmann, Mayor.

For the Record,
Bettye Shearland, Clerk

The preceding portion of this meeting has been entered into and signed so that this portion of the minutes could be copied and carried to the Bank.

A request from the Fire Department to sponsor a Circus has been given unanimous approval by the Council body.

Mr. Robert Conner was present at this meeting. He presented a letter from The Engineers to Branigan Plumbing Co. about the things that must be done before final payment is made

on the new water system.

Mr. David Dudge was also present to ask about a license fee to operate a lock-smith business.

Mayor Council set the fee at \$10.00 per year.

The subject of Bryan Ave. was again before the Council. It is the unanimous decision of all members that Bryan Ave. stay where it is.

Bryan St. signs are to be made and put up in a section that was (is) Paralled St. where it makes the curve and comes past Mrs. Vilma Cone, J.D. Cone, Rita Bennfield, across North St. past Mule Simons and The Christian Parsonage where it dead ends into Pauline Ave.

Hawee Harpe issue has been tabled.

All members in agreement for Pat Hancock to take a vacation since he has been with the City a year. Pat is to arrange his vacation time with his supervisor, Mr. Robert Woolley.

An ordinance for collecting fees for cleaning up property ^{before taxes are paid} was under much discussion. A motion from Council Cone and a second from Councilman Parris instructs the clerk to call our Attorney, Rene Franklin and have the ordinance drawn up. All members in agreement. An annexation Ordinance to bring the property of Frank and Jo Studstill into the City limits of Ray City is also to be prepared. Mayor Simons will contact Frank Studstill.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

approved as read.

In the Record,
Bettye J. Shear

April 8, 1980

The regular scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Simons at 7:00 P.M. All Council members were present.

Robert Connor graced our meeting with prayer. Mr. Connor offered his assistance toward further explaining to Council our position with E.P.A. concerning the Oxidation Pond. Clerk has been instructed to write a letter and send two copies

of this letter to Mr. Dennis J. Hoffarth, Mr. Jack C. Dozier and Mr. C.E. Zimmerman informing them of the City's feelings and financial situation in this issue. As (The City) has spent a great deal of time and money developing the 201 Facility according to E.P.A. directions it is the unanimous decision of Mayor & Council at this time not to spend any more time or money on this facility under the present plan.

City Recorder was under discussion. A motion from Councilman Cone and a Second from Councilman Watson with all in agreement have decided to hire another Recorder for less money.

Harvee Harpe was also present at this meeting to discuss with Mayor & Council his water sewer connections. This issue has been tabled until May 6, 1980 when Council requests the presence of County Health Authorities to advise them. In the meantime a transit is to be used to further evaluate the situation at Harpe's. This issue to be re-opened at July Meeting.

All Council members are in agreement to Re-new the Contract with RCF of Valdosta for maintenance on the police car radios.

Ray City will sponsor a float in the Senior Citizens Parade in Lanier Co. on May 10. at a cost of \$250.00. The City is hoping to build their own float to be used on such occasions.

The City wishes to purchase a toximeter device called a Sensor II. A motion from Councilman Cone and a second from Councilman Watson, with all in agreement, instructs Clerk to order this device for use by the police Dept.

A sprayer for the City Doctor was under discussion. A motion from Councilman Watson and a Second from Councilman Boyd will allow the sprayer, primarily for the purpose of killing weeds, to be purchased.

Mayor Simans is to contact Herbert War to inquire about a lease on his property in the City. If Mr. War is agreeable the City would clean his land and possibly use it for a Park.

If the City can reach an agreement with Mr. Warr we could use the CETA workers this summer for cleaning up the property.

The Ordinance pertaining to Appeal from Municipal Court has been signed by all the Council Members and is in effect as of this day, April 8, 1980.

Reimbursement to The Ray City Bi-Centennial Park for the final payment to Langdale has been tabled. The legal fees for the final transaction are to be paid by the City.

A motion from Councilman Watson and a second from Councilman Cone will allow the City to purchase a new typewriter. All members are in agreement.

Having no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Approved as read, after correction made about City Recorder. For The Record Bettye J Shearl

May 6, 1980

Pursuant to notice given and published in the Berrien Press on April 23, 1980 and April 30, 1980, the City Council met at 7:30 P.M. on May 6, 1980 for a public hearing on the proposed use of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for the year ending December 31, 1980. No citizens appeared at the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

For the Record Bettye J Shearl

May 8, 1980

The regular scheduled meeting of Mayor & Council was two days late this month. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Sirmann at 7:30 P.M. Councilman Cone was absent.

J. J. Smith was present at this meeting to discuss a fine against his son Tommy Smith. At the time of his arrest Tommy was not aware that he had

Insurance on his car. J. J. Smith is to provide confirmation from his Insurance Co. that he did have insurance at the time of the arrest. When the City receives this notice a fine of \$150.⁰⁰ and Case No. 872 will be dropped from The Police Docket.

Mayor Simons is to see about a water cooler for the City. It is the decision of Council that the City has enough tables and one may be used to sit the copier on.

It is the unanimous decision of the Council not to sponsor an ad in The Georgia Association For The Deaf magazine this year.

Mrs. Jeanne Lewis was also present at this meeting to discuss water used for her swimming pool. Since the pool water does not empty into the sewer system Mayor & Council are in agreement to allow Mrs. Lewis to pay a full fee for water but her sewer bill will be cut in half. The filling of the pool is not a monthly issue and this adjustment is to be made only once.

All members are in agreement to have the ceiling ⁽ⁱⁿ⁾ at City Hall painted as soon as possible.

A motion from Councilman Purvis and a second from Councilman Watson instructs the Clerk to send an average bill to Customers where the meter isn't working. This average to be based over a 5 month period. Also, The City will send a person to check a meter one time. Any other trips made to check the same meter a charge of \$10.00 will be billed to the Customer requesting a second trip. All members are in agreement.

It is the unanimous decision of Mayor and Council that we (The City) does not need an Ordinance to cover drinking (alcoholic beverages) and parking on the Jennis Courts. However, signs are to be posted to this effect and fall under the jurisdiction of the Police Dept. of this City.

all members are in agreement to buy a badge for Ed Biddens to be placed in The Police Hall of Fame in Miami Florida.

A Resolution has been passed and signed by the Council for the paving of Webb St.

Having no further business Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

approved as read

For The Record
Beetys & Shear

June 3, 1980

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Jimans at 7:30 P.M. Councilman Cone was absent. Buddy Purvis offered Prayer.

J. J. Smith was present at this meeting to discuss fines against his son Tommy Smith. The Council deliberated Mr. Smith's grievances at great length. Councilman Watson made the motion that J. J.'s Tommy be given a month (until July 7 next Recorder's Court) to settle his car insurance problems and present his case along with valid Insurance Certification to the City Recorder C. Dave Perkins. This motion was seconded by Councilman Purvis all members in agreement.

Councilman Cone requests from the Agenda what the City plans to do toward paying S. J. (Red) Miller for his services as an Auxiliary Police man. It is the unanimous decision of the members present that S. J. (Red) Miller will be paid the minimum wage by the hour \$3.10. He will make no arrests & will carry no firearms. Co-Ordination of the times and place S. J. (Red Miller) is used by the Police Dept. will be handled through Ben E. James, Chief of Police. Only on special occasions when needed.

Upholding a previous decision that no adjustments will be made on water bills it is the decision of Council that Lloyd Jimans will pay his 13⁰⁰ water bill.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

approved as read.

For The Record
Beetys & Shear

July 8, 1980.

The Regular scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Sirmans at 7:30 P.M. All members were present.

Robert Conner graced our meeting with prayer. Ester Palite was present at this meeting to ask for an adjustment on her water bill for the month of June. It is the decision of Mayor and Council to let her pay an average bill and her water meter is to be replaced. J.D. Cone's bill will also be adjusted. The problem at Mr. Cone's Business is a matter to be taken care of by the property owner.

The sewer connections at Howell Harpe's has been brought before Council again. It is the unanimous decision of all members that the Clerk send a registered letter to Mr. Howell Harpe giving him 10 days from the date the letter is mailed to make the proper water connections as the City will summons him to Court for violation of Water/Sewer Ordinance.

The Trailer at Mike & Sonja Allen is also in violation of The Water/Sewer Ordinance and the above decision applies to them also.

Council members are in agreement to do a Census Review within the City Limits of Ray City, Mo. Sney Purvis is to be contacted and asked to do this review for the City. The minimum wage is to be paid.

City Clerk has been given one week's vacation Shirley Ann Wilkerson will substitute for the Clerk during this time.

The gas tanks were again under discussion. They are to be filled with 500 gallons of gasoline. There was some mention of Mr. Robert Wessley being responsible for filling the City Vehicles but no decision was made.

A ditch is to be dug behind the property of Jay M. Sirmans & Mrs. Sadie Sirmans to allow drainage.

The City has made many attempts to rid themselves of the old Water Tank but have been unable to do so. One offer was made of \$2,500.⁰⁰ to dismantle the tank and carry it away. The City can not afford this price and it has been rejected.

A motion from Councilman Watson and a second from Councilman Boyd with all members in agreement the following has been decided on the Water Tank. Mayor Simons is to approach Mr. & Mrs. James A. Grisett whose property the tank is on and ask them for a token payment for legal purposes and leave the tank where it is so far as the City is concerned.

Repairs are to be made on Park St. Mayor Simons will see about getting the concrete to fill the holes. Also on Main St. at 1103 there is a need for repairs but this property will be repaired by the State.

Ben E. Jones was present to ask Mayor & Council to allow the City of Nashville personnel that keep radio logs do the same for Ray City as better logs are needed to be kept. A motion from Councilman Watson & a second from Councilman Lane will allow the City to pay \$6.00 a month to these employees if it is agreeable with Chief of Police Wesley Bruner & Mayor Carter of the City of Nashville. All members agree.

As of this date the following jail costs are raised by Mayor and Council.

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| Turn Key | from \$5.00 | to \$8.00 |
| Meals | from \$1.50 | to \$2.50 |
| Board | from \$2.00 | to \$2.50 |

Robert Conner was at our meeting to bring the City up to date on our situation with Flanigan Plumbing Co. At this point nothing has developed of any serious consequence. However, Mr. Conner has suggested that we make Flanigan a final offer of \$43,000.00. A motion from Councilman Watson and a second from Councilman Lane with all members in agreement will allow Robert Conner to contact the Engineer informing them of the City's final offer to Flanigan. This \$43,000.00 offer includes Flanigan and the payment to the Engineer. However they decide to disburse the money is entirely up to them.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Approved as Read

For the Record
Bettye J. Stead

Aug. 6, 1980

The regular scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Sirmann at 7:30 P.M. This meeting was one day late due to an election. Councilman Purvis was absent.

Mrs. Madine Camow was at this meeting to request a street light where Miller St. makes the curve between 116 & 106 Miller St. All members are in agreement to make the request to G. Power for installation of this St. Light.

Mrs. Lelia Salomon was present to discuss her water bill. She complains that the cost is too much and she wants something done to correct the trouble. Mayor & Council have agreed to check the meter and if meter proves to be reading wrong her bill will be adjusted. If the meter is reading correctly, no adjustment will be made and her \$38⁰⁰ bill will be paid. Jeratha Anderson returned his \$30⁰⁰ water bill to City Hall and refused to pay. It is the unanimous decision of all members present that if Anderson's bill is not paid by Saturday Aug. 16, 1980, water service will be shut off. Richard Adams was on vacation when his water lines developed a leak. It is the Council's decision to average Mr. Adams bill after the water lines have been repaired.

Councilman Boyd will not be charged an additional License Fee for the selling of detergent, bleach and soft drinks at his Washeteria & Barber Shop since Mr. Boyd owns the machines rather than leasing them.

The letter to Harvell Hape for violation of The Water / Sewer Ordinance has been refused by Mr. Harpe. However, The Berrien Co. Health Department has forced Mr. Hape to tap off all water lines to the Building on his property that was not properly connected to the Water & Sewer Lines. Mr. Hape has made a \$20⁰⁰ deposit on water and promises by October this year to make all the proper connections to the Building.

Mike & Sonja Allen have not made any

Recommendation of Mayor & Council to
to do the work cheaper, is to be hired. A new Recorder,
to do the work cheaper, is to be hired. Sept to April 8, 1980.

suggestion, on what he believes, to be a better
way of collecting Police fines. Mayor and Council
made no decision on this suggestion at this time

113 The Trailer belonging to Jeannita Sporel
Tripp St. must make a \$150⁰⁰ Top for water Sewer

Having no further business meeting was adjourned
at 9:45 P.M.

Approved as read!

For The Record
Bettye J. Thors

Oct. 7, 1980

The Regular Scheduled Meeting of Mayor and Council
was called to order by Mayor Sirmans at 7:00 P.M.
Councilman Purvis was absent. Robert Cramer greeted
our meeting with prayer.

Marvin Pope, a representative of Holiday Mkt. was here
to request that the \$500⁰⁰ license fee be lowered on
the Amusement machines at the market. After a long
discussion and the opinion of every Councilman was
aired & voiced a motion from Councilman Watson
and a Second from Councilman Boyd lets the License
fee stand at \$500⁰⁰ per machine.

The following Citizens have requested adjustments
on their water bills due to circumstances beyond their
control. All lines & leaks have been repaired by
these people: Ray Ladd, Henry Palite, Kathryn Vaughan
and David Dredge and Lelia McSwain. Bettye Liddens

Peter
Markus
Dorothy
Stuckert

E. L. Mohly was present at this meeting to talk
with Mayor & Council about a grant from ^{the} Housing
& Urban Development Commission. Since a meeting
has already been scheduled for 10:00 on Friday, Oct.
10 with Mr. John Leonard from The Area Develop-
ing and Planning Commission concerning this
grant discussion was not in order.

Clyde Morgan was present at this meeting to
ask permission of Mayor & Council to shoot squirrels
on his property. Since the City has had this problem
for some time Mayor & Council are in unanimous
agreement to add to their October 2, 1979 decision the
following amendment to the City's Firearm Control
Ordinance: Upon obtaining a permit the Citizens

of Ray City may shoot only with shotguns squirrels within the City Limits. There shall be no rifles used and the permit shall allow the citizens to shoot squirrels only on property that the permit specifies. The squirrels may be shot pursuant to these permits only during the hours between 3:00 P.M. ^{and the months of Oct. - Feb.} and sunset. The City shall in no way be liable for any injuries caused by any person obtaining a permit and shooting squirrels in the City Limits between 3:00 P.M. and sunset or at any other time.

Mr. Robert Conner was present at this meeting to explain to Mayor & Council that our I.M.H.A funds have been exhausted. Our ^(obligation) bill to Flanigan Plumbing Co. has been paid from these funds. There is a \$339.60 bill that is still pending. This amount will be paid when Mayor & Council are completely satisfied with some work still to be done by Flanigan here in the City.

There is a fire fighting Meeting in Waycross, Ga. Mayor & Council are in agreement to allow some of the Volunteer Firemen to attend this meeting. Gasoline & Food will be paid for by The City.

The fines of Johnny Smith and Ricky Ford have been turned over to The Police Dept. for collection.

The City Hall is to be painted by City Employees.

It is the unanimous decision of all members present that the City will not purchase a Fine Clock. Jay Meilage has been set at 5% ^{mile} with all in expense.

All are in agreement to buy Joe Herndon new shirts & pants (Beach) for his police duty.

Daniel Laverne Studstill has been sworn in as The City Recorder at a salary of \$50⁰⁰ a month. Mr. Studstill has been approved and accepted by all Council Members present.

It is the wish of Mayor & Council that the Volunteer Fire Department flush the ditches in the City at their earliest convenience.

The City of Ray City will not attend the Mayor's Motorcade in Midgewile this year. It is the desire of the City officials to have

The Annual Christmas Party and distribute gifts to the elderly + shut-ins as has been their part in years past.

The vending machines at Vermeli's was again under discussion. It is the unanimous decision of Mayor + Council to have the Clerk contact our City Attorney, Reese Franklin, and draw up the necessary papers to ^{take} care of this matter ^{of finance} and for all.

Having no further business this meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Approved as read

For The Record,
Bettye J. Sheard

Nov. 4th, 1980, Tuesday

The regular scheduled Meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Simons at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Purvis was absent.

Carson Boyd graced our meeting with prayer. The subject of Bay Street was under discussion. This street is behind the Ferris Moore + Robert Martin property. Since this property is beginning to develop, Mayor + Council are in agreement to get this area cleaned up. Also, as many ditches as our funds will allow are to be opened up for better drainage.

The red lights taken down in City Hall are to be kept for City Use.

Mayor + Council have instructed Clerk to send a letter to CETA requesting a pay raise for Joey Simons.

All are in agreement to refund Mary Dailey's sewer tap-in of 125.⁰⁰. Let these minutes reflect that if it is ever feasible for the City to connect Mrs. Dailey to the sewer she will be afforded the courtesy of paying this original 125.⁰⁰ for service.

Mayor Simons is to measure at the Frank Studsteel residence for the purpose of Annexation of this property into the City Limits. Mayor Simons is also to contact the State about Mrs. E. H. Weldon's driveway. Mrs. Weldon would like to have her drive way widened but since this is on State property the State will need to be consulted.

Cows at the Ricky Thompson Residence are

in violation of City Ordinance) and are to be moved.

All are in agreement to buy plastic seat covers and floor mats for the new police car.

Councilman Watson brought the Council up to date on the purchase of the new mower for the City tractor.

The Blue Police Car is to be advertised for sale for 650⁰⁰. The red mower is also to be advertised for sale for 150⁰⁰.

All members are in agreement to purchase a siren for the new police car.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Approved as read

For The Record,
Bettye & Harold

Dec. 4, 1980 Thursday

The meeting of Mayor & Council was called to order by Mayor Simons at 7:00 P.M. This meeting was 2 days late due to the City Election on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1980. Buddy Purvis graced our meeting with prayer. All members were present.

Our City Attorney, Reese Franklin, was present at this meeting to help us solve the problem with the amusement machines at Holiday Mkt. Holiday Mkts., Inc. feel the license fee of \$500.00 per machine is too much. After a lengthy discussion and upon advice from Mr. Franklin Councilman Purvis put a motion before Council to drop the fee to \$250.00 per machine. A second from Councilman Cone and with all members in agreement the License fee has been re-set at \$250.00 per machine.

It is the unanimous decision of Mayor & Council that any money paid to any individual for information to the Police will be paid after an arrest, trial and conviction has been made.

A plan for collecting for the Cable Television has been tabled until more information is available.

The City election held on Dec. 2 brought the following results. J.W. Stone 126 votes, W. F. Watson 121 votes and Samuel Harper 31 votes. Councilman Watson & Stone are to be sworn in for 2 year terms on Jan. 6, 1981.

The Clerk has been instructed to write a letter to Ann Smith giving her 10 days from the date of the letter to buy her 1980 Business License for her Beauty Shop. Also a letter to be mailed to Harold Rabinette reminding him that he is in a zoned area and cannot run a business from his residence at 211 North St. Other adjustments Frank Studwell, Mallie Simans

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Approved as read on Jan. 6, 1981.

For The Record,
Betty & Harold

January 6, 1981

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Simans. All members were present. Robert Conner graced our meeting with prayer.

Councilman St. F. Watson was sworn in for his 3rd two year term on the City Council and Councilman J.W. Stone was sworn in for his first term on the City Council.

Our City attorney Reese Franklin is to be contacted about lifting an Easement from certain property of Frank Watson. Mr. Franklin is also to be contacted concerning the Ray City Farm Service. This business plans to build a new building. Since they own the land on both sides of the alley it is their wish to have the City give them a 99 year lease and close the alley belonging to the City. A motion from Councilman Watson and a second from Councilman Stone and with all members in agreement the City will agree to the proposal from Ray City Farm Service for \$1.00 plus all expenses that might occur.

Mayor & Council are in complete agreement to leave the Chairman & Co-Chairman of City Government Committees as they were last year with

David Dodge
Roy White
O. B. Mathis
Jimmy
Pacheco

Councilman Stone replacing Councilman Purvis. 259

H. F. Watson - Chairman of Police Department
Carson Boyd - Co-Chairman Police Department
Carson Boyd - Chairman - Water/Sewer Department
Frank Watson - Co-Chairman Water/Sewer Department
J. W. Stone - Chairman of Finance Dept.
J. D. Cone - Co-Chairman of Finance Dept.
J. D. Cone - Chairman of Streets
J. W. Stone - Co-Chairman of Streets

The putting up of Christmas Lights in the streets are to be paid for.

The Clerk has been instructed to advertise the Blue + White Police Cars in The Review Press. Sealed bids are to be accepted. They will be opened after the advertisement has run for 20 days at noon on the following Monday.

We are also to contact Reese Franklin for advice on what we can do to property owners who refuse to repair water lines for their tenants. Also we need to know what steps are necessary in condemning property that is unfit for human housing.

Mayor + Council are in unanimous agreement to buy a car from the City of Nashville for The Police Dept.

Bill Watson has been appointed Fire Chief. Bill will be replacing Jimmy Sammons who is working out of town.

Our C.P.A. Mr. Robert Conner was present at this meeting to discuss with Mayor and Council a new bill passed by the General Assembly in 1980. This law will require audits of Municipalities once a year. Though there is no fines or penalties if Municipalities do not comply with the new Law, Mr. Conner has suggested that we do comply. This will be additional work Mr. Conner will have to do for the City. At this point Mr. Conner has asked his retainer fee to be raised from 100.00 per month to 125.00 per month. A maximum of 2500.00 a year is all the City will be required to pay Mr. Conner. The

125⁰⁰ retainer will be credited against the Total fee for CPA Services. A motion from Councilman Watson + a second from Councilman Boyd and with all in agreement to Mr. Conner's request.

A cost of living raise has been discussed for all City Employees. Councilman Watson made the motion that the salary increase be 10%. A second from Councilman Cone and with all members in agreement these wages are now being paid City Employee's.

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| Robert E Woasley | 4.74 per hr. | 189.60 per wk. |
| Bettye J Sheard | 3.93 per hr. | 157.20 per wk. |
| Ben E James | 187.55 per wk. | Also 3.35 minimum wage |
| Edwin Diddens | 3.75 per hr. | his hours vary. |

All the Council members are in agreement that if any member of the Council body misses 3 months in succession they will receive no pay for the months they miss. Sickness is considered a legal excuse for being absent.

License fees have been set for the year 1981. All members are in agreement with the fees and have voted to adopt the License fees for 1981. A Copy is attached to these minutes.

All members in agreement that the City will not make a final payment to Flanagan Plumbing Co. until we receive the Plaque that is a part of the job just completed by Flanagan Plumbing Co. for the City of Ray City Water/Severage System.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Approved as read 3/3/81

For The Record
Bettye J Sheard

February 3, 1981

The regular scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Councilman Watson. Mayor Sirmans was absent due to attending a funeral. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Fire Chief, Bill Watson, was present at this meeting to bring Council up to date on charges

Council in agreement to hire

A substitute judge is to be hired whenever it becomes necessary for our present City Recorder Donny Studille to disqualify himself because of conflicting cases taking place in the Fire Department. Council has already agreed to pay for putting up xmas lights. This money is to be paid to the Fire Department to go toward buying a heater system. Walter Snipes has agreed to donate to the City an alarm system for the Fire Department. all Council members are in agreement to accept this alarm system and to pay the cost of installation. Bill also reports that Bingo has brought in approximately \$2,000.00 to be applied to the buying of the heater system.

Refer to bottom of page (Correction)

A motion from Councilman Watson and a second from Councilman Stone gives the Clerk permission to bill Tri-County Cablevision 75.00 for the first month's rent on City Hall facilities. Since the hours for collecting for the Cable has changed each month hereafter will be 50.00 per month.

All members are in agreement to change the hours of the City employees from 7:00 to 7:30 in the mornings and from 3:30 to 4:00 ^{in the afternoon} effective immediately.

Estela Berry
Lelia McSavin
Ann Miller

All Council members are in agreement not to buy Mr. Woosley's boats.

Brenda Jackson
Geo. Cockfield
A.W. Rojas

All Council members are in agreement to adjust Junior Simons & Earl Cumbs's water bill for the month of December 18th through January 18th.

All members are in agreement not to give Mr. Woosley a raise for his work on week-ends at the Oxidation Pond. Mr. Woosley is paid by the hour for this work and has just been given a 10% raise by Council in January. Council feels this is a sufficient increase at this time.

All members are in agreement to pay J.M. Simons for his work on the water lines. He is to be paid by the hour for his time and equipment used.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

To Amend a motion for Tri-County Cablevision made by Council Beaud & second from Stone.

For The Record
Bettye J Shear

March 3, 1981

The Regular scheduled meeting of Mayor & Council was called to order by Mayor Simons at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Cone was absent.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and amended to read that Councilman Boyd made the motion and a second from Councilman Stone with all in agreement on what to charge Tri-County Cablevision for City Hall Facilities. This amount being \$75.00 for the first month and \$50.00 every month thereafter.

Mr. John Leonard and Mr. Robert Conner were present at this meeting to bring Council up to date on the HUD Grant this City is eligible for. The discussion was long and drawn out and the City is making every effort to take advantage of this Grant. Mr. Conner is going to look into some possibilities for use of this money and get back to the Council as soon as possible.

Billy Prier was present at this meeting to request a license for palm reading. This is forbidden by City Ordinance. However, Council has tabled this request until April 6, 1981 at the next meeting of Council.

Henry Palite was present to inquire about the removal of shrubbery from City Property. This has also been tabled until April 6, 1981.

Water bills have been adjusted for Norman Ingram, Pearl Golden and Pluma Hallock.

L.V. Dupree was present at this meeting to ask Mayor & Council for a job with the City. The members present have agreed to hire Mr. Dupree at 3.35 an hour on a 30 day Trial Period. At the end of this trial period if Mr. Dupree is not what the City expects of him, he will be terminated.

When we received our Grant Money at the Park from the Department of Natural Resources this money was deposited in the General Fund of this City since the City had paid \$13,520.00 of

Members present are in agreement to pay the ²⁶³ Fire Chief for all fire calls plus 25.00 a month for maintaining the fire equipment. Their funds toward the Park. The money has now been returned to the City for all work that has been submitted. Mayor & Council members present are in agreement to reimburse the Park Fund \$2,780.90 at this time.

Clark has been instructed to order two plaques for the City. One for the new water system and one for the Fire Station. These plaques are to carry the names of the Officials in office at the time of construction.

All members are in agreement that in the future all fines being levied out for the City will be $\frac{1}{3}$ to the person who has been found guilty by the City Recorder & $\frac{2}{3}$ of the salary will be paid on the fine.

Viola Shaw is behind one month with her water bill. Clark has been instructed to write Mrs. Shaw a letter asking her to bring her water account up to date or she leaves us no choice but to turn her water off and discontinue service.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Approved as Read

For The Record
Betty J. Shear

April 7, 1981

The Regular Scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Sirmans at 7:00. Carson Boyd graced our meeting with prayer. Minutes were read and approved as read. All members were present.

Fire Chief, Bill Watson, was present at this meeting to give Mayor and Council a briefing on the things the Fire Department is doing. Many changes have been made and the Department is progressing with their drills and in maintaining their equipment. A CPR Course is being planned through the American Red Cross and a Representative of The Moody Air Force Base Fire Department will be conducting

classes for our Department. The Fire Department also needs to purchase some metal brooms, shovels & fire hoses. The bumper system much needed by the Department was under discussion. All members present are in agreement that bumpers will be given only to our experienced Volunteer Fireman. This means the Fireman that take part in the drills & Courses and those attending the Regular Monday night meetings.

Insulation for the Fire Department was discussed. A motion from Councilman Watson & a second from Councilman Stone will allow the Insulation deal to be looked into. All members are in agreement. However before the actual buying of the Insulation is done Council will be advised of the cost.

A motion from Councilman Watson and a second from Councilman Boyd and will all members in agreement Clerk has been instructed to pay Jay M. Simons for his meters being used by The Fire Department.

Let the Record show from now on, unless otherwise amended, newly elected City officials will receive their check for their elected position one month after taking office and will receive their last check one month after leaving office. The following decision is unanimous.

All members are in agreement to pay The City of Valdosta \$234.00 for Pipe borrowed from Jack Patten in 1978.

Jack Mc Donald will pay \$10.00 cut on fee, for not paying a water bill in February.

All members are in agreement to buy a raincoat for Chief Ben James & Officer Wendell Cary.

The gas pumps were again discussed. All members are in agreement to have the gas pumps available for gas between the hours of 8:00 A.M. To 2:00 P.M.

Daily. In case of emergencies gas may be purchased at a local establishment.

Cosby Farrell's water bill will be adjusted by The Clerk. An average bill will be sent.

This amount being \$22.00 and paid by check # 540 on April 11, 1981.

All members are in agreement that This City needs an Inspector to check houses as they are being wired for electricity. Also we need to adopt a Building Code. These two things are to be looked into and brought before Mayor & Council at the next meeting.

Nolo Contendere Pleas were also under a lengthy discussion. A motion from Councilman Core and a second from Councilman Stone and with all members in agreement Council votes to accept \$50.00 additional charges for persons pleading Nolo Contendere in Recorder's Court.

The Council votes unanimously to allow Chief of Police Ben Jones, to become a member of The South Georgia Criminal Justice Unit. The dues are \$25.00 a year.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Approved as Read
May 5, 1981

For The Record,
Beetys & Shearl

The regular scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Jimmans at 7:30 P.M. All members were present. Cason Boyd graced our meeting with prayer. The bridge going to the school on Pauline Ave. was under discussion. It has been brought to the attention of Mayor & Council that some repairs are needed around the bridge. This matter is to be taken care of as soon as possible.

Spraying for mosquito's for the City was brought up. An offer by Leon Hood of Adel has been made to the City. Mr. Hood will spray for mosquitoes at a cost of \$125.00 for the entire City. Councilman Watson is to contact Mr. Hood for more details.

Charles Rabinette has approached The Council for a license to operate 2 gas pumps at his

Service Station. Since Mr. Robinette has already purchased a license to operate a garage for 25.00, it is the unanimous decision of The Council to sell Mr. Robinette a license for \$13.50. This is the difference between the \$38.50 license fee for other comparable businesses in the City and the 25.00 license he has already purchased.

A chain has been requested to be placed in the park to keep cars & etc. off private property. It is the decision of Mayor & Council to place a rope with a no trespassing sign on it at this time.

All members have signed the Ordinance at the request of La. Power Co. This Ordinance relates to the destruction or tampering with of meters.

Frank Carter has asked Council to allow him to have a package store, a bar and a dance floor in the old Bank Building which belongs to Mrs. Carter. After considering this request at great length it is the unanimous decision of all members that the old Bank Building is not the proper place for this type of business. However, Council has agreed to allow Mr. Carter to conduct his business from a location that has always been used for this type of business. This arrangement will be between Mr. Carter & Mrs. J. N. Carter who owns the old package store.

The go ahead has been given to insulate the fire station. All members are in agreement.

Jeanne Lewis has had her water bill adjusted by Mayor & Council for filling her swimming pool. Also receiving water adjustments are Charles Robinette, Sue Rager, Wesley Farnel, Elaine Ladd & Johnny Abston.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

For The Record
Bettye J. Shear

June 2, 1981

The regular scheduled meeting of Mayor & Council was called to order by Mayor Simon at 7:30 P.M. All Council members were present

Carson Boyd graced our meeting with prayer.

Charles Wilson, Leonard Emig & J.W. Jemples was present at this meeting to ask The Council's help in having the portion of Pauline Ave. that passes their property to be paved. Mr. Jemples was here to speak for his Mother, Mrs. D.M. Jemples.

Irene Can was also present to ask about the section of property behind her home at 218 North St. and the right of way of The Southern Railroad. Council has advised that Mrs. Can read her deed carefully and bring it by City Hall. She has promised to do this and Council will proceed with arrangements for a quick claim deed should it be needed.

Concerned Citizens have brought to the attention of the Council that some posts or similar structure should be placed by the Bridge going to the Elementary School that was recently repaired. It is the decision of all members to place create posts at this spot to avoid children on bicycles or on foot from having an accident.

It is the decision of all present to pay 75% of the spraying for mosquito's and ask the Park Committee for 25% of the payment. The amount being \$1,25.⁰⁰.

The Ordinance Concerning Electrical Wiring has been approved, passed and adopted and is in effect as of this day June 2, 1981. All members have signed.

Draining & digging the Beaver Dam Creek was under discussion. All property owners have signed easements but one objection is coming from Billy F. Moore son of Mrs. F.C. Moore. Mrs. Moore has signed the easement. With advise from our City Attorney it is the unanimous decision of Mayor & Council to continue with plans for digging the Creek to assure proper drainage of the water from other areas when the need arises.

It is the unanimous decision of all members

water adjustments have been made for Thelma Holladay, Robinette Bea Doe, Verna Jackson, Velma Jefferson, Felicia M^{rs} Swain, Jacob Rouse, Mrs. V. Jefferson's meter was misread Barbara Palmer that there will be no more water adjustments for Estella Berry. Council has made two adjustments this year and Council feels since Mrs. Berry owns her own property she has an obligation to make the necessary repairs to her water lines to avoid water bills she feels are excessive.

The subject of drilling wells within the City was under a long discussion. The issue of setting a license fee or a permit from Home Owners was not set. It was decided by all members present that wells may be used only in such a way that this well water is not permitted to empty into the Sewer System. Inspections will be made at the time the well digging is done and anyone in violation of putting well water back into the sewer are subject to a \$1,000.00 fine. A Complete Ordinance will be drawn up and presented to the July Meeting of Mayor & Council.

The back hoe rates per hour were discussed and agreed upon by all Council Members. From a 1/2 - 2 mile radius outside the City Limits the fee will be \$25.00 per hr. including the operator. Within the City Limits the fee will be \$8.00 per hr.

It is the unanimous decision of all members that Non-Operating Vehicles parked without proper Inspection Stickers & License Plates will be removed. Chief of Police Ben Jones will check these vehicles and report to The Clerk. Letters will be sent to each individual with a non-operating vehicle giving them 15 days from date of letter to remove the same.

Wendell P. Cary has been given a 10% pay raise effective this Thursday June 4. His gross income per week will now be \$170.50.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Approved as Read

For The Record
Beelye & Sheard

RESOLUTION COVERING ACQUISITION AND CLEARANCE OF RIGHTS OF WAY WITH CONTROL OF FUTURE ENCROACHMENTS AND REGULATION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

GEORGIA, BERRIEN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation in cooperation with the County of Berrien desires to improve 0.524 mile of Streets in Ray City, Georgia, known as Federal Aid Project No. LPR 7-8530-18 (019) in Berrien County.

AND, WHEREAS, the project will extend within the corporate limits of the municipality, town, or city of Ray City, Georgia.

It is resolved, that we, the Mayor and Members of the Council (or other officer or officers) charged with the management of the finances of said municipality, and the legally authorized agents of such do hereby agree to procure for the Department of Transportation in cooperation with the County of Berrien, in accord with pertinent agreements and regulations, any and all rights of way that may, in the opinion of the Department of Transportation be necessary to the proper construction and maintenance of the above named project and according to survey and plans made by engineers of the Department of Transportation, within the limits of said municipality.

And in consideration of the construction of said Highway within the incorporated limits of said municipality, the City of Ray City, agrees to remove any existing structures or obstructions as provided in pertinent agreements and to prevent any future encroachments upon the right of way limits of said Highway not covered by permits duly issued by the Department or the City; and furthermore agrees, obligates, and binds itself in accordance with Title 68 Georgia Code that it will not pass any laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances which will penalize, hinder or obstruct the free movement of vehicular traffic on said Highway, including angle parking, nor erect any traffic signals, towers, or lights on the said right of way without written consent of the Department of Transportation.

We further agree that upon notice of award of contract on the above numbered project, we will arrange with managers of various utility companies and municipal departments to place underground plants in a satisfactory state of repair except where this phase of work is covered by agreements.

The municipality further agrees to assume responsibility for and cooperate with the Utility Owners in the moving, setting back, replacing or lowering of all consumers' service connections including gas lines, telephone lines, electric power lines, water mains and sanitary sewer connections to clear construction by one foot, whether such facilities are publicly or privately owned except where this phase of the work is covered by agreements.

It is further agreed that after construction is completed on off-system projects no new or additional utilities facilities will be allowed to encroach on the rights of way for this project except under permit issued by the City in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Department.

We further agree to protect the Department of Transportation and said County or its agents from any claim or damages whatsoever that might be occasioned through the fulfillment of the foregoing conditions, and to defend all suits that may arise by virtue thereof.

This 22nd day of June, 19 81.

[Signature]
MAYOR

COUNCIL:

COUNCIL:

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We further agree to protect the Department of Transportation and said County or its agents from any claim or damages whatsoever that might be occasioned through the fulfillment of the foregoing conditions, and to defend all suits that may arise by virtue thereof.

This 23rd day of June, 19 81.

James M. [Signature]
MAYOR

COUNCIL:

[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]

COUNCIL:

I hereby certify that I am Clerk of the city, town, or municipality, (as the case may be) of the official acts of the authorities charged with the management of the business of said municipality; and the within and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a resolution passed on the 23rd day of June, 19 81, and entered on the minutes of said officers.

This the 23rd day of June, 19 81.

[Signature]
CLERK

June 23, 1981 10: A.M.

This meeting called to adopt a Resolution covering Acquisition + Clearance of Right of Way + Control of Traffic on Miller + Dixie Streets. This Resolution was read approved + signed by Mayor Jay M. Simons, Councilmen Frank Watson, J.W. Stone and Carson Boyd. This Resolution is necessary in cooperation with The Department of Transportation for the surfacing of Miller + Dixie St. This being the only business on hand meeting was adjourned at 10:45. A.M. A copy is attached to these minutes.

For The Record
Bettye J Shearl

water ad-
 justments
 made to
 Rita Calhoun,
 Jeffrey Jackson
 Lelia McSwain
 Dorothy Mc
 Callan
 Joann Mc
 Donald

July 8, 1981

This Meeting one day late.

The Regularly Scheduled Meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Simons at 7:30 P.M. J. D. Cone was absent. Carson Boyd graced our meeting with prayer.

Delinquent Taxes are to be handled in the following manner. Since two notices have already been sent to the property owners who are delinquent and since the number of people not paying is small it is the decision of Mayor + Council to send one more letter asking that payment of delinquent taxes be paid immediately to avoid advertising and further costs.

In response to Mrs. Guisett's request to repair the culvert and clean out a ditch on Bryan St. it is the decision that the ditch will be sprayed with diesel.

The Bradley Apartments have water leaks and tenants living there are asking for water adjustments. Mrs. Fernie Harris, who manages these apartments has been contacted by telephone at this meeting and has been asked to look into this matter immediately.

A motion from Councilman Watson and a second from Councilman Stone with all members in agreement the subject of Insurance for City Employee's has been tabled until the August meeting pending more information.

All members present are in agreement to purchase an air conditioner from Carson Boyd for The Fire Department.

The Amendment to The Water/Sever Ordinance has been read and signed by all members present. It has been approved and adopted + is in effect as of this date July 8, 1981.

Having no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.
 approved as read

For The Record
 Bettye J. Shear

Aug. 4, 1981

The regular scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Simans at 7:30 P.M. Councilman Stone was absent due to a death in his family. Carson Boyd graced our meeting with prayer. The minutes were read and approved as read.

Old business before the Council was Insurance for City Employees. It is the decision of all members present that the City cannot afford to offer Insurance to Employees at this time and the matter has been closed.

Jeanne Lewis was present to ask for an adjustment on her water bill. The Council will allow this adjustment. Adjustments are to be made for Charles Wright, Betty R. Buerger, Mary Nell Wilson, Charles Hike & Johnnie W. Nix as soon as Mr. Woosley returns from school and the meters are checked. Frank Watson & Emma Hurst will receive an adjustment for well digging since this water used for digging wells is not put into the sewer system.

Mr. Aron Pierce is to be contacted and his help asked in fixing the road between Grace Swindle & Jeanne Lewis property.

The sewer system for The City was under a lengthy discussion. Councilman Watson brought the Council up to date on the kind of equipment we will be getting. Mayor Simans & Councilman Watson will represent the Council at a meeting with Stacy Cravey from RCF of Valdosta toward making the final decisions on this equipment. This system is to be paid for with the aid of money from The Governor's Emergency Fund, The Volunteer Fire Dept. and The Berrien Co. Commissioners.

Letters are to be sent to Johnny W. Wood and Alton Cole telling them of the necessity of putting their household garbage in the proper containers.

Johnny Cooper reports to the Council that he is unable to get any parts for the mowers purchased from Federal Surplus at this time.

The Volunteer Fire Dept. has paid for the Air Conditioner purchased from Councilman Boyd.

A motion from Councilman Watson and a second from Councilman Boyd with all members in agreement to allow Mayor Simons to sign the application from H.D. for Frank Stedwell should the need arise.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Approved as Read For The Record
Bettye J. Shear

Sept. 8, 1981.

The regular scheduled meeting of Mayor & Council was called to order by Mayor Simons at 7:30 P.M. All members were present. Minutes were read and approved as read. Carson Boyd grand the meeting with prayer.

The first order of business was brought before the Council by Councilman Watson. The subject of Officer Wendell Carey's suspension or firing from the Police Force was under discussion. A motion from Councilman Watson and a second from J.W. Stone all members are in agreement that Officer Carey has been investigated by the proper authorities and was justified in the shooting of Leroy Stines in this line of duty. Therefore Officer Carey will not be fired or suspended.

All members present are in agreement to keep the Tax Millage at 5 mills for the year 1981.

A second set of As Built Plans for the Water / Sewerage System is to be obtained.

The Clerk has been instructed to call our City attorney and ask his advice on the best way to handle the tap-ins at Junior and Jerry Simons.

The City of Ray City, will participate in the

Centennial Parade in Alapaha on Sat. 26th of September.

Pat Hancock makes a request for Councils to be paid for by the City at the time of purchase. All members agree to allow Pat to pay ^{sat} \$15.00 a week until the Councils are paid for. If Pat should be fired or quit his job final payment will be taken from his last payroll check.

A request is before the Council to have a small ceremony, past humorously, for Ben Jones who died July 28th. Councilman Watson has volunteered to check with Mr. Jones widow to see if she is interested in this ceremony. If she is Council will continue if not this request will be denied.

The Chief of Police from Willacoochee is interested in buying Ben Jones old uniforms. All members are in agreement to allow The Chief to have these uniforms at 1/2 price.

Chief of Police John Leavens asked the Council for two items. A fingerprinting kit and a Spot Light. The Spot light is to be purchased but the Council has turned down the fingerprinting kit at this time.

The Ray City Farm Service request for the closing of an Alley will be allowed only if a new building is to be built.

All members present agree to give Mr. Robert E. Wasley a pay raise of .25 per hour.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Approved as Read.

For The Record
Bettye J. Shearl

Oct. 6, 1981

This meeting called to order by Mayor Simmons. All Council members were present. Councilman Boyd graced our meeting with prayer.

Chief of Police, John Leavens, was present

at this meeting to present Mayor & Council with the application, for part time policeman, of Oscar Hyman. This application has been accepted and filed. Chief Leavens makes a request to purchase a radar gun for the City. This request has been tabled.

Harvey Harpe was present at this meeting to ask the Council for permission to waive Article III, Paragraph A of the zoning Ordinance to allow him to park a Mobile Home on his property at 802 James St. Mayor & Council have decided to give Mr. Harpe an answer on Oct. 7, 1981 when they have had time and in the daylight hours to measure and make their decision.

The Doctors Building was again under discussion. Mayor Simons has briefed the Council on what will have to be done to a proposed building. No decision was reached at this time pending a study of the facts to the City.

Clark has been instructed to write letters to James J. Sizmore & Herman B. Guthrie notifying them of a garbage fee to be put on their water bills. This action is necessary as Mr. Sizmore & Mr. Guthrie are outside the City Limits.

The Ray City Park Note was under much discussion. A motion from Councilman Boyd and a second for Councilman ^{Stone} and with all members in agreement the note is to be paid in full.

Officer Wendell Cary brings a request to the Council for a leave of absence from his duties as a policeman to attend Basic Training with the National Guard. No decision was reached at this meeting.

A raise for John P. Hancock has been denied until all City Employees are hired at the beginning of the year 1982.

A replacement for Robert E. Woolley has been tabled until November.

The garbage cans at Wood's Soda Shop

are to be checked on. It is the decision of all that if the cans belong to the City pick them up and let Johnny W. Wood buy regulation size cans for his business establishment.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Approved as read

For The Record
Bettye J. Shear

Oct. 7, 1981

This meeting called to give Howell Hays notification that he is in violation of The City Zoning Ordinance on The Placement of Mobile Homes and must move his Trailer from the premises at 802 James St. or place it in such a manner that he does not violate the Ordinance. Mayor Simmons, Councilmen Boyd, Stone and Watson in attendance.

For The Record
Bettye J. Shear

Oct. 20, 1981

This meeting called to discuss the Doctor's Building at 7:00 P.M. Meeting brought to order by Mayor Simmons. All members in attendance. A lengthy discussion was held on the subject of the building. J. D. Cone put into a motion that the building be bought if the City could afford it. A second from Carson Boyd and with all in agreement this motion is passed. Robert Conner, CPA, will be contacted and advise the City financially in this matter.

For The Record
Bettye J. Shear

Nov. 3

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Simmons at 7:00 P.M. All members were present. Minutes were read and approved.

read. Robert Conner blessed our meeting with prayer.

Mr. Conner also briefed the Council on the progress he has been making with a grant for the purpose of bringing 2 doctors and a building for the Doctors to this City. Mr. Conner reports that all areas he looked into all funds are exhausted. It is the agreement of all Council members to place the Doctor's building on the Ballot for the election to be held Dec. 1 and let the Citizens vote for or against this plan. Council is of the opinion this should be on the Ballot because the Tax payers will have to pay an increase in taxes if the Doctor's and The Building Plan becomes reality.

The City has been instructed to subscribe to Action Grant Magazine for 13 weeks at a cost of \$38⁰⁰.

Barbara
Kimmel
Virginia
Eunice

Merle Sirmans will have an adjustment on her water bill because of a leak.

Military users of City Water/Sewerage will not have the extra day to pay their water bills.

The Police Dept. was under discussion.

All are in agreement to have a daily log kept stating the mileage and gasoline put in the Police Cars. This log will also apply to all City Equipment. Schedules of who is on duty and who is off duty will also be kept beginning tomorrow Nov. 4, 1981.

The Police Roster is to be kept in its entirety by the City Clerk.

The City will pay for alterations done to shirts for John Leavens. This alteration not being authorized, it is the decision of all not to buy any more uniforms for John Leavens during the year 1982. 2 complete sets of Uniforms ^{already} plus the altered shirts seems a fair clothing allowance to Council.

Clerk is instructed to pay Jay M. Sirmans + Leroy Trayer for 3 hours work on The City water Lines. J. M. Sirmans pays Mr.

The Contract with Dr. Power for the next five years for St. lights has been accepted & signed. 277

Edwin Nelson, from his own pocket, \$20.⁰⁰ for work on the Chlorinator pump. This \$20.⁰⁰ is to be paid back to Mr. Simons.

A motion from J. W. Stone and a second from J. D. Cone and with all in agreement to fix the fire station roof, install a metal door ^{at Police Sta.} and to paint City Hall. Estimates will be taken for these jobs.

Having no further business this meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Approved as read, Dec. 2, 1981

For The Record
Bettye Shear

Dec. 2, 1981

The regular scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council for the month of December was held one day late due to the City Election. Mayor Simons called the meeting to order at 9:00 P.M. Councilman Boyd blessed our meeting with prayer. All Council members were present.

The Doctor's building was again discussed at great length. On Dec. 1, 1981 the issue of the Building was on the ballot to get the general feel of the Citizens. This building will cost and it may mean an increase in taxes for the Citizens of Ray City. This issue was voted down by 115 No's to 40 yes's. It is the decision of all to table this matter for the time being.

A motion from Councilman Watson to allow the City Sanitation workers to pick up garbage from the Ray City Diner has been seconded by Councilman Cone and with all in agreement this garbage will be picked up at the same time garbage is taken from the Elementary School.

The Park was the subject of discussion on building blacktop picnic tables or some other items useful to the general Public by June of 1982. There is \$3,699.¹⁰ remaining in

the Grant Fund. A motion from Councilman Cone & a second from Councilman Watson & with all in agreement the remaining Grant Money will be used.

Councilman Watson brought the Council up to date on the new radio equipment that has been purchased for the City. The City is waiting, at this point, for their License from the FCC and 3 lines to be installed by the Telephone Company.

Volunteer fire fighters for this ^{City} will still all be Male. This decision is acceptable to all members.

A motion from Councilman Watson for a donation to The Ray City Packers Little League football teams of \$100.00 has been seconded by Councilman Boyd. Clerk has been instructed to write a check and give to the Treasurer of the Seams.

Mr. Spielman has been selected to paint the City Hall sign.

A motion from Councilman Watson to raise our City Recorder, Daniel L. Studer, to 75⁰⁰ per month regardless of the number of times he holds Court ^{in the month} has been seconded by Councilman Cone and all Council members are in agreement. The effective date of this payment is Dec. 8, 1981.

Necessities for the prisoners, Leon Shunk & Henry Driggers, who are working out their fines with the City, will be paid for by the City.

Dec. 1, 1981 City Election went as follows.

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| Jay M. Simans | - | Mayor |
| Eston Giddens | 106 votes | Councilman |
| Jannette Wilson | 80 votes | Councilwoman |
| D. D. Cone | 73 votes | Councilman |
| Carson Boyd | 68 votes | Councilman |

The incumbents Boyd & Cone will be replaced by Wilson & Giddens who will begin their 2nd terms on the Council Jan. 5, 1982.

Mayor Simans begins his 5th term as

Mayor on Jan. 5, 1982.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Approved as read!

For The Record
Bettye J. Sharr

Jan. 5, 1982

The regular scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Simans at 7:00 P.M. All members were present.

Mayor J. M. Simans, Councilman Eston Giddens & Councilwoman Jacquie Wilson were sworn in to begin their terms on the City Council.

James J. Sizemore was before the Council to question his 7.⁵⁰ a month garbage pick up fee. Mr. Sizemore is charged this fee since he lives outside the City limits and pays no sewer fees. After a lengthy discussion all members are in agreement to allow Mr. Sizemore to pay 5.⁰⁰ a month for his garbage fee. This fee is considered fair by all including Mr. Sizemore and the issue is settled. Including ^{Walker, Bennett, Simans} Mathis, Temple ^{Simans}

Mayor Simans reports to Council that he has paid 15.⁰⁰ of his own money to have the garbage truck pulled out of a bag. A motion from Councilman Watson & a second from Councilman Stone & with all members in agreement the Clerk has been instructed to reimburse Mayor Simans this 15.⁰⁰.

Fire Chief, Bill Watson, was before Council to give a progress report on the Fire Dept. and an inventory of equipment on hand and of items needed at this time. Buying of new equipment has been tabled until the Feb. session of Council. The Fire Dept. has made great progress this past year. This progress was discussed at great length including the heater system. All members present are in agreement to keep Bill Watson as Fire Chief.

Applications from all City Employees were received for re-hiring in the year 1982.

A motion from Councilman Watson and a 2nd from Councilman Stone & with all members in agreement all City employees have been rehired. This includes John A. Leavens, Chief of Police John P. Hancock & Michael K. Smith in the Sanitation Dept. & Bettye J. Shear, City Clerk.

Radio Maintenance Contract with Radio Communications of Valdosta is up for renewal. Councilman Eston Giddens made a motion that the City re-new this contract at a cost of 330.⁰⁰ per year. A second from Councilman Stone and with all in agreement this Radio Maintenance Contract will be renewed.

The following Council members have been appointed by Mayor Simmons to serve in the following capacity for 1987.

Police Dept. W. F. Watson, Chairman
J. W. Stone, Co-Chairman

Finance Dept. J. W. Stone, Chairman
W. F. Watson, Co-Chairman

Water/Sewerage Dept. Jannell Wilson, Chairman
Eston Giddens, Co-Chairman

Streets Eston Giddens, Chairman
Jannell Wilson, Co-Chairman

License fees have been tabled at this time. Robert Conner was present at this meeting to offer the City the same services he has rendered ~~to~~ in the past. at a the same cost of 125.⁰⁰ per month. ^{Retainer fee} All members are in agreement to keep Mr. Conner.

A motion from Councilman Stone & a second from Councilman Wilson will allow the Clerk to issue Mr. Howard Hoston a license for peddling in exchange for fruit for the annual Xmas Party as has been the practice of this City for some time.

Having no further business this meeting

was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Approved as read. For The Record
Bettye J. Shear

Feb. 2, 1982

The regular scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Simons at 7:00 P.M. All Council members were present.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Old business before the Council was the subject of buying new equipment for the Fire Dept. The items needed will cost approximately 70⁰⁰. All members are in agreement to make this purchase.

The other old business pertained to setting License Fees for 1982. All members are in agreement to keep the fees where they are with the exception of Tri County Gas Co. and Amoco Gas Co. This License Fee has been set at 65⁰⁰ to bring the afore mentioned Gas Companies up to the fee all other gas companies pay.

One other exception has been added to the Ordinance. A motion from Councilman Giddens to lower Wood's Soda Shop to 70⁰⁰ for a License Fee has been seconded by Councilman Watson and with all in agreement this fee has been changed.

The deadline for paying a License Fee was under discussion. A motion from Councilman Watson to move the deadline from April 1 to February 5 has been seconded by Councilman Giddens. All Council members are in agreement. This deadline applies to all established businesses. New businesses must buy a License immediately upon operation of said business.

Ray Register was present at this meeting to discuss the possibility of the City hiring a full time employee for the purpose of organizing + carrying out activities in The Park during the months of May, June, July, August and possibly September. Members of the Council will meet with the Park

Directors on Feb. 4 to discuss this matter at greater length.

Mayor Simons briefed the Council on what will have to be done to bring The Housing Project into the City's sewer system. All Council Members are in agreement to give the Project the use of the sewer facilities but plans will have to be made and several situations looked into before actual work begins.

Mayor & Council have decided that Insurance on our Policeman was inadequate. A motion from Councilman Giddens and a second from Councilman Watson Clerk has been instructed to contact The City's Agent, Taylor. Jamson in Nashville and accept the policy revised by all members at this meeting. All Council is in agreement.

Clerk has been instructed to write the occupants of Barentine's garage a letter giving them 30 days to remove all Non-operating vehicles from the premises and to purchase a business License.

Clerk has been instructed to draw up an Ordinance stating there will be no tree cutting on City Property. The minimum fine will be \$100.⁰⁰ for this offense and the maximum will be left to the discretion of Mayor & Council depending upon the value of the tree and replacement of the tree. This ordinance is ordered by a motion from Councilman Giddens and a second from Councilman Stone and ~~with~~ with all in agreement.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.
Approved as Read

For The Record
Bettye J. Shuart

Feb. 10, 1982 7:00 P.M. Tree Cutting Ordinance

This meeting was called for the purpose of setting a License fee for a game room to be operated by Robbie Beaty (Mrs. Beaty was and the buying of a copier for The City.)

present at this meeting and after a lengthy discussion The Council is in agreement to allow Mrs. Beaty to pay $\frac{1}{3}$ of her fee on 2/11/82 $\frac{1}{3}$ on 3/11/82 and the remainder on 4/11/82. Payments of 115^{00} ea. for a total of 345^{00} . 95^{00} fee authorizes the business to operate. 250^{00} for one machine with an additional 5^{00} for any & all types of machines thereafter.

A representative of Lanier Business Products was present at this meeting to demonstrate a copier that the City is considering buying. This issue was discussed at great length. A motion from Councilman Watson and a second from Council Stone and with all members in agreement the City will buy this copier. The bid copier is to be sold to the highest bidder through proper channels.

An ordinance to prevent tree cutting on City Property has been reviewed and signed by all members of the Council.

Having no further business this meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

For The Record
Beatty & Sharr

March 3, 1982 - This meeting one day late.

The regular scheduled meeting of Mayor & Council was called to order by Mayor Simons at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Stone was not present at the beginning of the meeting but came late. All other members were present.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

The Fire Dept. was under a long discussion concerning a seminar to be held in Thomasville, Ga. for volunteer firemen and the buying of an oxygen unit. A motion was placed before the Council by Councilwoman Wilson that our firemen attend the seminar and the oxygen unit to be purchased. A second was received by Councilman Diddens and with all members

in agreement.

40.⁰⁰ a year for realtors & renting agencies has been adopted by the Council and will be placed on the Ordinance pertaining to Business License Fees.

J. W. Semples was before the Council to offer his services for maintenance at ^{Beaver Dam} the Cemetery. All Council members are in agreement to hire Mr. Semples for the price of 95.⁰⁰ per month for at least 8 months out of the Calendar year. Mr. Semples will supply his own equipment and his work will be inspected before payment is made.

The rising cost of electricity has prompted Mayor & Council to look into the possibility of cutting off some of the City street lights. Mayor Simmons & Councilman Giddens will make a survey on the street lights and report their findings at the next scheduled meeting.

Larson Fountain was present at this meeting to bring information to the Council that certain parties may be interested in bringing a hardware business to this City. Mayor Simmons is to look into this further at a later date.

A yard of the Month plan has been adopted by all Council members for homes that are considered to be the best kept - neatness, Lay out and etc. Clerk has been instructed to call and ask the services of Mrs. Mildred Fountain, Velma Jefferson & Kathryn Vaughan to act as judges for this event. A yard of the Month sign will be placed in the yard of the home that looks the best in the opinion of the judges.

(jr.) Mayor Simmons approaches the Council to ask if arrangements could be made for the City to pay \$1,000.⁰⁰ for damages done to City property (Fire cutting in Feb. 79) by his son Clyde (Bo) Simmons. A motion from Councilman Watson to accept this \$1,000.⁰⁰ payment has been seconded by Councilman

Giddens and with all Council in agreement. John P. Hancock has enrolled in classes to help him obtain his GED Certificate. A motion from Councilman Wilson to ^{pay} buy for books for these classes has been seconded by Councilman Watson. All members in agreement with the exception of Councilman Giddens who votes No.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Approved as Read

For The Record
Bretz & Shore
Clerk

April 6, 1982

The regular scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Simons at 7:00 P.M. All members were present. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Vernice Barentine was present at this meeting to exhibit the help of Council in having Park St. cleaned up. Council patiently listened to Mrs. Barentine's complaints and have agreed to ask all citizens to clean up around their premises where it is possible to do so. All areas that have not been cleaned, at the date of the next Council meeting, letters will be sent to the offenders giving them (10) Ten days to clean up or the City will clean up for them and they will be billed for these services.

Old business before the Council was delinquent Water / Sewer Tap. Ins. A motion from Councilman Watson for immediate payment on these tap-ins was seconded by Councilman Giddens and with all members in agreement. Clerk has been instructed to send another letter giving (30) Thirty days from ^{the} date of letter to make these payments or service will be discontinued.

The next item of old business was a survey being made to see if the City could turn off some of the St. Lights. It is the opinion of all members that it would be in the best interest of our Citizens, especially the elderly, to have all the St. lights burning at this time.

A motion from Councilwoman Wilson & a second from Councilman Stone to have the City sprayed for Mosquito's has been approved by all. If its possible the City would have this spraying done in conjunction with activities in the Park. Clerk has been instructed to bill The Park 25% of the cost of spraying.

A motion from Councilwoman Wilson and a second from Councilman Giddens and with all Council in agreement, Clerk has been instructed to advertise delinquent Taxes.

Bids for paving the Parking Lot where the Doctor's Building is placed were opened at this meeting. Owens Asphalt Co. of Fitzgerald, Ga. submitted the lowest bid. This bid is acceptable to all Council Members. The amount of the lowest bid being \$1,345.⁰⁰.

The Intaximeter used by The Police Department has been lost on Officer Ekedell P. Carey's tour of duty. Chief John Leavens suggests Officer Carey be allowed to pay 10.⁰⁰ per week until the intaximeter, at its value at time of loss, has been paid for. The amount being \$150.⁰⁰. A motion from Councilman Watson & a second from Councilwoman Wilson and with all members in agreement a new Intaximeter will be bought for The Police Department.

A motion from Councilman Watson that a letter of Reprimand be sent to Michael K. Smith has been seconded by Councilwoman Wilson. All members are in agreement to this letter. (A copy of said letter is attached to these minutes.

Council is also in complete agreement with a motion from Councilman Giddens and

a second from Councilman Watson that ~~from~~
 Michael K. Smith repay this City \$3.00. This
 amount being considered too much in comparison
 to the same school he attended 2 months ago.
 One School for Basic ground water, The second
 for Basic Surface Water. Both schools being
 the same number of days, the same location,
 and the same Motel Charge. The difference is
 the fact Michael took his wife with him
 and turned all bills into the City as expense.
 To avoid this type of incidence occurring again
 a motion from Councilman Watson and a
 second from Councilwoman Wilson and with
 all members in agreement the following
 will be paid as expense for anyone attending
 School. .15 per mile for gasoline
 9.00 per day for food
 and the Motel/Motel Charge.

All bills for expense must be turned in
 to the City in their original state. Any altered
 or changed bills will not be reimbursable.

A bid of 25.00 for the old City Copies
 has been refused by all members.

A motion from Councilwoman Wilson
 to have the City sponsor a Team in the
 Bicentennial Little League at a cost of \$250.00
 has been seconded by Councilman Giddens
 and with all members voting yes.

Having no further business meeting
 was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Approved as Read

For The Record
 Betty J. Moore

May 4, 1982

The regular scheduled meeting of Mayor and
 Council was called to order by Mayor Simmons
 at 7:00 P.M. Minutes from the previous meeting
 were read and approved as read.

Old business before the Council was the
 delinquent Sewer/Water Tap-in's. A motion be-
 fore the Council by Councilman Watson to

allow Vernell Barentine and James Cannon to make monthly payments of 25⁰⁰ has been seconded by Councilman Giddens. All Council members are in agreement.

The paving of Parrailed Street was under a lengthy discussion. Mayor and Council recognizes the need for work to be done on this Street. Help from the County Commissioners for dirt will be asked for. Bids are to be accepted for the asphalt paving and progress will be made on this project of paving this street.

Fire Chief Bill Watson was present at this meeting to give Council a briefing of things being done by the Fire Department. All 17 members have been issued membership cards with paper instructions on the back. Two Scott Paks have been obtained and 2 fire (achutes) suits. Bill reports the Fire Department wishes to purchase 2' smoke fans and ask the permission of Council to do so. The expense of the fans will come from Fire Dept. Funds. Council is in agreement to allow the purchase of the smoke fans.

The ^{P.V.C.} pipe delivered to John Leavens and personal phone calls made by John Leavens are to be paid for Friday May 7th. Council requests that John Leavens keep a log of his personal calls since he does not have a private telephone and only has the Police Telephone Extension in his home. Officer Leavens is in agreement with this request.

A purchase order system was brought before Council by Councilwoman Wilson. However, rather Council members are not in agreement to a purchase order system. All members are in agreement to have a signature and a job description on each invoice presented for payment.

A motion before the Council by Councilman Giddens to keep the Red Fire Truck but move it to another location has been seconded by Councilwoman Wilson and with all

members in agreement. Council had been approached to see the Fire Truck to David Heirs of Dixie Ga.

Adjustments have been made on water bills for Mrs. H.A. Swindle, Ida Lou Fletcher + Markie Tucker.

Renewal date for Insurance on City Vehicles was before Council. There was some discussion on whether to have full coverage or to drop the Collision + Comprehensive coverage. A motion by Councilman Giddens to keep full Coverage was seconded by Councilman Watson. All members are in agreement.

From lack of funds the dropping of one policeman was under a lengthy discussion. Council has agreed to give this matter some thought and meet again in one week May 11, 1982. No decision was reached.

Councilman Watson brings a suggestion to Council as a means of allowing citizens to water their lawns, flowers + gardens during the summer. Since this water is not put back into the sewer system only \$1.00 per thousand gallons would be charged. A price would be reached by doing an average bill for 4 to 6 months back and any additional gallons will be billed at 1.00 per thousand gallons.

Having no further business meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

For The Record
Betty Sheard

Advised purchase from 2 for to 1 for.

May 11, 1982

This meeting called for the purpose of reaching a decision on how many policemen the City will be able to keep on duty. A lack of funds is forcing this decision.

Mayor Simmons called this meeting to order at 7:25 P.M. All members were

present. Councilman Watson briefs the Council on the fact that cases can be made without harassment to anyone. His survey made sees many violations of traffic laws. The Police Dept. will have to increase their revenue if 2 policemen are to remain. Recommendation to upgrade the police Dept. is as follows: Make a schedule and abide by it. Do not deviate from the schedule unless authorized by Mayor & Council. Let members of the Council know where you are at all times. After much deliberation all members are in agreement to wait until the next Council meeting before reaching a final decision.

Having no further business meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

For The Record
Bettye J Shear

May 20, 1982

This meeting called to order by Mayor Serrano for the purpose of amending the License Fee Ordinance pertaining to Liquor. A motion from Councilman Watson to drop the fee from \$500.⁰⁰ to \$150.⁰⁰ was seconded by Councilman Wilson and with all members ^{present} agreement. Councilman Stone was absent.

For the Record
Bettye J Shear

June 1, 1982

The regular scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Simons at 7:00 P.M. Minutes from previous meeting were read and approved as amended.

All business before the Council was the Resolution on the radar gun which Councilwoman Wilson signed. All members of the Council signed the Resolution to designate Carolyn Watson as acting clerk while city clerk, Betty J. Sheah is absent.

All members of the Council agreed to check the price on granite for the plaque to be used at the Doctor Building, then they are to decide whether to use granite or bronze.

Councilman Watson made a motion to hire Jimmy Norton as full time policeman, Councilman Stone second, All members are in agreement.

Councilwoman Wilson brought before the Council the Resolution on Block Grant, Councilman Watson made a motion for it to be advertised in the local paper, Councilman Stone second the motion.

A motion was made by Councilman Giddens with Councilwoman Wilson second the motion to have Vernelle Barrentine to pay her ^{late} balance on her water + sewer tap-in, \$10.00 for May, \$25.00 for June, a total of \$35.00 to be paid by July 5, 1982. Her services would be discontinued, a letter from Mayor and Council will be mailed to her giving her this information, All members are in agreement.

Having no further business meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

For the Record
Carolyn Watson

July 6, 1982

The regular scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Sirmann at 7:30 P.M. All members were present.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Delinquent Water/Sewer Tap in of Mrs. Vunell Barrentine was again under discussion. Mrs. Barrentine has not made her payments ^{of \$25.00 per month} as she had been instructed by Mayor & Council to do. A motion from Councilman Stone to send a letter to Mrs. Barrentine and give her five days to make her \$25.00 payment or have her water service discontinued was seconded by Councilman Giddens and with all members in agreement to this motion.

Insurance for City employees in the form of hospitalization will be looked into by Councilwoman Wilson and her findings will be passed along to other members of the Council.

During the month of June it became necessary to have major repairs done at the Oxidation Pond. Councilman Watson made a motion that this bill be paid upon completion of the job. A second from Councilman Giddens and with all members in agreement that services have been rendered and said bill will be paid.

A request is before Council to extend the City Water lines to the Bobby F. Wood residence. A motion from Councilman Giddens and a second from Councilman Stone and with all members in agreement these lines can be extended with the following guidelines. All pipe, water Tap-in and a meter deposit will be paid for by the recipients of the water. All labor and equipment will be furnished by the City. Once the pipe is down and in place it becomes property of the City. These lines are to be installed to the property lines. The property owner will be responsible

for him part this point. Also, the City will buy the pipe at their cost and will transport the pipe.

The decision is unanimous by all the Council members that driving any City Vehicle while under the influence of alcohol will not be tolerated. Police Officers have been instructed to make arrests for this offense particularly with the Volunteer Fire Dept. where drinking while driving has been brought to the attention of Mayor & Council.

All members are in agreement to buy a tow chain for the City and the request from the Police Dept. to buy a camera will be allowed. The cost for the camera & film is not to exceed fifty (\$50.00) dollars. Chief of Police John Lewis assumed full responsibility for the camera.

A motion from Councilman Watson to hire Neil Siddens at 4.25 p/h has been seconded by Councilwoman Wilson and with all members in agreement. Mr. Siddens will be in the Sanitation/Water/Streets Department.

Uniform rental for Neil Siddens and John P. Hancock has been accepted by all. This fee to be deducted from employee salary to pay for this service by the week.

A motion from Councilman Stone to raise the salary of Officer Jimmy Norton by .25[¢] an hr. and to raise the salary of John P. Hancock by .25[¢] an hr. has been seconded by Councilman Siddens and with all members in agreement.

Having no further business this meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Approved as read.

For The Record
Betty Shear

July 27, 1982 Called Meeting 7:30 P.M.

This meeting called to order by Mayor Sirmans. All Council members were present.

The resurfacing of City Streets was

under discussion. Councilman Watson and Councilman Siddens will make a survey immediately and determine the resurfacing according to need. All in agreement.

The liquor license at Studette's Liquor Store will be handled by our City Attorney Reese Franklin. Council is in agreement to this.

Frank Studette will have the usual adjustment on his water bill due to a leak. An average bill over the past 6 months for both water & sewer and \$1.00 per thousand gallons for the remaining gallons since this water from the leak did not go into the sewer. All in agreement.

Having no further business meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

For The Record
Betty J. Shast

Aug. 3, 1982

The scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Sirmann at 7:30 P.M. All members were in attendance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Johnny Cooper was before Council to make a complaint about the disposal of garbage at The Bradley Apartments. City Clerk has been instructed to contact Art Bradley who manages the apartments & trailers for his mother Victoria Bradley, and tell him that he has five days to place the proper containers at this rental property or he will be summoned to court and fined.

Clerk has also been instructed to contact the City Attorney, Reese Franklin, and have him draw up an Ordinance that will allow City Employees to cut grass, remove any unsightly debris and in general clean up

property where property owners neglect to do so.

It is the unanimous decision of all the Council members that there will be no adjustments for Melvin Wright or Bobby Carnow on their water bills.

The request for a street light near The ^{Mrs.} J. H. Carter Residence has been denied. The City feels they now have all the street lights they can afford. However Mayor Simmons will put ^{new & better} a light on The Pump House which is near this residence to give Mrs. Carter extra lighting.

Plans for The Fourth of July Homecoming Celebration was brought before the Council. A motion from Councilman Watson and a second from Councilman Siddens and with all members voting yes the City will take over entirely when & where the Homecoming will be held in The City Park. Further plans will be made at a meeting to be held Saturday Aug. 7 at City Hall.

John P. Hancock and John A. Leavens have been given a vacation with pay beginning Aug. 9 and ending Aug. 13.

The grass is to be cut at The Geo. Wood Estate and all bills sent to James Wood 1502 Forsyth Rd. Savannah, Ga. 31400.

It has been decided that the City is in need of a detecting device to locate pipes under the ground. Mayor Simmons will look into this.

All members are in agreement to pro-rate License Fees for Evelyn Studdette at The Store Package Store by 40%.

Having no further business meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Approved as read

For The Record
Belle J. Shear

Aug. 25, 1982

This meeting called to meet with Mrs. Kenneth Jamme pertaining to The Violation of City Ordinance relating to the keeping of Fowl and animals. A letter was mailed on Aug. 24 giving The Jamme 2 weeks to move rabbits on said premises. Mrs. Jamme is before Council to request an extension of time (60 days). They are moving from this area. Five extension has been granted by Council. J.W. Stone was absent. Mayor Simons is hospitalized with a heart attack. Councilpersons W. F. Watson, Jaunelle Wilson & Eston Seddens were in attendance.

For The Record
Ketty Sheard

Sept. 7, 1982

The regular scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council was called to order by The Mayor Pro. Tom Frank Watson. Mayor Simons was absent due to illness. All other members were in attendance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

The Traffic Citations to be turned in in sequence has been requested by The City Attorney, Danny Studt. For the convenience of everyone it is suggested that pages be skipped in the Court Docket and numbered ahead then when the Citations are turned in they can be in sequence. This will allow the peace officers to have the use of two citation book at the same time. One in each car.

Frank Watson brings to the attention of Mayor & Council that 5 (five) Water/Sewer Taps go with the land he purchased from Jeanne Lewis. These 5 Taps are so noted on CR-Ledger for Tap Ins on page 3. Mrs. Lewis had originally paid for 25 Tap Ins.

This leaves Mrs Lewis a total of 30. also recorded on Page 3 of the CR. Ledger. This Ledger is on file with the Water/Sewer Application Blanks.

The annyxation of The Frank Studette property is imperative before the City replaces the existing water lines for Mr. Studette. The City has agreed to replace the water lines with PVC. Also all members present are in agreement that the remaining \$ 209⁰⁰ water bill ^{for July} will be paid by Frank Studette. Clerk has been instructed to send a letter giving five days from date of letter to pay this \$ 209⁰⁰ plus \$ 120⁰⁰ current bill for August as ^{water} service will be discontinued and remain off until all charges have been paid.

The bill for ^{25⁰⁰ for} patching a hole with asphalt at the request of Mrs. Jeanne Lewis, by The Studette Asphalt & Tile Co. has been returned to said Company. A motion ^{from} of Siddens and a second from Stone and with all in agreement the City feels no obligation as this service was not requested by any elected official of this City.

Vernell Baruntine's request for a meter deposit refund has been denied. Mrs. Baruntine lost her receipt and an extensive search of the records show no evidence of a deposit being made. Councilman Stone makes the motion that no refund be made a second from Siddens and all Council members are in agreement.

Chief of Police John Leavens owes 150⁰⁰ on a tape player that he personally purchased for the Police Dept. It is unable to pay this amount and ask The City to finish paying for this tape player. A motion from Wilson and a second from Stone and with all members in agreement the City will pay this \$ 150⁰⁰ as soon as the bill of lading and warranty is turned in to the City. The paying off of this tape player means

It became the property of the City.

A motion from Giddens and a second from Wilson to meter The Ray City Elementary School & The Ray City Baptist Church has been agreed upon by all members present.

There is a need to buy or repair the regulators on the Chlorine cylinder. Also, there is another source to purchase Chlorine from that might be beneficial to the City. There is a motion from Wilson & a second from Stone to contact The Lewis Company of Vardastu and get an estimate on repairs of these regulators and the buying of Chlorine. All members in agreement.

Councilman Watson requests that all Council members be in agreement and be informed of all proceedings when a street is to be cut for the purpose of tapping or any other reason. All members present are in agreement to honor this request.

Parking in front of The Post Office and The Fire Station was under discussion. It has been established that parking on the wrong side of the street and pulling out into oncoming traffic is hazardous. All members present are in agreement to have the peace Officers give verbal warnings at this time. At a later date a fine for this violation will be set.

The Mayor has requested that Fire Chief Applications be tabled until October.

Having no further business this meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.
approved as read.

For The Record
Betty J. Shears
Clerk

Called Meeting Sept. 20, 1982

This meeting called to order by Mayor Serrano at 9:00 P.M. all members were in attendance. This meeting called for the purpose of listening

to Complaints from Donnie Giddens against Officer Jimmy Norton. Donnie states to the Council that Officer Jimmy Norton has been making advances to his wife, following her home, winking at her and in general harassing her to the point that she is afraid to stay at home at night while her husband works a night shift. Since Officer Norton was not present at this meeting this Complaint will be tabled until Tuesday Sept. 21st. At that time Officer Norton will speak in his behalf.

Councilman Watson brings a Complaint by J. Simons against Police Chief John Leavens for the buying of Marijuana by J. Simons' son, Clyde (Beau) Simons. Clyde (Beau) bought said Marijuana only once (5 joints). This Marijuana bought as a set up for other drug users in this area. Chief Leavens has been cautioned by Police Commissioner, Frank Watson, and all members of the Council, that this type of situation does not happen again involving The City of Ray City Police Department for any reason. Clyde (Beau) Simons is on probation.

Frank Studette's water bill remains unsettled.

For The Record
Bettye Shaefer

We, the undersigned residents of Ellen St. , now named Patten Street, request that the name of this street be changed back to the original name of Ellen Street.

Mr and Mrs Jack R. Stebb
Mr and Mrs Jimmy K. Gaskins
Mrs R P Dwindle
Mrs. Inez Purvis
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Mrs. John B. Webb
Mrs. Lornie Lee
Mr Lornie Lee
Bessie J. Fountain