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Jan. 9th

The Mayor and Councilmen met with the retiring Board of officials on the above date. The new officials being, Mayor, J. B. Griner, Councilmen, Thomas P. Patten, Rulie L. Moore, Rossie P. Swindle and George W. Wood.

1946 business was disposed of except collecting of Dec. water bills, which R. C. Swindle was instructed by the retiring Mayor, to collect with Marshall Zeigler to assist him. The Marshall was told to collect a delinquent fine of \$10.00 from Ireg Purvis. After these instructions the 1946 officials retired as customary and the new officials took charge with Mayor J. B. Griner presiding.

At a previous meeting Mrs. J. N. Carter was unanously elected Clerk by the Councilmen as long as her service was satisfactory to the Board. ^{also} Zeigler was elected Marshall for the salary of \$150.00 per month as long as his service was satisfactory to the Board.

L. C. Hall was brought before the Mayor for drunkenness and fined \$10.00, which the Marshall was instructed to collect then or lock him up for 5 days. A delinquent fine of \$10.00 was collected from Ireg Purvis and turned over to Clerk. The retiring Mayor Jas S. Clements said he would collect a delinquent fine of \$10.00 for which J. J. Carter stood security for Walter Graham, Colored.

The Ordinance for the Town was partly regulated. As the Town was late, it was moved + Sec. to adjourn until the following afternoon.

Sat. Jan. 10th. The Mayor and Council with all members present met to continue meeting of the night before with the Clerk present. H. P. Webb met with the Board to purchase license for package store also Beer + wine licenses. The Board told Mr Webb he would have to remove all whiskey Beer and wine from other building. Put all whiskey in package store, ^{and} and all Beer + wine in Beer

place only, which he promised to do, only asked for a little time to fix building. He was also ordered to operate according to State + Federal Laws, and city Laws. The Package Store to open at 8 A.M. and close 9 P.M. during the week other than Saturday night when he would close 11:30 P.M.

Regulating of the ordinance was completed printing of a new one was planned. The Mayor asked the Councilmen to meet again Friday night Jan. 17th to finish business including salary for clerk and city officials. The Mayor then appointed following Comm. Finance Com. A. L. Moore + R. P. Swindle. Water + Light Com. Thomas P. Paton + Geo. W. Wood. Street + Sanitary Com. The entire Board. The Board instructed the Clerk to rent Post office Box for the town. There being no time to continue business there was a motion + Sec. to adjourn.

Friday Jan. 17th

The Mayor + Council met with all members present to continue previous meetings. The Water Com. was requested to buy the necessary parts that was needed and to investigate all places that requested water. A motion + Sec. was made to buy Desk for City Hall from R. C. Swindle for the sum of \$25.00. All Bills to be paid on approval of the Council the first Friday night of each month, except the Light Bill which was to be paid when due.

A Notice was written with instructions for Marshall to give H. P. Webb in reference to Package Store of which the Clerk has copy on file.

The Sanitary Committee were to inspect the Sanitary condition of Bennetts filling Station Restrooms. Also contact James

Swindle in regards to sanitary condition of apartment over Drug Store.

There was a move + see. for the Town to pay premium on \$2000.00 bond for each the Clerk + Marshall. The Clerk was instructed to buy a new book for minutes also to have new letter heads put on Stationary. also see about crany ordinance printed in book from

Mr Patten was elected Mayor protum having recieved the largest number of votes.

The Clerk was instructed to make out water bills and give to Marshall to collect.

Day notices was posted and clerk was to stay in Court house 2 days before the 5th of Feb. to collect taxis and issue licenses.

A. Moore ^{see} was made to pay Clerk \$30.00 per month. If her time spent for the town didid exceed 4 or 5 days a month. If duties for the Town required more of her time, she would be paid accordingly.

There being no further business there there was a motion to adjourn.

Mrs. D. H. Carter, Clerk.
J. B. Grinn, Mayor

Feb. 7th

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The Mayor and Councilmen met on the above date with all members present. Mayor Skinner presiding. Minutes of Jan. meeting was read by the Clerk Mrs S.N. Carter. which was approved by the Board.

Mr. J. F. Cochran met with the Board and presented his disabled Veterans licenses which entitled him to licenses to operate a taxi in the Town of Ray City.

The Clerk was instructed to make the round with licenses to all business places Wed. Feb. 12th and again Wed. Feb. 26th. Also to notify all Laundry & Dry Cleaning Co. that new a truck in Ray City that licenses for 1947 was due. To issue fines against all unpaid tax and find out about tax on all Straddlers & Bare Lots.

Printing of ordinance was discussed. Mr. Patten said he would see about getting them printed at an early date.

Plans for cleaning of Town was made and the Board was to instruct citizens to put all cans and trash that couldn't be burned in containers. put them where they would be easy to get to. and a truck was to be obtained to haul off same.

Mr. Swindle was to contact Mrs. E. W. Baskins and Mrs. W. E. Skinner about condemned frame building and old filling station. and was to offer \$50.00 to Mrs Baskins for Building used as Barber Shop.

The collecting of water Bill was given to Clerk and salary was raised to \$40.00 per month also she was to get .50 cent of each fine collected. As Mone & Sec. to pay Mayor & Councilmen \$4.00 for their service each month. The Mayor to receive \$1.25 out of each fine collected. All Bills was approved and paid. As there was no further business The Board adjourned

Mrs S.N. Carter Clerk.

Mar. 7,
1947.

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The Mayor + Council met Friday night March 7th with all members present except A. L. Moore. The Clerk read minutes of the last meeting which was approved by the Council.

Bills for the month of February and up to that date was presented and a move + sec. was made for them to be paid including \$35.00 for expense of trip to Jacksonville Fla by Mayor Grinn and Council Moore.

The Clerk was instructed to write all companies or persons about Licenses and to collect all she could by April 1st. also to send Mrs E. W. Gaskins Check for frame building used by S. F. Giddens for Barber Shop, and state on Check what it was for.

Closing of Poolroom and A. B. Mason's place was discussed and Policeman was told to notify them they must close at 11:30 every night.

A move + sec. was made to collect \$2. Street Tax from all men + boys from ¹⁶/₄ to ~~18~~⁵⁰ years of age, and that all would pay or give 1 days work on Streets.

Fixing Sledge out of concrete pipe on the Street by Lanky Thomas was planned with the understanding that Mr. Patten's hands would do the work in their spare time.

The Clerk was to be in Court house 3 day between then and 15th of April for people to give in their tax. Also to contact Mrs. Harper in regards to tax on Ray Strander + Bone Bros. property. As there were no further business there was motion to adjourn.

Mrs J. N. Carter
Clerk

Mayor.

April 4th + 7.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Officials was held Friday night April 4th all members present except Mr. Patten who was ill.

Col. Garout Knight the Town's attorney and his son Col. Jack Knight of Nashville was present. Telephone service in the town was discussed as there were constant complaints from the citizens Col. Knight advised a Resolution be passed by the Mayor & Council and served on Mr. Kirk Mgr. of the Consolidated Telephone Co.

There was a move and rec. to pay Charles Miller \$6⁰⁰ and John Simons \$9⁰⁰ for Labor for the Town.

Monday night Apr. 7.

The Mayor & Council met with all members present, the minutes of the previous meeting was read by the clerk and approved by the board as read.

A resolution was passed by the Mayor & Council to be served on the Consolidated Telephone Co in Mountain. as quick as the strike was settled and the Mgr. of the Southern Bell could be contacted, a copy to be sent to Public Service Comm. Perry J. Knight also to keep copy on file with this minute.

Marshal Zinger asked for permission to buy one gallon of yellow paint to paint parking place, which was granted by the Council.

The Marshal was told to serve notice on Mr. Biddis to vacate and if he didn't a written notice would be served.

A notice was ordered served on H. P. Webb in regards to Package Store a copy of which is on file with this minute also a copy sent to the Acoholic Unit of Revenue Dept, all

Bill was ordered paid,
there being no further business
there was a move & sec. to adjourn.

{ Mrs. J. N. Carter Clerk.
J. B. Griner Mayor
Thomas P. Patten
A. L. Moore
Geo W. Wood
R. P. Surrall

May 2nd

The Mayor and Town Council met Friday night May 2nd for their regular business session presided over by the Mayor J. B. Griner. All members present. Minutes of the previous meeting was read by the Clerk and approved as read.

All bills were presented by the Clerk and ordered paid by the Board except a plumbing bill by Stallings Seading Co. which the officials didn't understand as there hadn't been any work ordered by the Town. The Clerk was instructed to write the Stallings Seading Co. a letter asking for an explanation to the Mayor & Council.

Tax equalizers were selected composing of D. L. Fletcher, H. P. Clements and J. H. Summelle. The Council were to contact them to see if they would serve.

The Clerk was told to keep trying to collect ^{reparations} license and ask R. C. Summelle for license as he is a quano dealer. A. B. Mason and Alcy Strawder were ordered to be in Mayor's Court for failure to purchase license to operate a business in the Town of Ray City.

Thursday night May 8th.

The Mayor & Council met to continue the previous meeting. ~~All members were~~ present. A. B. Mason and Alcy Strawder were both tried and fined for failure to buy their City license.

Selling Billy Knight license to operate Package Store for the last 6 months of the year was discussed and license were approved by the Council for the amount of \$500⁰⁰ this being 50 per cent of the whole.

Mr Patten was asked about the completion of H. P. Webb package store. He said final completion would be indefinite. But it would be where he could move into it in 10 days. The Council

also ask Mr Patten about the door in the package store that open into another room. He said that frame for a door was put in but that it would be sealed over for the rest of this ^{present} administration. Said Mr Webb said he might be able to open it in the next one.

The Clerk was instructed to Post Notices that All Water Bills Not Paid by the 10th of each month, water would be cut off without further Notice.

A Motion & Sec was made to Pay Mr Patten \$24.00 for Street work. as there were no further business there was a motion to adjourn.

Mrs J. N. Carter Clerk,
J. B. Ginner Mayor

May 21st

The Mayor and Council met in a Call Meeting on the above date. all members including Clerk were present.

A debt owing to the Town by L. C. Swindle had been called to the City officials attention by citizens of the Town. The debt being an account the City of Ray City had on Deposit at the time the Bank was robbed. It was moved & Sec. that he be notified by the Marshall to be present at the next Regular Meeting.

Mr Temples was present and told the Board that the Pump was torn up. A Call was made to Mr Gray to see if he could deliver the new Pump which was to be delivered June 1st. There was a motion & Sec. to pay Mr Temples \$3.00 per week for his service as pump operator.

Mr Moon & Mr Patten were appointed to talk to Mr Fletcher & Harner about Mr Giddens vacating the old building. There being no further business there was a motion & Sec to adjourn.

Mrs J. N. Carter Clerk.

June 6th 1947.

The Mayor and Council, all members present met Friday night June 6th for Regular business session. Mayor Griner opened the meeting by having the Clerk read minutes of the previous meeting, which was approved by the board. J. L. Moore farmer Mayor of Ray City was present to give information regarding an account that the Town of Ray City had on deposit in the Farmers Bank in Ray City at the time it was robbed and that L. C. Swindle who owned and operated the bank at that time still owes to the Town of Ray City. Mr. Swindle was present and admitted that he did owe the town and promised to pay the whole account before the end of the year, beginning right away. He said he would check the record and notify the officials the amount he owed.

The Clerk was instructed to issue Mr. Parrish license for Standard Sex. Fla. for 60% of the years license.

Package store door that opened into Beer place was discussed. The Board instructed Mr. Fatur, Councilman to close it ~~and~~ he was building the package store.

Strut Tax of \$2⁰⁰ was to be collected from all men & boys between the age 16 to 50 years. all must pay or give one days work on Strut. The Clerk was to fill out Tax receipts and give to Marshall Zeyew to collect. As there were no other business there was a move & see. to adjourn.

Mrs. D. N. Carter
Clerk.

J. B. Griner Mayor

Monday June 23.

The Mayor and Council met in a Call Meeting with the Citizens of the Town and Col. J. P. Knight Present to discuss Telephone Service in the Town of Ray City by the Consolidated Telephone Co. of Missouri, who had promised complete installation within three weeks if the City official would let them service the Town any longer.

There were discussions of other Companies installing a telephone system in Ray City. There was a Motion by J. H. Swindle which was second by P. N. Simons that the Town accept Mr. Kirk's telephones with the understanding that we would not issue any license or franchise until telephone were installed, also an exchange and service was complete and satisfactory also that the officials designate a phone to be placed as a service phone for day & night.

Col. Knight said that if work was not started within 2 weeks the the Public Service Commissioners would bring charges against Consolidated Telephone Co.

There was a motion & sec. to notify Mr. Kirk of the Consolidated Telephone Co. under what conditions he would accept his telephones & service. A copy of which is attached to this minute. There being no further business there was a motion to adjourn.

Mrs. S. M. Carter
Clerk.

J. B. Grimes Mayor

Friday July 4th 1947.

Friday Night July 4th - The Mayor & Council met with all members present. The meeting was presided over by Mayor Griner. Minutes of the June meeting was read by the Clerk and approved as read. Bills were presented and order paid by the Council. And The Clerk was instructed to pay Mr Patten, for sand, Cement and use of Truck and labor on presentment of bills also Mr Griner for Labor on Pump House also tearing down and clearing up old Barber shop.

Mr Patten said he would check the tire he had used and pay for it. The price of the tire is \$4. per sq. and the price of lumber \$50⁰⁰ per thousand.

The Marshall was instructed to contact John Toof and see if the City could hire him for \$1000 per month to haul of garbage and dead stock when ever or where ever the Marshal told him too. also keep jail clean.

There was a move & sec. by the Council to designate Mr. Cochran Residence as the place for the messenger service telephone.

The Clerk was instructed to finish street tax receipts and have ready for police to collect by next Council meeting.

As there was no further business there was a move to adjourn.

Ms. D. N. Carter
Clerk.

Aug. 1st 1947.

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Friday Night August 1st. The Mayor and Councilmen except Mr. Patten met in regular business meeting. The meeting was open by reading of the minutes by the Clerk, which was approved as read by the board.

Complaints were made in regard to Mrs. E. M. Knight serving meals to transient people without paying license. There was a move & sec. that she would have to pay. The Clerk was instructed to contact her in regards to the matter.

There was a move & sec. for a call meeting to be held Friday Night Aug. 8th and Mrs. L. C. Swindle was to be summoned to be present for the purpose of making a payment on the account he owes the town and give note for balance, also ask tax assessors to meet with the Council.

The Marshal was to be instructed to have plumbing at Cafe made sanitary.

There was also a move & sec. that all bills not presented at Council meeting would not be paid until next meeting. As there was no further business the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. J. M. Carter.

Sept. 6th 1947.

Friday Night September 6th. The regular Council meeting was held. Councilman Patten presiding as mayor pro tem, Mayor Griner was too ill to attend meeting. All other members of the board was present.

The minutes of previous meeting was read by the clerk and approved as read by the board.

E. M. Knight met with the board to discuss license to serve meals. There was a move & sec. that he would pay \$15.00 same as cafe.

Marshal, Ziegler was instructed to check all water spigots and water bills to be made according to no of spigots.

There was a move & sec. to raise the Tax Levy to 35 mills including, 20 mills for Bond fund, and 10 mills for street & sanitary purposes.

A financial report was made by the clerk, who was instructed to send check for payment on new pump also pay for disinfect. both payments being due, Sept. 15th 1947.

All bills were approved and ordered paid. There being no further business, there was a move to adjourn.

Mrs. I. M. Carter Clerk.

Sept. 22nd 1947.

There was a call meeting Monday night Sept 22nd all members present except Mr. Swindle who was ill. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing Delinquent Tax. There was a move + sec. to issue Fife's aid give to policeman to collect. all delinquent tax not paid by Oct. 7th 1947 would be levied and advertised to be sold.

There was a move and sec. to measure the distance to Mr. Jas R. Johnson residence to determine if he lived in the City Limits of Fay City.

After this discussion there was a move + sec. to adjourn.

Mrs. J. N. Carter, Clerk

Oct. 3rd 1947.

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The city officials met in regular business session on the above date, Mayor Davis presiding. All members were present except Mr. Wood.

Minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved by the Board as read.

Reports was made from the committee in regards to the city limits being measured to determine if Mr. Jas R. Johnson lived in the incorporate limit. It was found that he lived in the city limits, and the greater portion of his land was in the incorporate limits.

There was a move + sec. that Mr. Johnson be relieved of all city tax up to the year 1947. But that he would pay 1947, city tax and pay each year thereafter as other people did who own property within the incorporate limits of the town of Ray City. The clerk was instructed to serve a notice on him to this effect on condition that he come in and return his 1947 tax a copy of which is attached to this minute.

There was a move + sec. for the clerk to see L. C. Swindle and ask for a copy of the amount he owes the town.

Bills for the month was presented and ordered paid by the Board. After a short discussion for strut mark. There was a move + sec. to adjourn.

Mrs. J. N. Carter, Clerk

Nov. 7. 1947.

Friday Night Nov. 7. the Mayor and Council met in regular Business session. All members of the Board was present.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Guiness. Minutes of Oct. meeting was read by the Clerk and approved as read. Street day was discussed with instructions to policeman Ziegler to have all collected by next business meeting.

Mr. R. P. Swindle was granted permission to have ^{water} pipe laid to his property. There was a motion and Sec. to buy \$100.00 worth of concrete pipe to use where it was needed. J. D. Carter was granted 5 joints of pipe to fix drive way for Garage. Policeman was instructed to plug all spigouts not being used.

The Clerk reported the amount L. C. owed the Town and that Mr Swindle said he would pay it he fare was.

Electron intrance fee was set. \$2.00 for Council. \$5.00 for Mayor. Closing date for qualifying Monday, Nov. 24th. 12-o'clock, noon.

Bills for the month was ordered paid after which the meeting adjourned

Mr. J. D. Carter.

Monday night Dec. 29th 1947.

The Mayor and Council met in a call meeting on the above date, all members were present. Mayor Griner presiding. The clerk read minutes of the previous meeting which was approved as read.

A financial report was made. ~~After~~ which there was a move & sec. to pay Bond due in 1949 ^{before return of Officer vacated} also interest due at that time if there was enough money to do so.

All bills presented were ordered paid, there was a move & sec. to pay Mr. Morris \$25⁰⁰ for night watching. There was also a move & sec. to have an audit made of the Book before the retiring officers return.

Mayor Griner and Councilman Patten made a report in regard to the account R. C. Semille owed the Town of Ray City. He promised to pay the amount before Jan 1st 1948.

A move & sec was made to meet Friday night Jan. 2nd to complete the business for the year 1947.

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned until Friday night.

Mrs. J. D. Carter

Dec. 5th 1947.

Friday Night Dec. 5th. The Mayor and Council met with all members present. Mayor Griner Presiding

Minutes of Nov. Meeting was read by the Clerk and approved as read by the Board. Bills were presented and ordered paid.

There was a move & sec. to pay Mr. J. P. Knight \$50⁰⁰ for his service for the town for the year 1947.

The School Walk Bridge was discussed Mr Swindle said He would make out a Bill of Lumber that would be needed to build it. Mr L. H. Webb was present and promised to deliver same, to Court house.

A move & sec. was made to allow L. C. Swindle until Christmas to pay the account he owes the town as he had promised to do so by that time. If not paid by then legal action would be taken at once to collect same.

A move & sec. was made for Mr Patten to sell old pump & motor. He would receive 10% of what he sold it for for his trouble.

E. L. Goble met with the board in regards to Street Tax. There was a move & sec. to exempt him from Street Tax as he was a disabled Veteran.

A move & sec. was made to have books audited and notice of audit made public.

Election Holders were granted \$5⁰⁰ each for their days work as Election Holders.

There was a move & sec. to pay Mr Stalling for his service for the town when it was determined how much material was used for the town. As the hour was late the was a motion to adjourn.

Mrs. J. N. Carter Clerk.

Jan. 2nd 1948.

Friday night Jan 2, 1948

The Mayor & Council met in regular session all members present. Mayor Grinn opened the meeting by having the Clerk read minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were approved as read. There was a motion & Sec. to pay \$1.00 to each person that help measure the City limits, for each line they run. A motion & Sec was made to pay A. L. Snipes \$4⁰⁰ refund on water pipe for his Mother's House. Also a motion & Sec to pay the Mayor and Clerk ~~\$10⁰⁰~~ \$10⁰⁰ extra each for their service for the year 1947.

The Council ask that it be wrote in the minutes that the retiring official had donated to Mrs K. S. Bennett her water bill for several months on the account of her husband's lengthy illness.

A financial report was made by the Clerk who also reported that checks had been sent to the First National Bank, Atlanta Ga. to retire Bonds ^{of interest on Bond} Due Jan 1, 1949, also a check for interest payment due on outstanding Bond July 1, 1949. according to our record there ~~won't~~ be anymore payments due until Jan. 1, 1950.

The Clerk was instructed to include a list of supplies with this minute.

As there were no further business there was a motion & Sec to adjourn until Monday night Jan 5th. 1948. when the retiring officers would turn the town affairs over to the new officials.

Mrs. S. N. Carter

Tuesday Night Jan. 6. 1948
 The incoming Mayor & Council met with all members Present and after being sworn in by the Out going Mayor J. B. Turner held their ^{First} meeting - Elected S. W. Cornelius as Police as long as his services were satisfactory at \$150⁰⁰ Per month also elected L. H. Webb Clerk likewise as long as his services were satisfactory at \$40⁰⁰ Per month.

On motion extended the time for paying City taxes now due until Feby. 1-1948 and instructed the Clerk to notify the ones in error that no penalties would be added until after Feby. 1-1948

On motion assessed Whiskey License for this year at \$850⁰⁰ Beer & Wine License at \$100⁰⁰ Pool table License \$50⁰⁰ on the first table and 10⁰⁰ on each additional one

On motion levied 75⁰⁰ a case on all beer sold here this year.

The Mayor appointed all the Council on Street and Water Committees and Billie Clements & J. R. Wood on finance Committee on motion fixed the Mayor & Council salary at \$3⁰⁰ Per month for their services. Then on motion adjourned until Wednesday night.

Jim Paulk - Mayor - L. H. Webb Clerk

Wednesday night Jan. 7-1948
 The Mayor & Council met to continue the adjourned session with all members present

On motion changed the hours of closing beer stores from 9 o'clock to 11 o'clock on nights except Saturday as long as conditions will allow

On motion the Ga Powers Light Co License were fixed ^{at 250⁰⁰} or so much Per meter whichever they prescribe on motion left all License

fees as was last year except the following
 Automatic scales reduced from 5⁰⁰ to 2⁵⁰ assessed
 Bunker License at 25⁰⁰ Brect or Block Mfg.
 raised from 10⁰⁰ to 15⁰⁰ Malt beverage trucks
 reduced from 50⁰⁰ to 25⁰⁰ Two horse dray
 reduced from 15⁰⁰ to 5⁰⁰.

Instructed Jno T. Gaskins to locate and
 secure pipe for use at Ray City Gym

Instructed Clerk to order 1 ton Coal for
 City Hall & Police station, to get stamps
 & Cards as needed also have Two books
 License blank printed and get 500 envelopes
 on motion adjourned

Jim Paulk Mayor - L H Webb clk -

Monday Night Jan. 12.

Mayor & Council met according to
 Journment - with all members present
 on motion - Mayor & Council were to fix
 and write in the Town Ordinance speed limit
 and such other laws as they deem necessary
 for the safety of the Citizens and the needs
 of the town

on motion take inventory of all
 Beer now in stock and instructed the
 Clerk to check all beer delivered & make
 Copy of same.

No other business on motion adjourned.
 Jim Paulk Mayor - L H Webb clk

Tuesday Night. Feby. 3-1948

Mayor and Council met in regular session with all members Present. read and approved the Jan. Minutes. On motion assessed the Ga Power and Light Co. as occupational taxes \$100⁰⁰ or 55c. Per meter.

on motion instructed Clerk to deposit all funds collected for the Town except sinking funds in Bank of Ray City.

on motion agreed to donate \$51²⁵- to the Health Department for T.B. drive.

On Motion Hired W.R. Stanford to move garbage from Town as often as necessary at 25⁰⁰ Per month.

After hearing from a representative on soft drink License, on motion left the License as was, that is \$15⁰⁰ Per year - (However later) after a reconsideration agreed to drop them back to 10⁰⁰ Per year same as were paid the Previous year.

On motion instructed clerk to notify all beer dealers the 75 cents Per Case assessed against beer that was on stock Jan. 1st 1948 is due and should be paid as follows. Three payments - March - 1st April 1st and May 1st

On motion - All water bills not paid by the 10th of each month then after five days notice, water service will be cut off and a charge be made for cutting back on.

On motion turned over all tax files to Police for collection with orders to levy + sell where necessary.

On motion. Paid Mayor from Paul K for Trip + Phone bills for service for Town. A L Snipe for Trip to

Nashville. for Town - 1.50. and L H Webb
2⁰⁰ for trips - for Town
No other business on motion
adjourned

Jim Paul ^{to} Mayor
L H Webb Clerk.

Tuesday Night March 2. 1948
 Mayor & Council met in regular session with Mayor & all Council Present read and approved Feb. Minute.

On motion instructed the Police to see that the foot joint at A B Mason Place and all other Negro foot joint Places close strictly at midnight on Saturdays.

on motion beginning on Monday of next week the Police & Clerk check every out of Town dealer who is subject to pay a License and collect same or make Cases where necessary. Also contact & collect License from all Local dealers subject to pay same. And after 15th of March which is set as a closing date make Cases where necessary.

On motion agreed to give Piping for water Purpose to Ira Register and others providing they do the work themselves.

As to Ira Register - on motion agreed for the Town to pay for water line up to his Property.

on motion, assessed 25 Mills on Property in Town for 1948 Taxes.

On motion agreed to hire one more man as assistant Police on Saturday nights from 7⁰⁰ O'clock on through the night as long as needed, at 5⁰⁰ per night.

No other business. Adjourned.

Jim Paulk Mayor

L H Webb Clerk

Tuesday Night Apr. 6 - 1948 -

Mayor & Council met in regular session with A.L. Snipes absent (account sickness)

on motion - agreed to give H.P. Webb 6 weeks longer to pay bal of License providing he pay 50⁰⁰ a week. till paid in full

on motion agreed to give Albert Statell and Lee Register 30 days to produce exemption papers or pay their License for doing business in Town this year.

on motion all other business. given 30 days to pay their License -

On motion instructed Clerk to issue fifas on all delinquent tax payer up to and including 1946 Taxes: and deliver to Chief of Police for collection -

On motion agreed to have all dogs in City inoculated -

on P motion pay Jim Paulk 400 for phone calls and hauling pipe for City.

On motion paid S.W. Cornelius 200 for Trip to Nashville and L.H. Webb for exchange on out of Town checks.

On motion adjourned -

Jim Paulk Mayor

L.H. Webb Clerk

Monday Night, May 3, 1948
 Mayor & Council met in regular session with J R Wood absent (Acet Sickness) read and approved April Minutes.

On motion instructed Police to see Albert Studstahl - and if he refuses to pay a License for doing business in Ray City by May. 16th to make a case against him

On motion agreed to order two Signal Lights for the Town.

On motion appointed E M Knight - H P Clements R P Swindle and Leon Bradford as Tax assessors for the Town for this year at 5.00 per day - or 3 hours work

On motion adjourned.

Jim Paulk Mayor

L H Webb Clerk

Tuesday Night June 2-1948

Mayor & Council met in regular session with all members Present

On motion agreed to sell all junk iron at the Pump house.

On motion agreed to discontinue collection of street taxes for this year.

No other business on motion adjourned.

Jim Paulk Mayor
L.H. Webb Clerk

Tuesday Night July 6-1948
 Mayor & Council met in regular session with all members Present
 on motion Agreed to Notify all Beer Companies delivering beer in Ray City not to deliver any more here with out getting Policee Clerk or some member of Council to be Present & ck same

on motion The Town donated the sum of \$50.00 to carry on the fight against the Ga Power & Light Co from increasing their rates on current
 on motion gives Swornelius (Policee) 10. days vacation with pay.

on motion agreed to fix bridge by railroad ~~south~~ north of section houses.

No other business on motion adjourned

Jim Paul K Mayor
 Z H Webb Clerk

Tuesday Night Aug. 3 - 1948
 Mayor & Council met in regular session All members Present. except Roy Carter he being absent on account of sickness.

On motion instructed Clerk to Post Notices in Convenient Places Concerning the removal of Garbage.

On motion - instructed Police to Collect tax fines outstanding or make levies on same -

On motion. Instructed Police to notify all delinquents on License if Not Paid at once Cases will be made.

On motion agreed to hire some body with Tractor & machine to Cut Weeds in side City limits -

No other business - On motion adjourned

Jim Paulie Mayor
 L H Webb Clerk

Tuesday night Sept. 14-1948
 Mayor & Council met in regular
 session. Billie Clements. absent.

On motion agreed to give R M
 Connell his water bill free for
 bal. of this year on account of
 his condition.

On motion - gave instructions
 to notify all tax delinquents if
 taxes were not paid by Oct. 15.th
 fines would be issued and levies
 made -

No other business on motion
 adjourned.

Jim Paulk Mayor

L H Webb Clerk

Tuesday night. Dec 7-1948
 Mayor & Council met in regular
 session with all members present.
 discussed and agreed as to the
 places to erect street lights.

On motion. agreed to fix the
 school walk between Creek bridge
 and Cemetery.

No other business on motion adjourned

Jim Paulk Mayor

L H Webb Clerk

Tuesday night Jan. 3rd, 1950

Mayor and Council met with all members present to finish up the business of 1949. There being no unfinished business the retiring Mayor Jim Paulk swearing in the incoming Mayor A. L. Snipes. A. L. Snipes in turn swearing in the new Council as follows: J. P. Patten as Mayor Pro Tem, J. R. Wood, W. F. Nix and J. S. Duker.

The first item of new business was that of electing a City Clerk and R. P. Seivindle was elected for one year at salary of \$50.00 per month. The electing of a policeman was taken up and Mr. Joe Bray was elected at a salary of \$150.00 per month. Motion was made and carried to pay Mr. L. H. Webb \$12.50 for extra time in the Clerk's office in 1950. Mr. A. H. Kelly was present to discuss the city license on retail liquor store in Ray City and after considerable discussion motion was made and carried to postpone the setting of this license until Wednesday night Jan. 4th, Councilman Thomas Patten suggested to the body that a copy of each minute, also copy of all cash received and disbursements made to be posted at the end of each month in a public place where the citizens of the town may see the records of same, also that no bills be paid until said bills have been presented at regular meeting and passed on by the body except in cases of emergency or on the paying of labor that may have to be secured in case of such emergency, and motion was made and carried to adopt same. Mr. Remer Wood and Mr. W. F. Nix were appointed on the Water Committee, and Mr. J. S. Duker and Mr. Thomas Patten were appointed on the Finance Committee. Mr. W. F. Nix and Mr. J. S. Duker were appointed on the Police Committee. Mr. Remer Wood and Mr. Thomas Patten

were appointed on the street committee and the entire body of Councilmen was appointed on the Sanitary Committee.

The question of salaries was brought before the body and motion was made and carried to pay the Mayor and each Councilman \$5.00 per month.

A motion was made and carried to pay A. C. Strawdie \$20.00 per month to keep the garbage removed from town if he desires to continue this work.

There being quite a bit of unfinished business on hand meeting was recessed until Jan. 4th 7³⁰ pm

Jan. 4th 1950. Mayor and all Councilmen present and the question of the license on retail Whiskey store was taken up and discussed and motion was made and carried that the license on retail liquor store, beer and wine be \$600.00 for the year 1950 and in addition to this license a tax of the following rate shall be paid to the town of Ray City by the distributors on whiskey and beer as follows: 5¢ on each half pint of whiskey; 10¢ on each pint of whiskey and 15¢ on all larger containers of whiskey, and 75¢ per case on beer.

Motion was made and carried that license on theatre or moving picture show be \$15.00 per year.

Motion was made and carried to charge all tent shows other than circus shows wanting to show in the town of Ray City Ga \$25.00 per night per tent.

Motion was made and carried to pay Victory Soda Shop \$2.11 for bill presented for misc.

Motion was made and carried to pay R. P. Swindle \$10.00 for auditing books for the town for year 1949.

There being no further business on hand the meeting was adjourned

A. L. Snipes, Mayor
R. P. Swindle, Clerk

Tuesday night Feb 7. 1950

Mayor and all Councilmen present

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Motion was made and carried to prohibit any show or carnival from showing or operating in the town of Ray City who has any game of chance or gaming device of any kind what so ever.

The question of granting license to peddlers selling from house to house was discussed and motion was made and carried that the \$3.00 per day, as already provided in the town ordinance shall apply to all persons doing business in this way.

Motion was made and carried for the Town to buy \$10.00 worth of tickets and participate in the program that the Merchants Association are promoting by drawings each Saturday evening and giving tickets for merchandise bought for cash, or bills paid.

Motion was made and carried for Mayor A. L. Snipes to receive \$1.00 from each fine collected as cost, and that he add this amount to each fine that he may assess.

Motion was made and carried to pay the policeman, Mr. Joe Bray his salary semi-monthly.

Motion was made and carried to charge an annual license fee of \$20.00 to any one selling from house to house in the Town of Ray City and merchandise sold shall be of a nature not generally carried by any of the Merchants of Ray City.

There being no other business on hand the meeting adjourned.

A. L. Snipes, Mayor.
P. P. Scindell, Clerk.

Council meeting Mar. 7, 1950

Mayor and all Councilment Present.

Minutes of last regular meeting, also minutes of call meeting were read and adopted.

Motion was made and carried to pay all outstanding bills as presented.

After much discussion in regard to electric motor and as check for \$50.00 had been received from the Williams Lumber Co. of Nashville Ga for same there seemed to be some mis-understanding in regard to the sale of this motor.

It seemed that Mr. Jim Paulk had previously contacted one or two of the Councilmen and asked if they would be willing to take \$50.00 for this motor providing that it was agreeable with the other Councilmen and it further developed that Mr Paulk never did contact the other Councilmen and at about the same time they were offered \$75.00 for the motor by some one in Valdosta Ga. And it was agreed by the body that the clerk write the Williams Lumber Co. in regard to same and that the man in Valdosta be contacted at once, and if he would still give \$75.00 for the motor and the Williams Lumber Co. would not pay the difference that the motor would be taken back and sold to the man in Valdosta Ga. There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

A. L. Snipes - Mayor.
R. P. Scurdle - Clerk.

Regular Council Meeting - Apr. 4th 1950.

Mayor and all Councilmen present.

The minutes of last meeting was read and approved.

Mr. Fisher with the State Board of Health was present at the meeting in the interest of a health program to be put on in Berrien County, a qualified person to give his full time to the work at a salary of approximately two hundred and fifty dollars per month, The State to pay fifty five percent of his salary and the County and the towns in the County to pay the balance of his salary or the other forty five percent. A motion was made and carried that in the event that the program was put on the Town of Ray City pay five dollars per month on this work.

The Clerk read all bills that had been presented for payment and a motion was made and carried to pay same.

A motion was made and carried to have a telephone installed at the home of the policeman, Mr. Bray, and the Town to pay the regular rate each month for paid phone in order that if he should be needed on short notice any one could get in touch with him at once.

There being no other business on hand the meeting was adjourned.

A. L. Snipes, Mayor.

P. P. Swindle, Clerk.

Regular Council meeting May 2nd 1950

Regular Council meeting with all members present except W. J. Nix and Thomas Patten.

Minutes of the last meeting was read and approved.

All local bills were read and motion was made and carried for the clerk to pay same.

Motion was made and carried for an ordinance to be made against small dogs running at large on the streets of the Town of Ray City during breeding period and owners of all such dogs to be notified of same and if owners fail to enclose all such dogs running at large during said breeding periods they shall be killed or impounded in the discretion of the Mayor and Council of said city. And if any such dogs should be impounded the owner of such dog impounded shall be required to pay a fee not exceeding five dollars upon delivery of said dog back to owner.

There being no other business on hand motion was made and carried to adjourn.

A. L. Snipes, Mayor,
R. P. Swindle, Clerk

Regular Council meeting - June 7 - 1950

Mayor and Council met in regular session. The Clerk being sick L. H. Webb was appointed to act as Clerk as long as R. P. Surratt was unable to act. On motion the Clerk was instructed to post notices that all dogs inside City limits be treated on Wednesday June 14 - 1950, and all dogs with out tags after that date instructed the Police to kill.

On motion, agreed to let Mrs. Neunt Carter have the Bond lot in Ray City for \$15.00 providing she pay up State and County taxes.

On Motion agreed to appoint a board of Tax Equalizers for the Town of Ray City for 1950 at the rate of \$5.00 per day.

On Motion agreed to pay bill rendered by H. A. Paull for \$60.00 for pump work.

Chief of Police was instructed to turn over what funds he had belonging to the Town. And he turned in \$15.00 for J. A. Cibbs, and \$11.00 for Nathan Ellis, total \$26.00

No other business. On motion adjourned

A. L. Snipes - Mayor
L. H. Webb - Acting Clerk

Regular Council meeting July 3-1950

Mayor and Council met in regular session with all members present

On Motion read and approved minutes as read for May and June

It appearing some collections have fell short, On Motion, instructed the Clerk to contact all persons claiming to have paid Policeman, Joe Bray, the money for water bills, Licenses Band forfeits - that shows to be short.

On Motion ordered all bills rendered paid.

On Motion agreed to run water line and put spigots in jail cells appointed R.C. Sundeck, James Sundeck and W.W. Wood as Tax Equalizers for Town of Ray City.

Joe Bray having resigned as Chief of Police Council failed to make choice of another and asked permission to have another meeting.

On Motion agreed to buy stamps for whiskey and beer and have some ready to sell to Dealers.

On Motion adjourned

A. L. Snipes - Mayor
L. H. Webb act. Clerk.

Call meeting July 6 - 1950.

Thursday night July 6 - 1950
Mayor and Council met in a
call meeting with all members
present, for the purpose of appointing
a Chief of Police. After considering
all applications J. E. Bigler was
appointed Chief of Police, and
was duly sworn in by the Mayor.
No other business on motion
adjourned.

A L Snipes - Mayor
I H Webb Act. Clerk.

Regular Council meeting - Aug. 1 - 1950

Mayor and all Councilmen present except J.R. Wood.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved

Motion was made and carried to pay all Local bills as read except one bill from Perkins Hardware Co for \$17.95

Mr. Raymond Guest from Nashville was present and discussed the possibility of Ray City getting some Standard Houses built under the Public Housing Authority Program. Houses to be built and all cost of same furnished by the Federal Government, and motion was made and carried to proceed with the program.

Motion was made and carried that all City Tax for 1949 must be paid by Sept. 1st 1950 or legal proceedings will be taken and liens made after that date

There being no other business on hand motion with a second was made to adjourn

A. L. Snipes - Mayor
R. P. Swindle - City Clerk

Regular Council Meeting
Sept 5 - 1950

Mayor and Councilmen present except
Thomas Patten and W F Nix,
minutes of last meeting was read
and approved.

Mr H C Yarbrough was present at the
meeting and wanted water pipe
laid to his new place, and it was
agreed to buy pipe to reach his new
place and him to lay the pipe.

Motion was made and carried to
extend deadline on unpaid 1949
City Tax until Sept 15th and that
Clerk to mail notice to each one
owing 1949 tax showing time levies
will begin and all taxes not paid
by that day levies to begin at once.
No other business on hand motion
was made to adjourn.

A L Snipes Mayor
R P Swindle Clerk

Regular Council meeting
October 4 - 1950.

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Mayor and all Council present.
Minutes of last meeting read and approved.
Motion was made and carried to install
Light between Baptist Church and school
Building, also one street light at best
location between Methodist and Christian
Churches.

Motion was made and carried to pay all
local bills as read.
No other business on hand, motion
was made and carried to adjourn.

A L Snipes - Mayor
R P Seindler - Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Nov. 6 - 1950

Regular Council Meeting Nov. 6 - 1950

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Jim Paulk was present at the meeting and wanted water line to his mill and guaranteed that the Town would get five water customers if the Town would put water to his mill.

Mrs Eula Hall was present and wanted the Town officials to see Mr Jim Paulk about the smoke and sparks falling from his mill which makes it very dangerous about her barn and home catching fire.

The Mayor promised her that it would be taken up at the meeting and see if anything could be done about the matter.

The first Tuesday in December being the time to elect officers for the year 1951-1952, the Clerk was instructed to post notice of City election to be held on the first Tuesday in December for the purpose of electing two Councilmen for the year 1951-1952, and each candidate offering for election shall qualify not later than 12 o'clock noon Nov. 25th by paying an entrance fee of \$4.00.

Motion was made and carried to pay all local bills as read.

Motion made and carried that all City Taxes not paid by Dec. 20th that 7% interest would be charged until paid taxes are paid.

No other business, meeting adjourned.

A. L. Snipes — Mayor
R. P. Swindle — Clerk

Regular Council meeting Dec. 5th 1950
Minutes of last meeting was read and approved.

The question of some people wanting a telephone was discussed and the Clerk was instructed to write the Company and see if they would put in the telephones for the people, and also send copy of the letter to Ga Public Service Commission.

Motion was made and carried to pay back to A. L. Snipes fifteen dollars that he paid to the Town for Towns Equity in Bono Bros Lot, as deed had already been made to Mrs. J. N. Carter for this lot, and Mrs. Carter has agreed to pay the Town the fifteen dollars.

Motion was made and carried to pay all local bills as read.

No other business on hand the meeting adjourned.

A. L. Snipes - Mayor
R. P. Swindle - Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Jan. 2 - 1951

Mayor and all Councilmen present.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved, all local bills were read and motion was made and carried to pay same.

Mr Hollis Williams who was employed to audit the Town's books was present and read his report, stating that books had been kept in good order, and all receipts and disbursements had been properly accounted for.

Mr. Williams presented his bill which was \$15.⁰⁰ for this work, and motion with second was made to pay same.

The application of R P Suindle for City Clerk for the year 1951 was presented, and he was elected at salary of \$50.⁰⁰ per month.

The application of Mr. J. E. Bigler for Policeman was presented and he was elected at salary of \$150.⁰⁰ per month.

Motion was made and carried to place City Clerk under Surety Bond of two Thousand dollars, also policeman under Surety Bond of one Thousand dollars.

Mr. A. H. Kelly was present in the interest of License on Liquor Store, beer and wine for the year 1951 and motion was made and carried that license be \$600.⁰⁰ The same as last year.

Mr F C Moore and Mr J. S. Duker being the two newly elected Councilmen to serve 1951-1952 were sworn in office by Mayor A L Snipes.

Motion made and carried for salaries for Mayor and Councilmen to be the same as last year - five dollars per month, J S Duker and F C Moore were appointed as water committee and W F Nix and Thomas Patterson were appointed as Street Committee.

Not being able to attend to all necessary business to come before the meeting at this time, The meeting was recessed until Wednesday night Jan. 3rd at 7³⁰ o'clock.

A. L. Snipes - Mayor
R. P. Swindle - Clerk

Wednesday night Jan. 3-1951

Mayor and all Councilmen present

The City License ordinance was read by the clerk and motion and second was made that the same ordinance of 1950 be adapted for the year 1951 with out any change

The question of cleaning water tank was discussed and the mayor was asked to contact two or three reliable companies and see what it would cost to have the work done

No other business on hand motion was made and carried to adjourn

A. L. Snipes - Mayor
R. P. Swindle - Clerk

Call meeting Jan. 16 - 1951

Mayor and Council present except Thomas Patten.

The question of hiring Ace Straughter again for the year 1951 to haul trash twice each month. Was discussed and motion was carried to pay him \$25⁰⁰ per month for his service to do this work as long as his service is satisfactory.

Motion was made and carried to pay J. P. Knight \$25⁰⁰ for his service as legal advisor for the Town of Ray City for last year also the same to be retained for the year 1951.
No other business meeting adjourned.

Call meeting Jan 17 - 1951

Mayor and all Councilmen present.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss with Mr Greenwood who is a Representative of the Dixie Tank and Bridge Co. in regard to doing some work, and putting our Tank in First Class condition, and Mr Greenwood made a proposition to clean tank and reline it with asphalt Base paint inside, his Company to furnish this paint for inside. Also to paint tank on out side and City to furnish paint for out side for \$700.00 Mayor and Council gave him the contract to do this work.

No other business meeting adjourned

A. L. Snipes - Mayor
R. P. Swindle - Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Feb. 9-1951

Mayor and all Councilmen Present
Minutes of last meeting was read and approved.

Mr Happy Yarbrough was present in the interest of a street light to be erected, and Councilmen agreed to install the light.

Mr Raymond Gust was present in the interest of our Low Rent housing project for our City, and resolution was made requesting the Housing Authority of the City of Nashville Ga to file an application with the Public Housing Administration. Motion was made by Mr J. A. Duker and seconded by Mr W. F. Nix and Mr F. C. Moore and Mr Thomas Patten voting yeas on said resolution.

Motion was made and carried to pay one Bond and unaccrued interest Maturity Date 1964. The amount being \$886⁰⁰.

Motion was made and carried to provide in the City License ordinance an annual License on persons selling merchandise from house to house or to Consumer in the amount of \$15⁰⁰.

No other business meeting adjourned

A. L. Snipes - Mayor
R. P. Swindle - Clerk

City of Ray City

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AN EXTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAY CITY,
GEORGIA, HELD AT THE CITY HALL
OF SAID CITY ON THE 8TH DAY OF
MAY, 1951, AT 7:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Mayor and Council, of the City of Ray City, Georgia met in regular session at the City Hall in said City on the 8th day of May, 1951, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Snipes and upon roll call the following members were present: A. L. Snipes, Mayor; J. S. Dukes, F. C. Moore, Thomas Patton, and W. P. Nix, Councilmen. Absent: None.

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman J. S. Dukes:

RESOLUTION NO. 2
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A
COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF
NASHVILLE, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Nashville, Georgia has been invited and requested to exercise its powers in the City of Ray City, Georgia, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Ray City, Georgia through its Mayor and Council is desirous of cooperating with and assisting the said Housing Authority in every way possible, and;

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City of Ray City, Georgia to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the said Housing Authority in order that the said Housing Authority may complete their application for a preliminary loan from the Public Housing Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAY CITY, GEORGIA:

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Nashville, Georgia; said Cooperation Agreement being made a part hereof and attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor of the City of Ray City be promptly notified of the adoption of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution shall be effective immediately.

Councilman W. F. Nix moved that the resolution be adopted and was seconded by Councilman J. S. Dukes. Upon roll call the following voted AYE: A. L. Snipes, Mayor; J. S. Dukes, P. C. Moore, Thomas Patton, and W. F. Nix, Councilmen. Nay: None.

Thereupon the City Clerk declared said resolution duly adopted and passed.

The Mayor of the City of Ray City, Georgia, being present at the meeting was thereupon notified of the adoption of the said resolution.

Thereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted and passed whereupon the Mayor affixed his signature to said resolution in approval thereof.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 10:00 o'clock P. M.



APPROVED:

A. L. Snipes
A. L. SNIPES, Mayor

ATTEST:

R. P. Swindle
R. P. SWINDLE, City Clerk

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
RAY CITY, GEORGIA, HELD AT THE CITY
HALL IN SAID CITY ON THE 6th DAY OF
FEBRUARY, 1951, AT 7:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

On the 6th day of February, 1951, the Mayor and Council of the City of Ray City, Georgia, met in the City Hall in said city in regular meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 o'clock P. M. by Mayor A. L. Snipes, and on roll call the following members of the Council were found present: A. L. Snipes, Mayor,

J. S. Deeks, F. C. Moore,

Thomas Patton, W. F. Nix, Councilmen.

Absent: None.

The following resolution was introduced by Mr. F. C. Moore, who moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 1

DECLARING THE NEED FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, GEORGIA, TO EXERCISE ITS POWERS WITHIN THE CITY OF RAY CITY, GEORGIA, AND, APPROVING SAID HOUSING AUTHORITY'S APPLICATION TO THE PUBLIC HOUSING ADMINISTRATION FOR A PRELIMINARY LOAN TO COVER THE COST OF SURVEYS AND PLANNING IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL NON-FARM LOW-RENT PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE CITY OF RAY CITY, GEORGIA.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Housing Authorities Law of the State of Georgia, a Local Housing Authority has been created, activated, and organized for Nashville, Georgia, under the style of "Housing Authority of the City of Nashville, Georgia"; and

WHEREAS, no Housing Authority has been activated for the City of Ray City, Georgia, and no other City, County or Regional Housing Authority now exists, functions or operates in the City of Ray City, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, to the personal knowledge of the members of this body, there exists in the City of Ray City, Georgia, insanitary and unsafe dwelling accommodations, and that persons of low income are forced to reside in such insanitary and unsafe accommodations; within the City of Ray City, Georgia, there is a shortage of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations available at rents which persons of low income can afford, and that such persons are forced to occupy overcrowded and congested dwelling accommodations; that the aforesaid conditions cause an increase in and spread of disease and crime and constitute a menace to the health, safety, morals, and welfare of the residents of the City of Ray City, Georgia, and these conditions necessitate excessive and disproportionate expenditures of public funds for crime prevention and punishment, public health and safety, fire and accident protection, and other public services and facilities; and

WHEREAS, these slums can not be cleared, nor can the shortage of safe and sanitary dwellings for persons of low income be relieved, through the operation of private enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the population of the City of Ray City, Georgia, is less than 2,500 and the Housing Authority of the City of Nashville, Georgia, is applying to the Public Housing Administration in accordance with the provisions of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, for a Preliminary Loan in the amount of ~~\$40,000.00~~ ^{\$12,500.00} to cover the cost of surveys and planning in connection with the development of not to exceed approximately 100 dwelling units of Rural Non-Farm Public Housing to be located within the corporate limits of the City of Ray City, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for the Housing Authority of the City of Nashville, Georgia, to exercise its powers within the corporate limits of the City of Ray City, Georgia;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAY CITY, GEORGIA:

THAT the Council of the City of Ray City, Georgia, hereby determines, finds, and declares in pursuance to the Housing Authorities Law, as amended, that:

1. Insanitary and unsafe inhabited dwelling accommodations exist in the City of Ray City, Georgia; and

2. There is a shortage of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations in the City of Ray City, Georgia, available to persons of low income at rentals they can afford; and

3. That aforesaid conditions can be best remedied through the exercise of the aforesaid Housing Authority of the City of Nashville, Georgia, powers within the territorial boundaries of the City of Ray City, Georgia.

4. Therefore, there is a need for the Housing Authority of the City of Nashville, Georgia, to exercise its powers within the City of Ray City, Georgia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Housing Authority of the City of Nashville, Georgia, be and same is hereby invited and requested to exercise its powers in the City of Ray City, Georgia; and

That the application of the Housing Authority of the City of Nashville, Georgia, to the Public Housing Administration for a Preliminary Loan in an amount not to exceed ~~\$10,000.00~~ ^{\$17,500.00} to cover the cost of surveys and planning in connection with the development of not to exceed approximately 100 units of Low-Rent Public Housing in the City of Ray City, Georgia, is hereby approved, and this body does

hereby declare its intent to enter hereafter into an agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Nashville, Georgia, in the provision of said Low-Rent Public Housing which may be required by the Public Housing Administration pursuant to the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended; and

That the Mayor of the City of Ray City, Georgia, be promptly notified of the passage of this resolution and requested forthwith to advise the Housing Authority of the City of Nashville, Georgia, thereof; and

That this resolution shall be effective immediately.

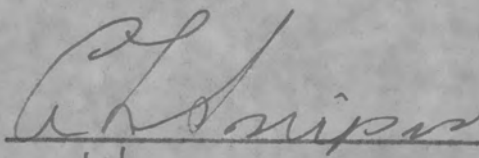
The motion to adopt said resolution was seconded by Mr. W. F. Nix, and upon roll call the following voted AYE:

A. L. Snipes, Mayor, J. S. ^{Dukes} ~~Boats~~, F. C. Moore, Thomas Patton, and W. F. Nix, Councilmen.

NO: None.


THEREUPON, the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted and passed, and signed same in approval thereof.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 10:00 O'clock P. M.



Mayor.

ATTEST:



Clerk.

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement entered into this 8th day of May, 1951, by and between Housing Authority of the City of Nashville, Georgia (herein called the "Local Authority") and City of Ray City, Georgia (herein called the "Municipality"), witnesseth:

In consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto do agree as follows:

1. Whenever used in this Agreement:

- (a) The term "Project" shall mean any low-rent housing hereafter developed as an entity by the Local Authority with financial assistance of the Public Housing Administration (herein called the "PHA"); excluding, however, any low-rent housing project covered by any contract entered prior to March 1, 1949 for loans and annual contributions between the Local Authority and the PHA or its predecessor agencies.
 - (b) The term "Taxing Body" shall mean the State or any political subdivision or taxing unit thereof in which a Project is situated and which would have authority to assess or levy real or personal property taxes or to certify such taxes to a taxing body or public officer to be levied for its use and benefit with respect to a Project if it were not exempt from taxation.
 - (c) The term "Shelter Rent" shall mean the total of all charges to all tenants of a Project for dwelling rents and non-dwelling rents (excluding all other income of such Project), less the cost to the local Authority of all dwelling and non-dwelling utilities.
 - (d) The term "Slum" shall mean any area where dwellings predominate which, by reason of dilapidation, overcrowding, faulty arrangement or design, lack of ventilation, light or sanitation facilities, or any combination of these factors, are detrimental to safety, health or morals.
- The Local Authority shall endeavor to secure a contract with the PHA for loans and annual contributions, and to develop and administer one or more projects

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obligations of the parties hereto shall apply only to Projects aggregating not more than 75 units of low-rent housing. The Project or Projects shall be located within the corporate limits of the Municipality.

3. (a) Under the constitution and statutes of the State of Georgia, all Projects are exempt from all real and personal property taxes and special assessments levied or imposed by any Taxing Body. With respect to any Project, so long as either (i) such Project is owned by a public body or governmental agency and is used for low-rent housing purposes, or (ii) any contract between the Local Authority and the PEA for loans or annual contributions, or both, in connection with such Project remains in force and effect, or (iii) any bonds issued in connection with such Project or any monies due to the PEA in connection with such Project remain unpaid, whichever period is the longest, the Municipality agrees that it will not levy or impose any real or personal property taxes or special assessments upon such Project or upon the Local Authority with respect thereto. During such period, the Local Authority shall make annual payments (herein called "Payments in Lieu of Taxes") in lieu of such taxes and special assessments and in payment for the public services and facilities furnished from time to time without other cost or charge for or with respect to such Project.

(b) Each such annual Payment in Lieu of Taxes shall be made after the end of the fiscal year established for such Project, and shall be in an amount equal to either (i) ten percent (10%) of the aggregate Shelter Rent charged by the Local Authority in respect to such Project during such fiscal year, or (ii) the amount by which the real property taxes which would have been paid to all Taxing Bodies for such fiscal year if such Project were not exempt from taxation exceeds twenty percent (20%) of the Federal Annual Contribution actually payable with respect to such Project for such fiscal year, provided that if two or more Projects are covered by one contract with the PEA for annual contributions, the amount of the Federal Annual Contribution actually payable with respect to each Project shall be determined by pro-rating the total Federal Annual Contribution actually payable with respect to all such Projects in proportion to the development cost of the res-

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(iii) the amount permitted to be paid by applicable state law in effect on the date such payment is made, whichever amount is the lowest.

(c) No payment for any year shall be made to the Municipality in excess of the amount of the real property taxes which would have been paid to the Municipality for such year if the Project were not exempt from taxation.

(d) Upon failure of the Local Authority to make any Payment in Lieu of Taxes, no lien against any Project or assets of the Local Authority shall attach, nor shall any interest or penalties accrue or attach on account thereof.

4. The Municipality agrees that, subsequent to the date of initiation (as defined in the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended) of each Project and within five years after the completion thereof, or such further period as may be approved by the PHA, there has been or will be elimination (as approved by the PHA) by demolition, condemnation, effective closing, or compulsory repair or improvement, of unsafe or insanitary dwelling units situated in the locality or metropolitan area in which such Project is located, substantially equal in number to the number of newly constructed dwelling units provided by such Project; Provided, That, where more than one family is living in an unsafe or insanitary dwelling unit, the elimination of such unit shall count as the elimination of units equal to the number of families accommodated therein; and Provided, further, That this paragraph 4 shall not apply in the case of (i) any Project developed on the site of a slum cleared subsequent to July 15, 1949, and that the dwelling units eliminated by the clearance of the site of such Project shall not be counted as elimination for any other Project or any other low-rent housing project, or (ii) any Project located in a rural non-farm area.

5. During the period commencing with the date of the acquisition of any part of the site or sites of any Project and continuing so long as either (i) such Project is owned by a public body or governmental agency and is used for low-rent housing purposes, or (ii) any contract between the Local

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PHA for loans or annual contributions, or both, in connection with such Project remains in force and effect, or (iii) any bonds issued in connection with such Project or any monies due to thePHA in connection with such Project remain unpaid, whichever period is the longest, the Municipality without cost or charge to the Local Authority or the tenants of such Project (other than the Payments in Lieu of Taxes) shall:

- (a) Furnish or cause to be furnished to the Local Authority and the tenants of such Project public services and facilities of the same character and to the same extent as are furnished from time to time without cost or charge to other dwellings and inhabitants in the Municipality;
- (b) Vacate such streets, roads, and alleys within the area of such Project as may be necessary in the development thereof, and convey without charge to the Local Authority such interest as the Municipality may have in such vacated areas; and, insofar as it is lawfully able to do so without cost or expense to the Local Authority or to the Municipality, cause to be removed from such vacated areas, insofar as it may be necessary, all public or private utility lines and equipment;
- (c) Insofar as the Municipality may lawfully do so, (i) grant such deviations from the building code of the Municipality as are reasonable and necessary to promote economy and efficiency in the development and administration of such Project, and at the same time safeguard health and safety, and (ii) make such changes in any zoning of the site and surrounding territory of such Project as are reasonable and necessary for the development and protection of such Project and the surrounding territory;
- (d) Accept grants of easements necessary for the development of such Project; and

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(e) Cooperate with the Local Authority by such other lawful action or ways as the Municipality and the Local Authority may find necessary in connection with the development and administration of such Project.

6. In respect to any Project the Municipality further agrees that within a reasonable time after receipt of a written request therefor from the Local Authority:

(a) It will accept the dedication of all interior streets, roads, alleys, and adjacent sidewalks within the area of such Project, together with all storm and sanitary sewer mains in such dedicated areas, after the Local Authority, at its own expense, has completed the grading, improvement, paving and installation thereof in accordance with specifications acceptable to the Municipality;

(b) It will accept necessary dedications of land for, and will grade, improve, pave, and provide sidewalks for, all streets bounding such Project or necessary to provide adequate access thereto (in consideration whereof the Local Authority shall pay to the Municipality such amount as would be assessed against the Project site for such work if such site were privately owned); and

(c) It will provide, or cause to be provided, water mains, and storm and sanitary sewer mains, leading to such Project and serving the bounding streets thereof (in consideration whereof the Local Authority shall pay to the Municipality such amount as would be assessed against the Project site for such work if such site were privately owned).

7. If by reason of the Municipality's failure or refusal to furnish or cause to be furnished any public services or facilities which it has agreed hereunder to furnish or to cause to be furnished to the Local Authority or to the tenants of any Project, the Local Authority incurs any expense to obtain such services or facilities then the Local Authority may deduct the amount

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such expense from any payments in Lieu of Taxes due or to become due to the Municipality in respect to any Project or any other low-rent housing projects owned or operated by the Local Authority.

8. No Cooperation Agreement heretofore entered into between the Municipality and the Local Authority shall be construed to apply to any Project covered by this Agreement.

9. So long as any contract between the Local Authority and the PHA for loans (including preliminary loans) or annual contributions, or both, in connection with any Project remains in force and effect, or so long as any bonds issued in connection with any Project or any monies due to the PHA in connection with any Project remain unpaid, this Agreement shall not be abrogated, changed, or modified without the consent of the PHA. The privileges and obligations of the Municipality hereunder shall remain in full force and effect with respect to each Project so long as the beneficial title to such Project is held by the Local Authority or by any other public body or governmental agency, including the PHA, authorized by law to engage in the development or administration of low-rent housing projects. If at any time the beneficial title to, or possession of, any Project is held by such other public body or governmental agency, including the PHA, the provisions hereof shall inure to the benefit of and may be enforced by, such other public body or governmental agency, including the PHA.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Municipality and the Local Authority have respectively signed this Agreement and caused their seals to be affixed and attested as of the day and year first above written.



CITY OF RAY CITY, GEORGIA

By *A. L. Snipes*
A. L. SNIPES, Mayor

ATTEST:

R. P. Swindle
R. P. SWINDLE, City Clerk

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY
OF NASHVILLE, GEORGIA

(SEAL)

By A. B. MAXWELL, Chairman

ATTEST:

YMOND A. GUEST, Secretary

Regular Council Meeting March 6th 1951

Mayor and all Councilmen present except Mr W F Nix.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition signed by several of the Citizens of the City of Ray City living mostly in the area affected by the fire, smoke and ashes coming from Mr Jim Paulk's saw mill was presented to the Mayor and Councilmen asking them that a meeting be called to see what the Officials could do in regard to stopping or correcting the fire hazard, ashes and cinders now being caused by the burning of slabs and residue from Mr Paulk's mill, and if they could legally do so, to force him to screen same or correct it in such a way as to eliminate the said hazard.

Mr Paulk was present as well as a good number of the Petitioners. After considerable discussion in regard to the fire hazard and after several complaints were made about the fire hazard, Mr J S Clements made a motion for a Committee to be appointed to see if they could work out a plan for moving Mr Paulk's mill, and securing location, also the approximate amount of money it would take to move the mill and put it down again.

Mr F C Moore, Mr W A Clements, Mr D L Fletcher, Mr Herman Carter and Mr Kyle Fuller were appointed on the Committee to do this work.

There being no other business on hand motion was made and carried to adjourn.

A L Snipes - Mayor
R P Swindle - Clerk

Regular Council meeting apr 3-1951

Mayor and all Councilmen were present.

Minutes of previous meeting, and minutes of this call meetings were read and approved.

All Local bills were read and ordered paid.

No other business on hand, a motion was made and carried to adjourn.

A L Snipes - Mayor
R P Swindle - Clerk

Regular Council Meeting May 8-1951

Mayor and all Councilmen present.
Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

In regard to our Low, rent housing project the Clerk was instructed to write letters to Congressman Don Wheeler also to Senators Richard B. Russell and Walter F. George.

Motion was made and carried to pay the sum of \$25⁰⁰ on police clothes.

No other business and motion was made and carried to adjourn.

A L Snipes - Mayor
R P Swindle - Clerk

Regular Council Meeting June 5th 1951

Mayor A. L. Snipes called the meeting to order and the following Councilmen were present, Thomas Patten, W. F. Nix, J. S. Duker, and F. C. Moore.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read.

A motion was made by Councilman F. C. Moore followed by a second by Councilman J. S. Duker authorizing Mayor A. L. Snipes to sign or execute a sworn statement in proof of loss on behalf of the Town of Ray City for loss incurred by fire to the property described in Sentinel Fire Insurance Policy No. 4175 and Mayor A. L. Snipes put the motion before the body and Councilmen Thomas Patten, W. F. Nix, J. S. Duker and F. C. Moore all voted yes on said motion and it was carried unanimously.

The question of hogs and cows running at large inside the City limits was discussed by the body and in as much as the no fence law has gone into effect in Berrien Co. the club was instructed to contact City attorney and get him to advise if we can legally take up stock of any kind running at large and impound same or would it be necessary to pass an ordinance in order that the City would have the legal right to take up said stock and impound them and make such charges as are necessary to be paid by the owner before he could recover his stock.

A motion was made and unanimously carried to appoint Mr. W. W. Wood, Mr. R. C. Seindl,

Georgia, Berrien County:

The Mayor and Council of the City of Ray City, Georgia, having been petitioned by some of the citizens of said municipality to declare the sawmill of Jim Paulk located in said city of Ray City, a nuisance, and to abate same as a nuisance; Now, after notice having been given to Jim Paulk to be and appear before said Mayor and Council of the City of Ray City on the 23rd day of March, 1951, to show cause, if any he could why said saw mill should not be declared a nuisance and abated as a nuisance, and after hearing evidence from all parties concerned, the Mayor and Council deferred their decision until the 30th day of March, 1951; Now it is hereby determined that a quorum of the Council cannot be obtained because of the disqualification of two members of said Council because of relationship to the parties of this action; and it further appearing that an agreement has been reached by the parties in this matter, the within action to declare the saw mill of Jim Paulk is hereby dismissed.

This judgment rendered this the 30th day of March, 1951.

Mayor of the City of Ray City

Councilmen of the City of Ray City.

JIM PAULK, Mayor
S. W. CORNELIUS
Chief of Police

TOWN OF RAY CITY
L. H. WEBB, Clerk
RAY CITY, GEORGIA

THOMAS P. PATTEN
ROY CARTER
REMER WOOD
A. L. SNIPES
Councilmen

Regular Council Meeting March 6th, 1951.

Mayor and all councilman present, except Mr. W.F.Nix.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A petition signed by several of the citizens of the City Of Ray City living mostly affected by the fire. smoke, and ashes coming from Mr. Jim Paulks mill was presented to the Mayor and councilman asking them that a meeting be called to see what the Officials could do ~~to~~ in regard to stopping or correcting the fire hazard ashes and cynders now being caused by the burning of the slabs and residue from Mr. Paulks mill and if they could legally do so to force him to screen same or correct it in such a way as to eliminate the said hazard.

And Mr. Paulk was present as well as a good number of the petitioners and after considerable discussion in regard to the fire hazard and after several complaints were made about the fir hazard, Mr. J.S.Clements made a motion for a committee to be appointed to see of they could work out a plan of Moving Mr. Paulks mill and securing location also the approximate amount of money it would take to move the mill and put it down again. and Mr. F.C.Moore Mr. W.A.Clements Mr. D.L.Fletcher Mr. Herman Carter and Mr. Kyle Fuller were appointed on the committee to do this work.

There being no other business on hand a motiom was made and carried to adjurn.

A.L.Snipes Mayor,
R.P.Swindle Coty Clerk.

JIM PAULK, Mayor

S. W. CORNELIUS

Chief of Police

TOWN OF RAY CITY

L. H. WEBB, Clerk

RAY CITY, GEORGIA

THOMAS P. PATTERSON

ROY CARTER

REMER WOOD

A. L. SNIPES

Councilmen

Call meeting of Mayor and councilman March 19th, 1951.

Mayor and all councilman present.

The purpose of the meeting was for mayor and councilman to meet with the citizens of the City of Ray City in regard to the fire hazard of Mr. Jim Paulks saw mill.

Mr. W.A.Clements who was chairman of the committee previously appointed to see if new location could be secured and approximate cost of moving mill Mr. Clements reported to the body that he did not believe anything could be worked out satisfactorily by his committee in regard to moving the mill.

Mr. Parrish the Solicitor General read the law in regard to a nuisance and stated that a petition should be presented to the Mayor and council and a hearing should be heard on said petition and if evidence is sufficient to declare the existing condition as a nuisance that Mayor and council shall proceed to stop the said nuisance and a petition was presented to the Mayor and councilman and the Mayor and councilman set the date for the hearing ~~Monday~~ Friday night March 23rd, 1951.

There being no other business on hand motion was made and carried to adjourn.

A.L.Snipes, Mayor.

R.P.Swindle, City Clerk

JIM PAULK, Mayor
S. W. CORNELIUS
Chief of Police

TOWN OF RAY CITY
L. H. WEBB, Clerk
RAY CITY, GEORGIA

THOMAS P. PATTEN
ROY CARTER
REMER WOOD
A. L. SNIPES
Councilmen

Call meeting of Mayor and councilman March 23rd 1951

The Mayor and all councilman was present.

The purpose of the meeting was to have a hearing on petition presented to the Mayor and councilman in regard to something being done about the fire hazard caused by Mr. Jim Paulks Saw Mill,

~~Before the meeting got under way Mr. W.A.Clements who was chairman of the committee previously appointed to see if new location could be secured and approximate cost of moving the mill and Mr. Clements reported to the body that he did not believe anything could be worked out satisfactorily by his committee in regard to moving the mill and it developed that Mr. J.S.Dukes was related to some of the petitioners he was excused from serving as councilman in the hearing,~~

Mr. Edwin Parrish the Solicitor General was present in behalf of petitioners and Mr. Carslile was present in behalf of the defendant Mr. Jim Paulk and the hearing was begun.

Several witnesses were heard and after the examination of all witnesses necessary on both sides and in as much as Mr. J.P.Knight who was Attorney for the City Of Ray City was not present on account of being ill the councilman decided to with-hold their finding as to whether or not according to the evidence the prevailing condition set out in the petition would be declared a nuisance or not and the length of time Mr. Paulk would be given to correct same in the event it was declared a nuisance and that they would have their findings ready and report them at a meeting to be held on March 30th, 1951.

There being no other business on motion was made and carried to adjurn.

A.L.Snipes Mayor,
R.P.Swindle City Clerk.

and Mr. L. F. Giddens as City
Tax assessors for the year 1951.
There being no other business
to dispose of at this time the
meeting was adjourned.

A. L. Snipes - Mayor
R. P. Swindle - Clerk

Call meeting of Mayor & Councilmen of Ray City Ga.

The Mayor and all Councilmen were present.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Location and the building of a new Court house and jail for the City.

Floor plans were submitted by R.P. Scindler and specifications of material to be used in the construction of the building were read, and motion was made and carried to accept the plans, and that a copy of the plan be sent to three different builders and get their bids on said plan and the City will have the right to reject any or all bids if they see fit to do so, and all bids to be sealed and delivered to Mr. A. L. Snipes not later than 8-o'clock P.M. July 1st, 1951.

Motion was also made and carried that in the event any one of the bids were accepted, the Constructor may draw the cost at invoice price the full amount of any material as laid down on the job, said materials consisting of ceiling, sheeting and moulding to be - - - up and kept dry until ready to use, also when construction begins the Constructor may draw at the end of each week as much as 60% of his Certified Payroll for that week, and balance of the contract price of constructing the building to be paid when building is completed and accepted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Ray City.

Mr. J. J. Studstill was present in the interest of himself for building three buildings in the City to rent and told the body that he would build the houses if the City would allow them to be tax free for a period of two or three years. This was discussed quite a bit but no motion was taken in regard

City of Ray City

COUNCILMEN:

THOMAS P. PATTEN
J. S. DUKES
F. C. MOORE
W. F. NIX

A. L. SNIPES, MAYOR

Ray City, Georgia

R. P. SWINDLE
CITY CLERK
J. E. ZEIGLER
CHIEF OF POLICE
FRED BELCHER
CITY ATTORNEY

Courthouse and jail size 24 X 50 feet outside dimensions 12 standard size windows and 2 small windows approximately 18 X 30 inches in back end, three outside doors and three inside doors, footing to be 8 X 16 inches 1-2-4 concrete mixture and walls built of 8 X 8 X 16 concrete blocks U.S. Standard grade to a height of 9 feet above footing, gables to be built up to 6/12 pitch to correspond with balance of roof and lintels 6 X 8 inches to be poured on side walls reinforced with 2-5/8 inch steel rods the entire length of lintel and 3 X 8 to be bolted on top of this lintel with bolts not more than 3 feet apart and 1X3 1/2 inch board nailed to outside of 3 X 8, mortar joints to be approximately 1/2 inch to be straight and smooth both inside and outside, also lintels to be poured 8 X 8 over all windows and outside doors to correspond with blocks and to be reinforced with 2-5/8 inch steel rods running entire length of lintel, all window sills to be poured from 1-2 concrete mixture with proper slant to shed the water, or in the discretion of contractor he may use good red brick laid on edge with proper slant with nice neat mortar joints finished smooth even with wall on inside, windows to be steel or aluminum casements and approximately 37 X 31 inches on the 12 standard windows and approximately 18 X 30 inches the two small windows all to be installed leak proof and finished nice and smooth inside.

The opening as no casing will be used outside or inside, 4 inch concrete floor to be poured with 1-2-4 mixture with nice smooth finish inside auditorium and good sand finish inside jail department, one partition to be built of 4 X 8 X 16 concrete blocks in jail room lintel poured over door 4 X 8 reinforced with 2 5/8 inch steel rods entire length of lintel also one partition between auditorium and jail to be built of 2 X 4s and V ceiling with studs well anchored where studs goes against outside walls the V ceiling to be No. 1 grade, all outside doors shall be 3 X 7 feet of No. 1 grade fir or oak not less than 1-1/2 inches thick three hinges to each door with good heavy duty mortise locks, inside doors be 2-8 X 6-8 No. 1 fir or oak not less than 1-3/8 inches thick fitted with good standard mortise locks, the four standard size windows in the jail room, also the two small windows in back end shall have 3/8 inch steel bars running up and down with three 1 1/2 inch square iron equally divided crossways rods to go through angle irons spaced not more than 4 feet apart and angle irons to be well anchored to walls on outside of windows, roof of building to have 6/12 pitch with rafters running over sufficient to nail 5 1/2 inch casing board under side and end of rafter exposed so 3 1/2 inch board can be nailed on end of rafters with bottom edge of casing board and finished with one line of 3 inch crown mould up and shooting and against 3 1/2 inch board on end of rafters and one line 3 inch crown mould in corner against casing board, rafters to be 2 X 8 also ceiling joist to be 2 X 8 all on 12 inch centers with joist sufficiently braced with 2 X 6 to rafters that positively no sag will occur in ceiling as no post will be in auditorium or jail room, overhead ceiling be No. 1 V type ceiling finished all around building with 4 inch crown mould also 4 X 4 crown mould on each side of wood partition, 1 X 6 E & G No. 2 to sheet top with 30 lbs. covered with thick but green shingles weighing not less than 110 lbs. per square with 1 inch galvanized ridge roll on ridge with 1 X 2 galvanized angle tin to be nailed on gables, Gables to finish with casing board and one line 3 inch crown mould, No. 1 or Jail cells to be figured in this contract, V ceiling on wood partition shall be finished and ceiling nailed on up and down,

A.L. Snipes Mayor,

R.P. Swindle City Clerk,

to it.

Thus being no other business to attend to at this meeting a motion was made and carried to adjourn.

A. L. Snipes - Mayor.
R. P. Swindle - City Clerk.

Regular Council meeting July 3-1951

Mayor and all Councilmen present minutes of last regular meeting, also call meeting held June 20th were read and approved as read

Two of the bids on court house and jail were read and Mr Newt Turner made a bid according to size and specifications for the sum of \$4,850.⁰⁰ and Mr Thomas Patten made a bid according to size and specifications for the sum of \$33,90.00 and after discussing site and bids motion was made and carried to table the acceptance of the bids until a later date.

No other business on hand the meeting was adjourned until Friday night July 6th

A L Snipes - Mayor
R P Swindle - Clerk

RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO
GEORGIA & FLORIDA RAILROAD
GENERAL OFFICES
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA



Mr. R. P. Swindle
City Clerk
Ray City, Ga.

GEORGIA & FLORIDA RAILROAD

ALFRED W. JONES, Receiver

STEWART B. AUSTIN,
ENGINEER M. W. & S.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

AUGUSTA, GA.

August 16, 1954.

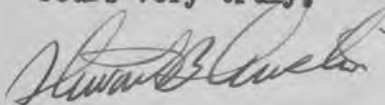
City of Ray City,
Att: Mr. R. P. Swindle,
City Clerk,
Ray City, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 9th pertaining to an easement on our right of way to enlarge parking facilities at Ray City.

This matter is being referred to our management and you will be advised in the next few days.

Yours very truly,



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Engineer, M.W.&S.

GEORGIA & FLORIDA RAILROAD

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STEWART B. AUSTIN,
ENGINEER M. W. & S.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

AUGUSTA, GA. August 30, 1954-sba

City Of Ray City
Ray City, Georgia

Attention; Mr. R. P. Swindle
City Clerk

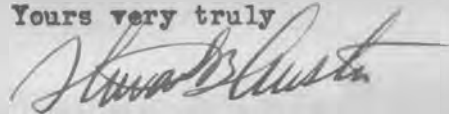
Dear Mr. Swindle.

Reference is made to exchanges in connection with the desire of the city to pave or improve the area on the east side of our Main Track in front of our Ray City Depot for a parking area.

Please be advised that authority is extended to encroach on our right of Way for the purpose outlined under the following conditions.

1. The City will execute an agreement covering the encroachment when prepared and presented by the Railroad.
2. No paving or encroachment will be closer to our main track than 15 feet nor will the encroachment be closer to the eastern edge of our drainage ditch than five feet.
3. The City agrees to install some time prior to actual pavement curbing or some type of material to prevent cars from parking too close to ditch or track.

Yours very truly



Engineer M. W. & S.

Copy

Mr. R. F. Newton, Supervisor
Nashville, Ga.

Call meeting of Mayor and Councilmen
July 7 - 1951

Mayor and all Councilmen present
a motion was made by Councilman
J S Dukes and seconded by Councilman
W F Nix and was unanimously carried
to reject plans and bids for Court-
house and jail previously submitted
by Mr Thomas Patten and Mrs Neut
Turner.

Site for Court house and jail was
discussed and Mr W. F. Nix made a
motion and it was seconded by
Mr Thomas Patten and was unamously
carried to buy two lots on East
corner of Main and North Street,
both lots ^{combined} being sixty feet wide
on front and running back over
width a distance of seventy five
feet, from Mrs. W. E. Griner of
Nashville Ga for the sum of
five hundred dollars. And the
Mayor and Clerk were authorized
to purchase and pay for the above
described land.

Motion was made by Councilman
Thomas Patten and seconded by
Councilman W. F. Nix that the size
of Court house and jail room should
be twenty two feet wide and forty
six feet long outside dimensions
There being no other business on
hand, a motion was made and
carried to adjourn

A. J. Snipes - Mayor
R. P. Swindle - Clerk

Call meeting of Mayor & Councilmen
July 13th - 1951

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Mayor and all Councilmen present
Minutes of last regular meeting was read
also minutes of Call meeting held July 7th
was read and both minutes approved
as read.

Motion was made and carried to pay
Tax assessors \$5⁰⁰ per day for their service
of assessing and equalizing taxes for
the year 1951.

Motion was made and carried to build
Court house and jail together instead
of separate.

Motion was made and carried to
build Court house and jail with
concrete blocks and cover the building
with green 3 in 1 thick but shingle

The Mayor appointed as committee
Mr. W. F. Nix and Mr. F. C. Moore to proceed
with the erecting of the building

No further business on hand, a
motion was made and carried
to adjourn.

A. L. Snipes - Mayor
R. P. Swinick - Clerk

Call meeting of Mayor and Councilmen
of the City of Ray City Ga Aug 2 - 1951

The Mayor and all Councilmen
were present.

A Resolution was introduced declaring
a state of emergency in that of the
need of a City Hall for the City of
Ray City so they may have a place
to carry on the business of the City
and in order to expedite the efforts
in replacing said City Hall The City
Clerk was instructed to put forth
every effort to collect all taxes
and licenses and other monies
due the City to help defray the cost
of replacing said City Hall, using
the money derived from the insurance
on the former City Hall first, and
balance from general fund of
said City, but a sufficient amount
to be kept in the general fund to
pay the obligations of the City of
Ray City when due.

The above resolution was
unanimously passed by the body

There being no other business
on hand a motion was made
and carried to adjourn

A. L. Snipes - Mayor
R. P. Swinelle - Clerk

Regular Council meeting Aug. 10th 1951 69

The Mayor and all Councilmen were present.

The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved.

All local bills were read and motion made and carried to pay same.

Motion was made and carried for the Clerk to notify all parties owing 1950 City Tax that levies will be made on all that is not paid by Sept 15th 1951.

A motion was made and carried to sell to Mr Ernest Fountain the balance of the J. F. Lewis lot for the sum of \$40⁰⁰ if he wants to pay that amount for same.

A motion was made and carried to levy ^{tax rate of} 15 mills ^{for year 1951} $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% for ordinary current expenses, $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% for Street Purposes, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% for Bonds and interest.

There being no other business at this time a motion was made and carried to adjourn.

A. L. Snipes - Mayor
R. P. Swindle - Clerk

10
Regular Council meeting Sept 4-1951

Mayor and all Councilmen Present
Minutes of last meeting were
read and approved.

A motion was made and carried
to pay Col. Fred Belcher one hundred
dollars on salary as City attorney.

Motion was also made and carried
to pay Paramount Chemical Co one hundred
dollars and eighty four (\$100.84) for
Barrel of disinfectant.

A motion was made and carried to
give Mr J E Gugler, the Policemans one
week vacation with pay. Mr Gugler
to decide when he will take the vacation.

There being no other business at
this time a motion was made and
carried to adjourn.

A L Snipes - Mayor
R P Surrall - Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Oct. 2 - 1951

The Mayor and all Councilmen were present.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved.

A motion was made and carried that Mr. W. F. Nix and Mr. F. C. Moore look over the building of a walkway in front of Mr. Cranford Bennett's home up to paved highway and have it done for the least cost to the City and serve the purpose of Mr. Bennett having a way to get up to the highway.

Mr. W. F. Nix and Mr. Ferris Moore were appointed to contract with some one with mowing machine to cut the weeds on all side walks and vacant lots inside the City.

Motion was also made and carried that the School shall pay for their water at the regular rate of \$1.25 on first spigot and 25¢ for each additional spigot, and the charge to take effect Oct. 1st 1951. The Clerk was instructed to check the number of spigots and to notify the Superintendent of this action. No other business on hand a motion was made and carried to adjourn.

A. L. Snipes - Mayor
R. P. Scindler - Clerk

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Regular Council Meeting Nov. 6th 1951

Mayor and all Councilmen Present.
Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A motion was made and carried to have a registration list made of all qualified voters in the City and have the list completed four days before the City election as provided for in the City Charter, There being an election to be held the first Tuesday in December for electing Mayor and two Councilmen.

A motion was made and carried that an entrance fee of \$10⁰⁰ for each Candidate entering the race for Mayor and \$4⁰⁰ for each Candidate entering the race for Councilman be paid to qualify, and the closing date for entering the race be Saturday Nov. 24th at 5 o'clock.

A Petition from the Tax Payers and Citizens was presented to the body asking that a jail be built at once on the old site, of permanent material large enough to take care of two double cells, also a room to store our pipes, fittings and tools in. And Build City hall on new lot as soon as funds are available. No action was taken on said petition.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

A. L. Snipes - Mayor
R. P. Swindle - Clerk

Call meeting of Mayor and Councilmen
Nov. 13 - 1951

Mayor and all Councilmen were present.
The purpose of the meeting was to pass on
the petition that was presented by the
Mayor at last meeting from the Tax Payers
in regard to building a jail and Court house

A motion was made and carried to build
a jail room 14 x 18 feet on the old site and
work to begin at once.

A motion was also made and carried
for the Mayor to get the material as soon
as possible for same.

No other business on hand the meeting
adjourned.

A L Snipes - Mayor
R B Quindt - Clerk

Call meeting of Council Nov. 26th - 1951

Mayor and all Councilmen present except Thomas Patterson.

The purpose of the meeting was to hire help to hold City Election Dec 14th.

Motion was made and carried that the following ones be hired to hold said election; L. F. Giddens Manager, R. C. Swindle, W. W. Wood and Mrs. D. L. Fletcher. L. F. Giddens to receive \$7⁰⁰ and the others \$5⁰⁰ each. Also Polls will be open at 7 o'clock and close at six o'clock.

No other business on hand a motion was made and carried to adjourn.

A. L. Sripes - Mayor
R. C. Swindle - Clerk

Regular Council meeting Dec 7-1951

Mayor and all Councilmen present.
Minutes of last meeting also two call meetings were read and approved

Local bills were read and motions made and carried to pay same

Mr A H Kelley was present in regard to getting his Whiskey license for 1952 in order that he could have the license in the State Revenue Department office by December 10th, as per their request. No action was taken by the body as they wanted to consult with their attorney and find out if they could legally issue the license before before the new Mayor and Council takes office the first Tuesday in January.

As one bond and interest will be due Jan. 1st, and there being insufficient funds in bank and trust account to take care of same, Motion was made and carried to pay said bonds from the current expense funds.

No other business on hand the meeting adjourned in order.

A L Snipes - Mayor
R P Swindle - Clerk

Wednesday Night. Jan 2 - 1952
 Mayor & Council met in regular session. Two New Councilmen (To wit) F C Garbrough & P N Sirmour were sworn in by the Mayor. The following business was disposed of - Elected J E Feight as Chief of Police at 150.⁰⁰ Per month and L H Webb Clerk & Treasury at 50.⁰⁰ Per month - A. H. Kelly applied for Whiskey Beer & Wine License again for 1952 and on motion granted the same and assessed the License fee at 500.⁰⁰ and Whiskey & beer tax remain same as 1951.

On motion instructed Clerk to see about the bonds for Police & Clerk The bond for Police to be 1000.⁰⁰ and Clerk 700.⁰⁰ on motion put the Police & Clerk under the jurisdiction of the Mayor. On motion adjourned until Thursday Night Jan 3 - 1952
 A. L. Simes Mayor
 L H Webb Clerk

Thursday Night. Jan. 3 - 1952
 Mayor & Council met according to adjournment Jan 2 - All Members Present Bills presented for payment
 Atty. Fred Belcher City Atty 50.⁰⁰
 Williams Lumber Co Lumber 45.⁰⁰
 Davis Meter repair & Supply Co 15 19
 On motion ordered all bills paid as above
 on motion agreed to place order for 600 ft 2 in. Pipe for use on Housing Project
 on motion fixed salaries of Mayor & Councilmen, same as 1951
 on motion let all Licenses fee stand same as 1951 except Whiskey beer & Wine

this being assessed at 500⁰⁰

Committees appointed as follows
on Police F C Yarborough, J S Dukes

on Water F C Moore & P H Birmond

on Finance J S Dukes & F C Moore

on Street F C Yarborough & P H Birmond

on Finance J S Dukes & F C Moore

Sanitary All members of Council

on Matron. fixed a charge of 5⁰⁰ for

cut in in all Water for New House

on Matron. agreed to have Three

more Street Lights installed

No other business on Matron

Adjourned

A Z Snipes Mayor
L H Webb Clerk

Wed. Night - Feb. 6, 1952

Mayor & Council met in regular session with all members present. Mr. O.D. Sumner was present and explained to the body about installing Water Meters and after some discussion - on motion agreed to buy and install some at not less than 50⁰⁰ per month and as much more as could reasonably be done. 25 to be shipped at the time.

On motion instructed Mrs. Wooten to have Telephone at Tom Ellis Ziegler's discontinued after Feb. 29th.

All Bills on motion ordered paid. Agreed to pay 2⁰⁰ per day for R.P. Swain for 3 days work. On motion approved same as recd.

A. L. Empire Mayor
L. H. Webb Clerk

Monday Night - March 3 - 1912
 Mayor & Council met in regular session with all members present. On motion agreed to transfer all Bank accounts back to one instead of three
 On motion agreed to pay Chief of Police 15⁰⁰ per month extra for car & fuel only. On motion agreed to pay Alex Strouder 35⁰⁰ per month for hauling all garbage filled and ready for moving - to be picked up twice a month
 In as much as L.H. Webb asked to be relieved as Clerk & Treasurer of the City of Ray City on account of other duties - on motion to quit the job to J.S. Chments as long as his services were satisfactory
 Two Bids presented for 12⁰⁰ - 12⁰⁰ - on motion ordered same paid

A.L. Snipes Mayor
 L.H. Webb Clerk

Monday Night - April 1 - 1952

Mayor & Council met in regular session with all members present on motion the clerk was authorized to notify all persons owing 1950 taxes to pay up, within 30 days or taxes will be raised and property advertised for sale on motion the clerk was given authority to contact the Gas & Electric Co. and get any settlement, in reason for all past due taxes

By motion May 1st was to be the dead-line for the return of 1952 taxes also dead line for paying 1952 License on motion, the council agreed that the Ray City School to pay for water used during last year. ^{all bills presented were approved for payment.}
No other business & motion was made to adjourn

A. L. Snodgrass Mayor
J. S. Hamble Clerk

Call Meeting

Mayor & Council met in call meeting April 18 to formulate plans for installing Water Meters all members present By motion it was agreed that each customer pay 2⁰⁰ minimum for the 1st 2000 Gal. if paid for by 10th of each month, and 1⁰⁰ for next 3000 Gal. and 1⁰⁰ for the next 4000 Gal and 5⁰⁰ for next 5000 Gal giving a total of 15000 Gal for 5⁰⁰ it was further agreed to charge 15 cts for each additional 1000 Gal all meters to be read on the 24 & 25th of each month

a penalty of 25 to be added to reg.
 Water Bill if not paid by 10th
 All Bills not paid by the 20th
 to be cut off by the Police
 By motion of 3 to 1 it was
 agreed that A L Snipes be given
 the contract to install all
 meters at a cost of 4.50
 payable 25⁰⁰ monthly until
 the 450 is paid

The Town to furnish lobos
 when meter not easily access-
 able to Snipes

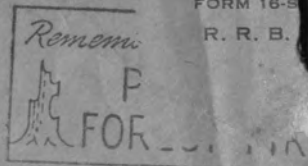
By motion it was agreed that
 all the Town officers have
 meters installed for

All new Customers to make a
 5⁰⁰ deposit after water is
 installed

No other business a motion
 was made to adjourn

A L Snipes Mayor
 J S Clements Clerk

RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO
GEORGIA & FLORIDA RAILROAD
GENERAL OFFICES
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA



FORM 16-S
R. R. B.

City of Ray City
Ray City, Ga.

Attention Mr. R.P. Swindle, City Clerk

GEORGIA & FLORIDA RAILROAD

STEWART B. AUSTIN,
ENGINEER M. W. & S.

ALFRED W. JONES, Receiver

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

AUGUSTA, GA.

February 15, 1954

City of Ray City
Ray City, Georgia

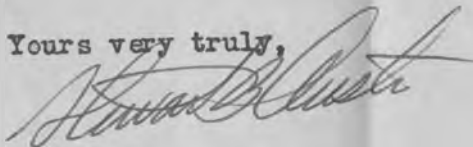
Attention Mr. R.P. Swindle, City Clerk

Dear Sir :

Receipt is acknowledged of yours of February 11th requesting a road along our western right of way at Ray City beginning at our section quarters extending northwards to the colored Church . I am sending a copy of this letter to our Supervisor of Track Mr. R.F. Newton, with headquarters at Nashville, with the request that Mr. Newton work out with you a satisfactory location of the road and the construction thereof.

Authority is extended for this construction with the understanding that the road will be west of our telegraph line and that no cost will be incurred to the railroad and further that in the event the railroad requires the property covered by the road the railroad will have the right to reclaim its property.

Yours very truly,



Engineer, M.W. & S.

SBA/rc

cc: Mr. R.F. Newton
Supervisor
Nashville, Georgia

Call meeting June 12.

The mayor & Council met in
a call meeting June 12.

all members present
R P Swindle presented a drawing
plan of the new Court House
estimated to cost \$2350.00

On motion the plan was
accepted as drawn and R P Swindle
was given the job of building
also to have the authority of buying
all material. His consultants to be
F C Yarbrough & F C Moore
By motion, the Court House to
set back from St. 10 ft.

Work to begin as early as possible
By motion P H Swinson was to see
Mrs Hardie also the owners of Bank
Bldg about overflowing toilets
By motion A D Stripes & F C Yarbrough
to be Finance Committee of New
building and that said Bldg.
not to exceed \$7500.00

No other business a motion
was made to adjourn

C O Stripes Mayor
J L Smith Secy

July 11-1952

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Mayor & Council met in regular session Friday Night July 11
All members present

Minutes of previous meetings approved as read

By motion it was agreed that the meters be read the 25th of this month and each month thereafter on some date

By motion, the Police was to notify Mrs Horder to have toilet in back Felling Station fixed at eye or floor it up also in some motion that Mr Kelly have the Board table adjacent to his place torn down and destroyed

All Bills were approved for payment

No other business a motion was made to adjourn

A. L. Lempert Mayor
J. S. Chamberlain Clerk

Aug. 5, 1952

Mayor & Council met in regular session Tuesday night Aug. 5th. All members present except one F. C. Yorkrough absent on account of sickness.

Minutes of previous meeting approved as read.

~~By motion J. S. Clarke was appointed Mayor Pro Tem.~~

By motion Ellis Ziegler was to be paid for 1 week extra for vacation and loose the balance of month without pay.

No other business a motion was made to adjourn.

A. L. Simpson Mayor
J. S. Clarke Clerk

Sat Aug. 6th

Mayor & Council met in called session by request of A. L. Simpson to present his resignation. A motion was made to accept his resignation.

A motion that an election be called Sept 6 to elect Mayor to fill the unexpired term of A. L. Simpson. Aug. 20th the last day for candidates to qualify.

No other business a motion was made to adjourn.

F. C. Yorkrough Mayor Pro Tem
J. S. Clarke Clerk

Sept 9, 1952

Mayor & Council met in Regular Session Tuesday Night Sept 9. All members present Meeting was called to order by F. C. Yarbrough Mayor Pro Tem, and on request by him The incumbent Mayor Jim Paulk was sworn in by J. S. Clements Clerk and he in turn taken over and presided

A Motion was made to discontinue all Bills by paying on as before the 10th each month

By agreement P. H. Simons replaced F. C. Yarbrough on finance Committee and F. C. Yarbrough to replace P. H. Simons on Water Committee

By motion it was agreed to borrow enough money at Bank to take up overdraft and pay off outstanding Bills including Thomas Patten Bill for Blocks & Pouring Cement A Motion was made that the Town hire Chas. Moore to use Mowing Machine in cutting all weeds and growth in the Side Walks & Alleys at a cost of 15.00 per day

No other business a was made to adjourn

Jim Paulk Mayor
J. S. Clements Clerk

Oct. 8 - 1952

Mayor & Council met regular session
Tuesday Night - Oct 8th

Minutes of previous meeting approved
as read. All members present

A motion was made to pay Ellis
Ziegler 4⁰⁰ a piece for 4 arrest
made out of City Limits

The Clerk was instructed to issue
Fines on all 1950 Totals not paid
by 15th of Oct.

A motion was carried that no
further parking rules be enforced
By motion Jack Knight was given
the job of reading Water Meters with
instructed to do any minor
repairs on any meter not working

Salary to be 25⁰⁰ per meter
Jack to be responsible for any
tools he may use and the
Clerk to be responsible for any tools
checked out by any other party

By motion Jack was to get up all
tools & pipe belonging to Town
and put in Court House

No other business a motion was
made to adjourn

Jim Paulk Mayor
J. S. Clement Clerk

Nov. 10 - 1952

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Mayor & Councilmen met in regular
session Monday Night - Nov. 10

All members present

Minutes of previous ^{meeting} read and
approved as read

By a vote of 3 Councilmen it was
agreed to finish painting the inside
wood work of Court House The

Mayor & C. Ydubroegh voting against

^{By resolution} All City License Not paid for
by Monday Nov. 17th to be closed

The matter of extending pipe line
for water privileges to the old R.D.

Swindle home was tabled
till next meeting

By vote it was approved to extend
water line to D. Studalick To

water, stacks and for irrigation purpose
The following rules for the election
of two Councilmen was approved

The qualifying date to be Nov. 25

Election to be Tuesday Dec 9

By agreement of all Councilmen
& Mayor no Bills over ten dollars

to be paid unless approved by
Councilmen in regular session of by
called meeting

No other business a motion
was made to adjourn

Jim Paulk Mayor
J. S. Christophers Clerk

Dec. 9. 1952

Mayor & Council met in regular session
Tuesday Night Dec. 9 - All members
present except Mayor. F. C. Yarborough
presided in his absence.

All Bonds for arrest was ordered
forfeited by Mayor Pro tem et report
of one which was postponed
till next meeting

The matter of replacing Water
Hydrant in front of Wang Stone
was referred to F. C. Moore & J. S. Dulles
for disposition as a committee

Mrs. Eula Hoop met with Councilmen
requesting that some of tax money
be put on streets and also had some
grievance about high taxes matter talked
A request was made by Acting Mayor
that we write to Soun. Meter & Repair Co.
and ask that they send a Represent-
ative to adjust water meter trouble

Thomas Patten met Mayor & Council
requesting that a light be installed
between Main Bldg of School House
& Grammar School Bldg.

By motion it was agreed to install
a light over there
a motion that body accept the
Tax appraisers increase of all
Taxes for 1952 which was to be
equivalent to 25 Mills.

Mrs. Leggie Smith met with Mayor
& Council asking for a bridge in
front of her home P. H. Simon
& F. C. Moore was appointed to look
into the matter

No other business a motion was
made to adjourn

F. C. Yarborough
J. S. Dulles

Mayor
Cliff

Jan. 22, 1953

Mayor and Council met with all members present to finish up the business of 1952.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved. a Bill was presented that was owed Mr. H. A. Swindle for things purchased at his store. This was ordered paid. Mr. Dukes presented a Bill for ^{\$2.50} for trip to Valclasta. Which was paid also a Bill of \$2.00 was paid Mr. F. C. Moore for hauling pipe.

Mr. John David Luke who was employed to audit the Towns Books was present and gave his report to date. And asked that the rest of January Business be added to the book and he would finish same the last of the month.

Mr. J. S. Dukes and Mr. F. C. Moore the two retiring Councilmen were replaced by two new Councilmen, Mr. Geo. Wood and Mr. R. P. Swindle who were sworn in by Mayor Paulk to serve for the years 1953-54.

The applications for City Clerk were presented and Mrs. S. M. Carter was elected for this position. at the Salary of \$75⁰⁰ per month, this included \$10.⁰⁰ per month for water meter reading. Mr. Ellis Ziegler was elected City Police again at the Salary of \$175⁰⁰ per month so long as Service is satisfactory. Salary to be reduced as Mayor and Council see it is necessary.

A. H. Kelly was present to discuss the City Licenses on Retail Whiskey Beer and Wine Store in Ray City after Discussion Motion was made and carried that the Licenses on Retail Whiskey Store and Beer and Wine be \$1000⁰⁰ for the year 1953 and exempted from any other tax.

to be paid on same, ^{the license} to be paid \$100.00 per mo
 Committee were appointed by Mayor,
 Mr. F.C. Yarbrough, and Mr P.W. Simmons Police. Com.
 Mr. R.P. Swindle and Mr Geo Wood. water. Com.
 Mr F.C. Yarbrough and Geo Wood. Street Com.
 All members Finance & Sanitary Com.
 Sanitary conditions were discussed and a
 motion was made and carried to hire 2 men
 for 1.9 hr. day. a month to clean streets
 more needed. Police to see this is done
 Mayor parks will furnish truck
 to haul off trash.

Mr Yarbrough was asked to see
 Okey Straughter and see if he
 would give better cooperation in
 gathering the garbage of street.

The Mayor suggested if a person was
 backed up and unable to pay fine that
 he work same out on the street
 of the town this suggestion was
 approved by Council

There was a motion to contact Mr
 Knight and see if he act as the Towns
 Attorney for the year 1953.

The City Licenses Ordinance was read by
 the Mayor, who with the Council's
 approval made several changes which
 was written in the ordinance. After which
 not being able to attend to all the
 necessary business the meeting was
 recessed until a later date.

Mrs. J.M. Carter Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Feb 3rd 1952

Mayor Jim Paulk called the meeting to order with all the Councilmen present except Mr R. P. Swindle who was ill.

The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved as read.

Mr John David Luke Bill for auditing the Town Books was presented and read. The Bill was \$75.⁰⁰ for Book work and \$35.⁰⁰ for Trip and Phone Calls to Ray City. After much discussing there was a motion made and carried for the Clerk to send Mr Luke \$50.⁰⁰ on this bill and stating the balance would be paid when he had completed the audit.

As the Books were closed for 3 weeks in January, a motion was made and carried to pay Mr J. S. Clements \$32.⁵⁰ for the work he did for the Town in Jan. and to pay the present Clerk \$32.⁵⁰ plus \$10.⁰⁰ for meter reading.

Other Bills were read and motion was made and carried to pay same as fast as money was available. There was also a motion made and carried that no Bill only postage be paid until approved by entire body.

Brown's Construction Co. was loaned 28 joints of pipe for which they were to pay \$5.⁰⁰ per month for water until their water facilities were available at the new housing project. This loan was approved by Mr Garbrough, Mr Sermain and Mayor Paulk. Pipe to be returned as stated.

Mr A. L. Snipes was present to discuss installing the rest of the water meters. He stated he had installed up to date 109 meters and only liked 14 more being through. A motion was made and carried to let him install the other 14. He was instructed by Mayor Paulk to make a list of parts needed

and Present List for the Mayor and Councilmen approval before buying same. He was also instructed to make a record of parts needed to install each meter, and present when the meters were installed.

The Clerk was instructed to deposit all money, including City Tax in the General Fund. At this time

no other business there was motion to adjourn.

Jim Paul Mayor
Mrs S. M. Carter, Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Mar. 3rd 1953
 The Mayor called the Meeting
 to order. all members were present.

The minutes of the last meeting
 was read and approved as read.

Bills were read and motion made
 and carried to pay them as
 funds were available.

Motion was made and carried to
 pay City officials \$5.⁰⁰ per month each,
 and \$1.25 out of each fine to the Mayor.
 This being the same salary as in 1952.

W. H. Bradham was hired to
 maintain water pipes at \$1.50 per hr.
 when needed, with the City to pay for
 the extra help when it was required.

The Police was given permission to
 remove the signs not being used and
 have them painted and used as speed
 signs on the roads leading into town.

There was a motion made and
 carried to release any stragglers from
 hauling garbage as this work was
 not satisfactory.

As there was no further business
 there was a motion to adjourn

Mrs. I. N. Carter Clerk

April 13th 1953

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Mayor and Council met in regular session Monday night April 13th, all members present. Minutes of previous meeting approved as read.

Business License were discussed and motion was made and carried as follows: H.L. Warr. \$10.⁰⁰, Watch Repair Service, Standard Oil Co. \$35.⁰⁰, for wholesale of Gas products, Bradburn & Linnards \$30.⁰⁰ for Gas + mktg etc., Victory Soda Shop \$35.⁰⁰ for Drugs, Soda etc., Sundale Dry Good Store \$35.⁰⁰, Sundale Bar - misc. \$100.⁰⁰, A.H. Kelley, \$1000.⁰⁰, Bar Mine, Pool Room, etc.,

Ernest Webb, made complaint in regards to Traffic Light. Motion made and carried for W.H. Bradburn to remove same at early date.

The Clerk was instructed to post notices that all City Tax for 1953 must be returned by May 1st of a penalty of 25% of 1952 assessment would be charged to the ones who failed to make their returns.

A motion made and carried not to make any more payments on water meters until a representative called and details was known in regards to them.

There being no other business on hand the meeting adjourned.

Jim Pauck, Mayor.
Mrs. J.M. Carter Clerk

approved

Regular Council Meeting May 5th 1953

Mayor and Council met in Regular session Tuesday night May 5th all present Minutes of the last meeting was read and approved as read, all Bills were read, a motion made and carried to pay part of them and to investigate others.

Mr Zimmerman was present and a general discussion of the water meters was held, after which Mr Zimmerman agreed to discount 12½% of the Bal. due on meters, if the Town would keep them. After more discussion the Mayor and Council agreed to keep meters providing Mr Zimmerman would maintain them for 12 months. Mr Zimmerman agreed to do so starting from this date May 5th 1953. W.H. Bradburn was hired to do this work ^{including} and send an itemized statement of parts and labor to him each month. Mr Zimmerman presented a check for \$226.70, covering the 12½% discount, at this time. The Mayor and Council made a payment on meters of \$250.00, giving the check to Mr Zimmerman and agreed to pay all our \$200.00 collected for water each month on meters. A motion was made and carried to have all dogs treated for Rabies by June 1st.

Pay order of Mayor & Council firm of Ordinary Drunks was changed to \$10.00 as no more money would be collected for Peace Officers Benefit Fund as of this date May 5th 1953.

Clerk was instructed to make a complete record of Receipts and

from Jan. 22, 1953 to Dec. 1st 1953

dishbursements, and present at next meeting, as the hour was late there was a motion to adjourn.

John Paulk Mayor
Mrs. S. M. Carter Clerk

Regular Council Meeting June 2nd 1953
Mayor and Council met Tuesday night June 2nd. All members present except Mr Wood. Mrs Wood was ill. Minutes of previous meeting was read and approved as read. Bill same presented and ordered paid as funds were available. As interest on Bond were due July 1st amount \$195.⁰⁰ plus \$5.⁰⁰ collection fee. total \$200.⁰⁰. Clerk was instructed to pay same before day due.

Mr Zeigler was instructed by the Mayor to cut off all water that bills was not paid by night of 10th of each month. All tax payers were to be notified to pay 1950 + 51 tax by July 1st and same east of Tula.

Mr H. A. Swindle and Mr S. J. Cribb met with Council to complain about Garbage scattered on their land. Mr Cribb wanted it moved off of his land. Since the Mayor and Council promised to do so. Mr R. P. Swindle and Mr Yarbrough was appointed by the Mayor to see that the Garbage was removed from Mr Cribb's property and the Garbage be piled in a neat pile on Mr Swindle land. Mr Zeigler was to take a weeks vacation and A. D. Corcoran was to serve in his place. As there was no other Business there was a motion to adjourn. Mrs S. M. Carter

Regular Council Meeting July 7, 1953
 The Mayor and Council met in
 Regular Session Tuesday Night July
 7th. All members present.

Minutes of previous meeting
 was read and approved as
 read. Bills were presented and
 approved to be paid.

tax assessors were appointed as
 follows Mr. L. F. Giddys, Char. Deon, at
 Bradford and James Swindle, with
 instruction to have assessments
 finished by August 1st

Payment of delinquent taxes was
 extended to Aug 1st 1953.

as there was no other business
 motion was made to adjourn.

Mrs D. M. Carter

Regular Council Meeting Aug. 4th 1953
 Meeting was called to order by Mayor
 Protidge F. C. Yarbrough, as Mayor Paulk
 was unable to be present, all Council
 men were present.

Minutes of previous meeting was
 read and approved as read. Bills
 were presented and order paid.

A motion was made and carried to
 levy tax rate of 15 mills ^{per hundred} ~~per year~~ of
 1953. Mr. L. H. Webb was appointed
 as tax assessor to replace James
 Swindle, who could not serve.

The Clerk was instructed to
 contact persons owing 1952 City
 tax and ask them to try to pay
 them by an early date.

There being no other business on
 hand, a motion was made and
 carried to adjourn.

Mrs D. M. Carter

Regular Council Meeting Sept 1st 1953 101

Tuesday Night Sept. 1st 1953

Mayor and Council met with all members present.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Paulk. Minutes of previous meeting was read and approved as read.

Mr Paulzigar was present to discuss the school walk, which is in need of repair, and offered to assist in repairing it. P.M. Swann was appointed by the Mayor to examine same, and get the work started. Mayor Paulk said he would give rough lumber enough to repair same.

Mr F. Moore was present to ask an adjustment in his license. There was a motion made and carried to reduce his license to \$20⁰⁰ for the year 1953.

The Clerk was instructed to buy one tax Book for 1953 also 200 Jay Ji Fas. Also to send notices to all tax payers owing 1952 City Tax, that a Ji Fa. would be issued all 1952 City Tax not paid by Nov. 1st 1953.

A motion was made and carried to send Mrs M. Schunberger, of Norwood Ohio a check for \$25⁰⁰ to refund a fine collected from her Aug. 17th 1953.

Mayor Paulk released Councilman Yalworth of all responsibility or authority in regards to catching of speed violators.

Mr P.P. Swindle was appointed by the Mayor to contact Mr A.L. Susis in regards to installing rest of water meter and assist him in securing parts needed to install same.

Motion made and carried to lower water pipe on North Street. Mr P.M. Swann was to contact County Commissioners in regards to help by digging ditch for pipe. No other business, the meeting adjourned, Mrs M. Carter

Regular Council meeting, Oct 6, 1958

Mayor and all Councilmen present
The minutes of last meeting were
read and approved. Bills were read
and ordered paid.

Several applicants were presented
for the job of policeman. Mr
C. R. Buttersworth was hired to
serve as police also read water
meters for \$175⁰⁰ per month as
long as his service was satisfactory.

A motion was made & carried to
pay Mrs Zygaw \$100⁰⁰ as salary for
Mrs Zygaw.

Mr A. J. Connor who was acting
as police ask to be relieved that
night and Mr Buttersworth started at
that time. The Clerk was instructed
to pay Mr Connor for 3 days work.
The Mayor reported that A. L. Leiper
had promised to start installing the
rest of water meters. Mrs Lunde was to
assist in securing parts needed
to install same.

No other business a motion
was made to adjourn.

J. M. Pauck Mayor.

Mrs D. N. Carter Clerk

Tuesday Night, Nov. 3rd 1953
 Mayor and Council met in regular session with Mayor and all Council present

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Bills were presented and ordered paid.

Mayor Paulek explained the releasing of C.R. Butterworth from police duty. As his services were not satisfactory. This was unanimous, approved by the Council. Mr. Elvin Richardson of Nashville Ga. was present, and was hired as police, at the salary of \$175⁰⁰ per month, which included reading the water meters, as long as his service was satisfactory. Motion was made and carried for Mayor Paulek to write a request for Mr. Richardson to present to Sheriff Nix to have him deputized as County Deputy.

Motion made and carried that the termination of the service of any one as police for City of Ray City would terminate his service as County Deputy.

Mr. R.P. Swindle made report of needed parts for installing balance of water meters and was giving the authority to buy same. by the Mayor and Council. Motion made and carried to have both rest rooms cleaned, and police was instructed to post sign in both, that any one misusing them in any way, would be arrested and made to pay fine. He was also instructed to have keys made for the doors.

A Motion was made and carried that an entrance fee of \$10⁰⁰ for each candidate entering the race for Mayor and \$5⁰⁰ for each candidate entering the race for Councilman. be paid to qualify. The closing date

for entering the race, Saturday Nov.
21st 12 o'clock noon. Election Date Tuesday
Dec. 1st.

No other business on hand the
Meeting adjourned in order.

Jim Paul Mayor
Mrs D. W. Carter Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Dec. 3, 1953.

Mayor and Council present except Mr
70 Yarbrough.

Minutes of last meeting was read and
approved. Local Bills were read and
motion made and carried to pay same, except
a drum of Disinfectant, the Clerk was
instructed to notify ^{the} Chemical Company
to pick up same.

Motion Made and Carried to transfer
\$375⁰⁰ of Bond and Interest money to Gen. Funds
to help take care of current expense.
There being sum enough to pay Bond
and Interest due in Dec, the Clerk was
instructed to pay Bond and Interest, when
due.

Motion Made and Carried to pay Mr
Jas Knight \$50⁰⁰ as attorney fee
for year 1953.

Motion Made and Carried to pay Mr
L. F. Siddens \$10⁰⁰ for Holding City election
and Mrs D. L. Fatchers and Mrs. J. M.
Carter, \$7.50 each as helpers in Election.

Mr R. P. Swindle was appointed by
the Mayor to contact Mr Hollis
Williams and see if he would audit
the City's Books. Motion was made
and Carried to pay \$25.00 or \$30.00 for
auditing the Books.

No other business on hand
The meeting adjourned.

Jim Paulek, Mayor.
Mrs. J. M. Carter Clerk

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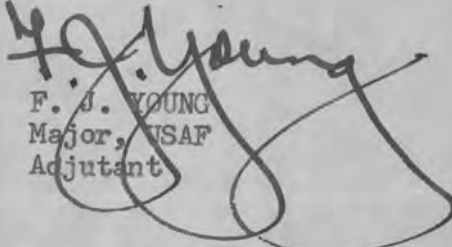
Honorable Joe S. Clements
Mayor of the City of Ray City
Ray City, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clements:

This will acknowledge your letter of February 19. We regret to advise that Colonel Davis is temporarily away from the station, so I am therefore taking the liberty of replying to your letter.

We appreciate your expression of thanks for the services rendered by our Fire Department. Please be advised that there is no charge for this service.

Sincerely,


F. J. YOUNG
Major, USAF
Adjutant

Regular Council meeting Jan 5-1954

The Mayor and all Councilmen present except F.H.C. Yarbrough

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

All local outstanding bills were read and motion made and carried to pay same. Report of audit by Mr Hollis Williams on City Clerk's books for last year was read and approved. Motion was made and carried to pay Mr. Williams \$25.⁰⁰ for this work.

This completing the old business from last year. The newly elected Mayor Mr Thomas P. Patten also the newly elected Councilmen Mr Emory Webb and Mr. W. H. Bradham were present and all were given the oath of office by the out going Mayor Mr Jim Paulk.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and prayer was offered by the Rev. John W. Harrell of Lakeland.

The first order of business taken up was that of electing Clerk and policeman. R.P. Swindle was elected Clerk at salary of \$50.⁰⁰ per month. Mr Richardson was elected as policeman with no salary named.

Motion was made and carried for R.P. Swindle and W. H. Bradham to confer with Mr Richardson and agree on salary. Whether all of amount shall be considered all salary or part salary and part for use of his car in doing his work.

The following committees were appointed by Mayor Thomas Patten: Police Committee, R.P. Swindle and W. H. Bradham, Water Committee W. H. Bradham and Emory Webb, Street Committee W. H. Bradham and R.P. Swindle, Sanitary Committee G. W. Wood and R.P. Swindle. A recommendation was

presented by Emory Webb for the Clerk to post notices for bids to be received on hauling garbage out of town twice each month from every residence, business, school lunch room inside the city.

Bids to be sealed and submitted to the Clerk not later than Tuesday 4 pm Jan. 12th. City will have right to reject any or all bids if they so desire.

The question of liquor store license and tax was discussed for a considerable length of time but no definite amount of license or tax was decided on.

The Clerk and policeman were given the oath of office by Mayor Thomas Patten. As time was growing late and much more work to be done the meeting was recessed until Wed. night 7³⁰ Jan. 6th

Thomas P Patten - Mayor
R P Swindle - Clerk

Jan. 6th 1954

Meeting of Jan. 5th Continued

Mayor and all Councilmen present

The question of liquor license was further discussed and motion was made and carried to make the license as follows:

For the year 1954 Retail Whisky \$350.⁰⁰

Retail Beer \$100.⁰⁰, Retail Wine \$50.⁰⁰

Also the following tax was placed on the sale of Whisky and beer: one half pint 50¢ pints 10¢ and fifths 15¢. Beer 75¢ per case

Motion made and carried for only one license to be issued for the year 1954 for the retail sale of Whisky, Beer or wine. No other business was taken up at this time. Meeting was recessed until Thurs night Jan 7th

Thomas Patten - Mayor
R P Swindle - Clerk

Jan 7-1954 Meeting of Jan. 6th continued

Mayor and all Councilmen were present
The minutes of the last two meetings,
Jan 5th and 6th were read and approved
Motion made and Carried that an annual
license on Penny merchandise vending
machines will be \$3.⁰⁰ for year 1954.

The business of revising our City License
ordinance was taken up and after completing
about one third of ordinance the meeting
was recessed until Tues. night Jan. 12th

Thomas Patten - Mayor
R P Swindle - Clerk

Jan 12 - 1954 Meeting of Jan. 7th continued

The Mayor and all Councilmen were present
Three bids were received for hauling garbage
out of Town and Mr Bill Bradburn
submitted the lowest bid which was \$35.⁰⁰
to move garbage out of Town the first
time and there after he agreed to haul
garbage out of Town twice each month
for the sum of \$50. per month - all
garbage to be in containers of some
kind in order that same can be loaded
on truck.

Motion made and Carried
that the Policeman be paid as follows:
For Salary: \$150.⁰⁰ per month; For Service
for his Car for the City \$37.⁵⁰ per month
also for each person apprehended and
fined the maximum amount of \$100.⁰⁰ for
drunkers driving and speeding, he shall
receive \$5.⁰⁰ from each of said fines.

The business of continuing the revision of our
license ordinance was taken up and almost completed
Motion made and Carried to adjourn.

Thomas Patten - Mayor
R P Swindle - Clerk

Jan. 15 - 1954.

Mayor and all Councilmen present
Our Solicitor General Col. Ben Willoby
having been invited to meet with us
was present and advised us on several
questions pertaining to our License ordinance
and other legal matters of the City.
Mr Willoby was asked in regard to
acting as our attorney for year 1954
and he told us he felt like he
owed our little City a debt and would
be glad to serve us in any way he
could, and meet with us and advise
us on any legal matters needed with
out any charge for this service, for
which we were indeed grateful.

Motion was made and carried that
license for 1954 on feed store be the
sum of \$15.00 and \$5.00 for each additional
line carried.

Motion made and carried for
Policeman to take vacation of one
week beginning Monday Jan 18th
if he so desires, with Mr A D
Corrner to take his place during
this vacation. Motion made and
carried for the Mayor to appoint Mr
Hubert Wave^{as} assistant to police if
Police should need him. And Mr Wave
was sworn in by Mayor Patten.

Motion made and carried for salaries
of Mayor and Councilmen to be as follows:
Councilmen: \$5. per month each. Mayor
\$5. per month also \$1.25 for each fine when
the case is brought before him and tried.
The work of revising our City license
ordinance for year 1954 was completed.

Motion made and carried for the
Clerk to make new copy of the ordinance
and that he be paid \$3. for this service.
The Clerk was instructed to write

request and specifications for repairing all broken water pipes up to and including two inches. The reading of water meters ^{once} each month. The upkeep and repair of all meters and installations of all new meters asking for sealed lids on same Bids to be presented in time to be read at next regular Council meeting. Tools to be furnished and digging of ditches for repairing said pipes to be done by the bidder. But City will furnish all pipe, fittings and material for said repair work.

Clerk was also instructed to get with Mr. A. H. Kelly and endeavor to work out some plan satisfactory to Mr. Kelly and City officials that Beer and Whiskey tax can be collected without having to use the Stamp system at the earliest time possible.

There being no other business at this time motion was made and carried to adjourn.

Thomas Patten - Mayor
R. P. Swindle - Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Feb. 2 - 1954.

The Mayor and all Councilmen were all present. Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Lochran were present in regard to the license on their store and after some discussion motion was made and carried that their store should be termed a Salvage store also that license of \$15⁰⁰ per annum be levied on this class of business.

Mr. Wells from the Ga Power & Light Co was present in the interest of getting their City License reduced from the \$300.⁰⁰ recently levied against them for

the year 1954, and after discussing same Mr Wells led the Mayor and Council to believe that if the City would grant them a new franchise then in lieu of any City license the Co. would pay the City four percent each month of their gross receipts with in the City limits except municipal and industrial Power. and it was agreed that in the event the Co. agrees to renew franchise on these terms that they shall only pay on a prorated Basis of the old license of \$100.00 up until the time the new franchise is made and becomes effective.

Motion made and carried for two Street lights to be installed, one at intersection of Main Street and road leading to Baptist Church, The other at the Ray City School Gym. Mr. W. H. Bradham and R. P. Swindle submitted bids on pipe work reading and servicing meters but no action was taken on this. There being no other business at this time motion was made and carried to adjourn.

Thomas Patten, Mayor
R. P. Swindle, Clerk

Call meeting of Mayor and Council Feb 9-1954

The Mayor and all Councilmen were present. The minutes of previous meeting was read and approved. a motion made and carried to pay W. H. Bradham \$8.00 to make 4 speed signs for the City with letters not to be less than six inches high. Signs to read "City Limits City of Ray City Ga. 25 miles per. hour enforced". The meeting having been called for the purpose of discussing our water system, pipe repairing etc. and after much discussion a motion was made and carried to hire Mr. A. L. Snipes at a

salary of \$35.⁰⁰ per month, to read water meters each month, service all water meters not working, repair all broken or leaking pipes, disconnect and reconnect all pipes to be lowered, connect all new pipes, and install new meters for all new service. Also to install Balance of meters left off when meters were first installed. Mr Snipes to use such tools as the City has on hand. Balance of tools needed if any to be furnished by him. Mr Snipes was notified that the City had hired him to do this work, and he sent the body word that he could not accept this work so long as Mr W H Bradham remains on Water Committee. The time being near midnight no other business was taken up and motion was made and carried to adjourn.

Thomas Patten, Mayor
R P Swindle, Clerk

Regular Council Meeting March 3-1954

Mayor and all Council except D W Wood were present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The business of hiring a Policeman for regular service for the City was taken up and the following applications for Policeman were presented and read: Mr Clyde Shaw, Mr Jr Gaskins and Mr J F Griner. After much discussion in regard to policeman's duties and salary, motion was made and carried to hire Mr J F Griner, at salary of \$175. per month, Mr Griner to read water meters once each month, also that he have one week vacation at end of each 6 months service. His service to continue so long as his work is satisfactory.

a motion was made and carried to order 2 police badges for the City, one for the Chief of Police and one for an assistant police. A financial statement was read by the clerk, and the City had in the treasury at this time a balance of \$925.58. There being no other business at this time a motion was made and carried to adjourn
 Thomas Patten, Mayor
 R P Sevinde, Clerk

Call meeting of Mayor and Council Mar. 16 - 1954

Mayor and all Council all present except G. W. Wood and Bill Bradharr. Our policeman Mr J. F. Guiner having notified us that he would not be able to serve as our policeman. The purpose of this meeting was to hire a policeman. Several applications were read and considered and Mr Clyde Shaw was elected as policeman at salary of \$175.00 per month. The reading of the water meters once each month as part of his duties. His service to continue so long as were satisfactory.

No other business at this time, a motion made and carried to adjourn
 Thomas Patten Mayor
 R P Sevinde, Clerk

The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Ray City, Ga met in regular session on Apr. 6, 1954 at 7³⁰ o'clock p.m. and was called to order by the Mayor on roll call the following aldermen were present - R.P. Suindle, G.W. Wood, Emory Webb and W.H. Bradham absent, none. Representatives of Ga. Power & Light Co. were present to discuss the matter of adoption and passage of a franchise ordinance. The City Clerk presented to the meeting the following ordinance which was marked No. 100 entitled: An ordinance granting to Ga. Power & Light Co., its Legal representatives, successors and assigns, the right and privilege of, and franchise for, constructing, maintaining and operating an electric Power Plant and distribution system in the City of Ray City, Co. of Berrien, and State of Ga.

Upon Motion of Alderman Emory Webb and seconded by Alderman W.H. Bradham that ordinance No. 100 be placed on its first reading, Motion adopted the said ordinance was read in full. An Motion by Alderman Emory Webb seconded by Alderman R.P. Suindle that ordinance No. 100 be passed on its first reading, On roll call the following Aldermen voted yes - Emory Webb, R.P. Suindle, G.W. Wood and W.H. Bradham, Voted Nay, None. The said ordinance was carried over to the next regular or special meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen of said City for further consideration.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Mr. W.H. Bradham offered his resignation on hauling the garbage out of the City and motion was made and carried to accept his resignation. Mr. Emory Webb made the City an offer to haul the garbage out of the City twice each month at same price previously paid to Mr. Bradham which was 50.00 per month. Mr. Webb also offered to read water meters, to repair all broken or leaking water pipes, connect all new pipe and disconnect and reconnect all pipe needing to be lowered, to repair and service all meters.

of a minor nature, ^{for the sum of \$35⁰⁰ per month} install all meters for the first time for which he shall be paid in addition to his regular salary the following: each meter installed for new service \$2⁰⁰ for each meter installed old service \$4⁰⁰
 Mr Webb to hire such help as he needs in digging ditches for installing said pipes and meters and filling up same and motion was made and carried to accept Mr Webb's offer to do this work.

The City being without a policeman the following applications were read - Mr J. F. Griner, Wallace Warner, Mr. A. C. Averra Mr Elvin Richardson and Mr Carl Sweatt. After considering and discussing these applications a motion was made and carried to elect Mr J. F. Griner at salary of \$165⁰⁰ per month. No other business being on hand at this time, a motion was made and carried to adjourn

Thomasan Patten - Mayor
 R. P. Scindler - Clerk

The Mayor and aldermen of the City of Ray City Ga. met in regular session on May 4th 1954 at 8 o'clock p.m. and meeting was called to order by the mayor. Upon Roll call the following aldermen were present: R. P. Scindler, Emory L. Webb, G. W. Wood, absent: W. H. Bradham. Pursuant to action taken by Mayor and aldermen at their last meeting on April 6th 1954 The City Clerk presented to the meeting the following ordinance No. 100 entitled an ordinance granting to Georgia Power & Light Co. its legal representatives, successors and assigns, the right and privilege of, and franchise for, constructing, maintaining and operating an electric power plant and distribution system in the City of Ray City, County of Berrien, and State of Georgia.

Upon motion by Alderman Emory L. Webb seconded by Alderman G. W. Wood that ordinance No. 100 be placed on its second

and final reading, Motion adopted.

The said ordinance was read in full. A motion by alderman Emory L Webb seconded by alderman G.W. Wood that the said ordinance be adopted, a roll call was taken and the following aldermen voted yes: R P Sevinelle, Emory L Webb and G.W. Wood. Voted Nay none.

There upon said ordinance no. 100 was passed and adopted, ordered executed by the aldermen of said City, and approved by the Mayor.

The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved. A motion was made and carried for clerk to make and post notices that all dogs with in the City limits of Ray City Ga must be treated for rabies, and the dead line for having said dogs treated will be May 20th 1954. And all dogs not treated by this date will be destroyed.

A motion was made and carried to install three new street lights also to relocate two street lights according to recommendation of the Mayor. In as much as quite a bit of criticism has been made in regard to allowing church to be held in the City Hall, a motion was made and carried to prohibit all church services in said City Hall.

There being no other business to be taken up at this time a motion was made and carried to adjourn

Thomas Patten, Mayor
R P Sevinelle, Clerk

Regular Council Meeting June 1-1954

Mayor and all Councilmen present.

Minutes of last meeting was read and approved. Motion was made and carried to pay \$70⁰⁰ as City's part of expense in treating all dogs in the Co. for rabies. A motion made and carried to buy sufficient pipe to lay new line from Ann Miller's place to Hoppy Zaborough Sew. Station on South side of Street, also to buy sufficient pipe to begin at Bank and go across R.R.

to Mr J C Lewis' place and north into negro quarters. Motion was made and carried to buy sufficient meters to be installed at all places using water and not having meters now.

Motion was made and carried to have City Hall sign painted and erected on top of Stoop. A motion made and carried to buy parts and wire and erect a yard behind City Hall sufficient to take care of City's pipe, meter boxes etc.

Motion made and carried to get material and build cabinet to hold fittings so they would not be scattered and mixed in room in rear of City Hall.

No other business on hand at this time a motion was made and carried to adjourn

Thomas Patten, Mayor.
R P Sevinckle, Clerk.

Regular Council Meeting July 7-1954

Mayor and all Councilmen present. Minutes of Last meeting were read and approved. A motion was made and carried to collect all past due City taxes for year 1951-52-53 by Aug. 15-1954. Motion made and carried to pay all local bills.

No other business on hand a motion was made and carried to adjourn

Thomas Patten - Mayor
R P Sevinckle - Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Aug 3-1954

Mayor and all Councilmen Present except W H Bradham. Minutes of last meeting was read and approved.

Mr Jim Browning was present in the interest of the bridge on Main Street near his home. A motion was made and carried to replace this bridge with new concrete culvert, and R P Seindle Chairman of Street Committee was instructed to secure pipe and install same immediately.

A motion was made and carried to have a call meeting on Monday night Aug. 16th to arrange to take the necessary legal steps to collect all past due City Tax that have not been paid by that date.

R P Seindle presented to the body a new water schedule for the City ^{slightly} changing the minimum, also increasing the rates a very small percent. And after discussing this schedule a motion was made and carried to adopt the said schedule and rates of which a copy is here to attached to this minute.

A motion was made and carried to pay all outstanding local bills.

Motion also made and carried to purchase a power mower for the City for the purpose of mowing weeds and grass on the side walks and streets when needed to be done.

There being no other business at this time a motion was made and carried to adjourn.

Thomas Patten - Mayor
R P Seindle - Clerk

Call meeting of Mayor and Council Aug 16 - 1954

Mayor and all Councilmen present except W. H. Bradham. The purpose of the meeting was to arrange and take necessary legal steps to collect all City Tax that are past due and have not been paid. after checking the list of those still unpaid a motion was made and carried to issue fifas, levy and advertise for sale property representing taxes unpaid for years 1950-1951-~~1952~~ and approximately half of the year 1952 and to continue to advertise and sell property representing balance of 1952 and 1953 unpaid taxes just as early as first lot is disposed of.

There being no other business on hand a motion was made and carried to adjourn

Thomas Patten, Mayor
R. P. Seindell - Clerk

Regular Council meeting Sept 7 - 1954

The Mayor and all Councilmen present except W. H. Bradham. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. All Local outstanding bills were read and motion made and carried to pay same

There being no other business to attend to at this time a motion was made and carried to adjourn.

Thomas Patten - Mayor
R. P. Seindell - Clerk.

Regular Council Meeting Oct 5-1954

Mayor and all Councilmen present except W H Bradham

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Motion was made and carried to install water meters at all places where water is used by Nov. 1st Mrs Nan Mobley and Mrs Eula Hall were present in the interest of their water bills being too high as compared to some customers that do not have meters and getting a minimum charge of $\$1.00$.

The Clerk was instructed by the Mayor to write Mr. B. L. McGill that the City would be considered to be in possession of all pin ball tables in the City and would continue to be in possession of same until all license and taxes are paid on said machines.

There being no other business on hand a motion was made and carried to adjourn

Thomas Patten - Mayor
R P Swindle - Clerk

Regular Council meeting Nov. 2 - 1954

Mayor and all Councilmen present except W. H. Bradham. The minutes of last meeting was read and approved. The Mayor appointed Emory Webb and R P Squirell to inspect the walk over mill creek going to school house and see condition of the walk and approximately what the cost will be to get same in safe passable condition. It was unanimously agreed by the Mayor and all Councilmen that the necessary steps be taken to collect in full the past due beer and whiskey tax due the City, if same is not paid by Nov. 20th.

Mr Kelly was present at the meeting and promised the Mayor and Councilmen that he would pay the sum of \$200. during the last half of November, also the sum of \$200. on the 1st of December and finish paying the remainder that ^{he} would owe the City by the first of the year 1955.

Mayor and Council agreed that if Mr Kelly would do this it would be satisfactory.

A motion was made and carried to pay Policeman (50¢ each to bury all dogs found dead in incorporate limits of the City.

Emory Webb was appointed to see some one about installing pipe under Highway east on Main St and approximately what it would cost to have this work done

As provided in City Charter an election will be held on first Tues. in Dec. for the purpose of electing two Councilmen for a term of two years each.

A motion was made and carried that qualifying fee will be \$5. for each candidate, and dead line for qualifying to be Sat. Dec. 4th Twelve o'clock noon.

No other business at this time a motion was made and carried to adjourn.

Thomas Patten - Mayor
R P Squirell - Clerk

Regular Council meeting Dec. 8-1954

Mayor and all Councilmen present except W. H. Bradham. Minutes of last meeting was read and approved. A motion was made and carried to pay Col. Ben Willoughby \$50. for his services as city atty. for the year 1954. a motion was made and carried to pay election holders six dollars each for their service in holding election for City on first Tues. in December. also to pay Mr. L. F. Giddens three dollars for his services in connection with said election also to pay Mrs. Thomas Patten three dollars for making ballots for said election. Expense for trip to Atlanta, also bill from H. A. Swinell for supplies were read and motion was made and carried to pay same.

No other business being on hand at this time a motion was made and carried to adjourn.

Thomas Patten Mayor

R. P. Swinell - Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Jan 4, 1953

Mayor and all Councilmen present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

A motion was made and carried to place one pin ball table, located at Drug Store, in Courthouse and lock up until License for year 1954 in sum of \$50.00 is paid on this machine, also one machine previously at Standard Service Station. All local bills were read and motion was made and carried to pay all of said bills, except one barrel of disinfectant, also 118 exchange on check sent to Atlanta for bond and interest.

R. C. Swindle and F. C. Moore being the newly elected Councilmen were sworn in by the Mayor and the electing of a Clerk was taken up. Mrs. Leota Bradford was elected and sworn in by the Mayor.

It was agreed to keep John Roy for hauling of garbage at \$50.00 a month. Mr. J. F. Duncanson was re-elected policeman.

The next business was reading of City License Ordinance. The License of 1954 was read, approved and accepted for year 1955 except License for Retail Liquor Store was set at \$400.00 on whisky, Beer & Wine. \$100.00 on all other assessments of the building. Also the following tax was placed on the sale of whisky and Beer. 75¢ per Case was placed on beer, on whisky half pint .05 per pint, 10¢ per pint 15¢. This tax to be collected by distributors and mailed to Clerk of City.

The following Committees were appointed by Mayor Thomas Patton. Water Comm Roy Swindle and F. C. Moore, Street

Comm. Bill Bladham and Emory Webb
Finance Comm. Ferris Moore and Bill
Bladham. Police Comm. Ferris Moore and
Roy Swindle. Sanitary Comm., All
Members were to serve on this Comm.

J. B. McSwain was elected Superintendent
of Water works.

Salaries were discussed, it was de-
cided to leave salaries same as was
previous year.

No other business being brought, a
motion was made & carried to adjourn

Thomas Patten (Mayor)
Mrs. Leo Bladford (Clerk)

Regular Council Meeting Feb 1, 1955

Mayor and all Councilmen present.

Mr. Lonnie Lee met with Mayor and
Council to see if town ^{would} run water to his
houses. Water Comm. were to figure on
cost and report on this in about a
week. Billy Mooney met to discuss
whether Service Men should pay tax on their
cars. This matter was tabled for investigation.

A Clean up program was discussed, cleaning
up of ditches & sidewalks before time to cut
weeds. Ferris Moore and Roy Swindle were
appointed to see that behind Barber Shop, Post
office and liquor store were cleaned up
and seeing that operators of said businesses
put containers out for garbage.

Mayor agreed to see Willard McGill
about Pin ball Machine. A motion was made
and carried for dead-line on 1955 City license
April 1, was set for out of town, May 1, in town.

No other business, Meeting was adjourned.
Thomas Patten (Mayor)
Mrs. Leo Bladford (Clerk)

Regular Council Meeting, March 1, 1953

Mayor and all Councilmen present.
Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
Sgt. Billy Moore of Moody Field Air Base met with Mayor and Council to see if service men were exempt from paying tax on cars & furniture and after investigation it was found they were and clerk was instructed to refund Billy Moore money for tax on car & furniture.

Mr. J. F. Cochran met to see if he operated his taxicab as previous year. It was discussed and he was told to operate as usual.

Clear up program was discussed, date was set for 10, 11, 12 of March, instructing clerk to get post cards off to all citizens of town. Mr. Patten has volunteered his trucks for this purpose.

Ferris Moore & Roy Swindle were to see John Roof and instruct him as to what his duties are.

Ferris Moore gave report on water line to Mr. Lonnie Lee and they were to start immediately.

It was decided to continue to hire some body to help Policemen.

There being no other business, meeting was adjourned.

Thomas P. Patten (Mayor)
Mrs. Leon Bradford (Clerk)

Regular Council Meeting, April 5, 1953

Mayor and all Councilmen present except W. H. Bradham.

Minutes of last meeting were read & approved. Water Comm discussed with rest of members about water pipe being broken in Stella Wright's field & it was decided for town to pay for line being fixed but some

one was to ask Stella to see it was not
 Hoken again.

A motion was made & Carried that
 Clerk notify all firms out of town doing
 business in City of Ray City, that if their
 license were not paid by May 1, 1955, a
 fine would be placed on them after this
 date. A motion was made and Carried to
 notify Morris Music Co. of their failure to
 comply with City ordinance in regards to License
 on Amusement Machines and if license on
 All Amusement Machines were not paid by
 May 1, 1955 that legal procedure would be taken,
 to see that they did comply with City Ordinance.

City Charter was read Mayor to see what
 step should be taken in replacing Councilman
 W. H. Bradham, who having job out of City and
 not being able to be active in the Council.

A motion was made and Carried that
 it would be impractical for W. H. Bradham due
 to absence in geographical location to serve in
 the position. He now held, being elected by the
 people of this town, subject to Section 6 in
 town Charter.

Following this motion Mayor Thomas
 Patten called election for April 30, 1955
 to replace Councilman W. H. Bradham, Date
 for entering race April 6, 1955.

A motion was made & Carried that
 all water bills two months behind be cut
 off & meter taken out. The cost of cutting
 water back on would be \$5.00. Also that
 every person not owning their homes, put
 up \$5.00 meter deposit.

No other business being brought up, a
 motion was made & Carried to adjourn

Thomas Patten Mayor
 Mrs. Leon Buford Clerk

Regular Council Meeting May 3, 1955

The Mayor and Council met, all present including B. L. Moore newly elected Councilman, who was sworn in by the Mayor at this meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted, also bills were presented and ordered paid.

Motion made and carried that May 15th would be the last day of John Roops service as Garbage Remover for the town and that he be notified of this. A motion was also made and carried that Mr. Clayton Cook would be hired for this job beginning May 12th.

The Clerk was instructed to Post Notice that all City Tax must be given in by May 15th. Also a notice be posted that all dogs must be treated for rabies by June 1st and have tag & paper to show that they have been treated or they would have to be disposed of by order of Mayor and Council.

No other business, Meeting Adjourned. Also a motion was made and carried to pay Mr. L. F. Giddens \$7.00 for holding election and Mrs. D. L. Fitcher and Mrs. D. N. Carter 6.00 each for helpers.

Thomas Patten Mayor
Mrs. Leon Bradford Clerk

Regular Council Meeting June 7, 1953-

Mayor + all Councilmen present. The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Bills were presented and ordered paid.

Ferris Moore, Chairman of water Comm. was asked to give report on new water project. He reported that he thought they now had all material they needed + were working on it. Mayor + all Councilmen was to see County to see if they could get some help on the job from the County (personnel).

There was a discussion on the water rates + it was decided to let them stay as they are.

A motion was made and carried to put J. B. McSwain on straight salary of \$50.00 a month.

A motion was made and carried to hire H. A. Odum as Policeman and to pay him \$180.00 a month plus \$7.50 Commission on each conviction of any traffic violation where car was used.

A motion was made and passed for the City of Ray City to advance purchase price of \$75.00 to pay for uniform for Policeman, this to be paid back by Policeman in amount of \$10.00 each pay check.

No other business, meeting adjourned.

Thomas Patten (Mayor)
Mrs. Leo Bradford (Clerk)

Ray Swindle was to see Dr. J. A. Burkhalter about treating dogs + have Clerk post notices when this would be done.

Regular Council Meeting July 5, 1955
 Mayor & Councilmen met in regular session
 with Mayor and all Council present

Minutes of last meeting were read and
 approved. Bills were presented and decided
 paid.

Clayton Cook met with the body to discuss
 disposal of garbage, presenting the fact that few
 citizens of town used drums, filling
 them with garbage too heavy to load. Clerk was
 instructed to post notices, that all garbage must
 be kept in containers that one man could
 load on truck.

A motion was made & carried that
 notices be gotten out, every person owing
 1952, 1953 & 1954 city tax, giving them
 until August 15, 1955 to pay these taxes.

There was a discussion cutting weeds
 and grass on streets. Mayor appointed
 Emory Mitt, Ferris Moore & Roy Swindle
 as a Com. to investigate this project.
 No other business motion was made
 and carried to adjourn.

Thomas Patten Mayor
 Mrs. Leon Bladford (Clerk)

Regular Council Meeting Aug. 4, 1953

Mayor & Council met in regular session with all members present but one, Emory West being absent.

Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

Urdie Clements met with this body & gave a talk on Georgia Municipal Association. After a discussion on benefits that Ray City would get from being a member of this organization, a motion was made and carried that we join the Ga. Municipal Assn. at \$10.00 per year.

F. C. Moore & Roy Swindle were appointed by Mayor, Thomas Patten to see that six trash containers were gotten & put at each business & Public Station, and back off the street to keep trash in.

A motion was made & carried that all vacant lots, school & cemetery grounds could be cut with town mowing machine provided owners of such lots clear them off first.

Sanitary Comm. was to see about Gutage War and if necessary hire somebody else.

Bills were presented and ordered paid. No other business meeting was adjourned.

Thomas Patten (Mayor)
Mrs. Leon Bradford (Clerk)

Regular Council Meeting September 6, 1955

Mayor & Council met in regular session with all members present.

Minutes of previous meeting were read & approved. Bills were presented and ordered paid.

H. G. Odum, Police was instructed by Mayor Thomas Patten, to pick up all machines belonging to Morris & McMill Monday morning & place in Court House unless otherwise notified. License on these machines not being sufficient.

A Motion was made & Carried that one dollar fee be put on all taxes not paid by December 20, 1955 and 6 per cent interest.

Clerk was instructed to get notices out to all those owing 52 1/2 % Tax summoning them to Council Meeting on first Tuesday Night in October.

A Motion was made and Carried to pay tax assessors \$1.00 per hour. No other business, Meeting adjourned.

Thomas Patten (Mayor)
Mrs. Leon Bladford (Clerk)

Oct 5, 1955

Mayor & Council Met in Regular Session with Mayor & all councilmen present except one, Emory Brett being absent.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. September Bills were presented & ordered paid.

New water line, now underway was discussed & report was that the job was nearly completion.

Clerk was instructed by body to get cards out to all tax payers owing 1954 tax that is 1954 tax was paid on or before December 1955 such would be exempted from interest.

F. C. Moore & Clerk was appointed to contact persons owing 1953 tax.

Roy Swindle & A. L. Moore was appointed to talk with Ruby Kelly about buying a large gas tower & report back to this body description of size & price.

A motion was made & carried to exempt tractors from City tax.

Clerk was instructed to write Paramount Chemical Co. letter concerning drum of disinfectant.

No other business meeting adjourned

Thomas Patten (Mayor)
Mrs. Leon Blodgett (Clerk)

November 1, 1955 -

Mayor + Council met in regular session with all members present except one, R. C. Swindle being absent.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. October Bills were presented and ordered paid.

Various water lines were discussed, and remainder of time was taken up discussing & preparing for City election to be held December 6, in which Mayor + two Council would be voted on. Clerk was instructed to get Notices up immediately following this meeting, stating the election would be held Dec. 6, ^{some} analyzing for this office, beginning Nov. 2, Closing noon Nov. 26. Deadline for those wishing to register to vote November 30. Those registering must be 18 yrs of age, having lived in the City as much as 6 months + in the state 12 months.

No other business was brought up so the meeting adjourned.

Thomas Patten (Mayor)
Mrs. Leon Bradford (Clerk)

Dec. 6, 1955

Regular Council Meeting was held Dec. 6, 1955 with Mayor and all Councilmen present. Minutes from November Meeting were read & approved. Bills were presented and ordered paid.

It was decided by the body to see Mr. J. D. Clements about auditing the town's books as early in the month as this year's business could be completed.

A motion was made and carried to send City of Lakeland a check for ten dollars and write a letter thanking them for cooperation. The Lakeland fire department gave us the fine the City had November 24, stating that they use the \$10.00 anyway they said yet.

R. C. Swindle and A. H. Moore was appointed to see that the street in front of Post office was marked off from the railroad to length of one car ^{other} side of filling station with no parking sign. No other business was brought up so meeting adjourned.

Thomas Patten (Mayor)
Mrs. Lon Bradford (Clerk)

Regular Council meeting Jan. 3-1956

The mayor and all Councilmen were present minutes of last meeting were read and approved. A motion was made and carried that motion previously passed to exempt tractors from City tax be rescinded.

A motion was made and carried to pay Col. Ben J. Willowby \$25.⁰⁰ as City attorney for the year 1955. All local bills were read and motion made and carried to pay same.

This completing the old business for the year 1955 Mr. J. S. Clements the newly elected mayor was given the oath of office by the retiring mayor Mr. Thomas Patten. Mayor J. S. Clements administered the oath of office to the newly elected Councilman, and meeting continued. The first order of business was that of electing a clerk and policeman & R. P. Sevinde was elected Clerk. Mr. Elwin Richardson was elected policeman, his salary to be \$180.⁰⁰ per month so long as his service is satisfactory.

The following committees were appointed by the mayor, Water Com. F. C. Moore & R. C. Sevinde, Street Com. E. S. Lee & A. L. Moore, Finance Com. E. S. Lee & F. C. Moore Police Com. R. C. Sevinde & F. C. Moore Sanitary Com. all members of the Council. J. B. McSwain was elected water superintendent at salary of \$50.⁰⁰ per month. John Roof was retained to haul off garbage at salary of \$60. per month so long as his service is satisfactory.

The license ordinance for the year 1955 was read and a motion was made and carried to adapt the same ordinance for the year 1956. Also same rate of tax on whiskey, wine, beer for year 1955 was adopted for year 1956. There being no other business motion carried to adjourn.

J. S. Clements - Mayor
R. P. Sevinde - Clerk

Feb. 7th 1956

Regular Council meeting held with Mayor and all Councilmen present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and a motion made and carried to approve same.

The question of raising the salaries of the Mayor and Councilmen, also City Clerk was discussed, and a motion was made and carried to increase the Councilmen and Mayor salaries from \$5⁰⁰ per month to \$10⁰⁰ per month. Also motion made and carried to increase salary of City Clerk from \$50⁰⁰ per month to \$65⁰⁰ per month all raises in salaries to be come effective beginning month of January 1956.

The property on corner of Main and North Street belonging to Arkansas Fuel Oil Corporation was discussed by Mayor and Council with reference to the delapidated condition of this property and Conclusion was reached that property as it is, creates a fire hazard to the City as well, casting reflection on the appearance and progress of the City. And the Clerk was instructed to write this Company that if sufficient improvements to this property were not made in the very near future to eliminate these hazards, the City would have to condemn the property.

A motion was made and carried to submit bid to U.S. Treasure Dept. Moody A. F. B. of \$326⁰⁰ on second hand fire truck to be sold Feb. 27th 1956. All Local bills were read motion made and carried to pay same.

No other business to take up at this time a motion was made and carried to adjourn

J. S. Clements Mayor
R. P. Swindle Clerk

March 6 - 1956

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Regular Council meeting, ³⁻⁶ 1956.

Mayor and all Councilmen were present.

The question of paying one \$750.⁰⁰ Bond due Jan 1-1963 at a premium of unaccrued interest in the amount of \$110.⁰⁰ was discussed, and it was decided that this amount was too much to give the Bond Holder in order to secure the bond, and a motion was made and carried that \$1500.⁰⁰ of the City Funds be placed in a saving account in Bank of Ray City at best rate of interest the Bank would pay which according to the Mayor Mr J. S. Clements told the body he did not think the rate the bank would pay would be less than 3% per annum.

Councilman F. C. Moore was instructed by the Mayor to consult with water Supt. of Nashville and find out how the City of Nashville carry on the program of maintaining their water tank, and get some idea of maintaining our tank here at Ray City.

All local bills were read and motion made and carried to pay same. No other business on hand at this time a motion was made and carried to adjourn.

J. S. Clements - Mayor
R. P. Sevinde - Clerk

Regular Council meeting Apr. 3-1956, Mayor and all Councilmen present. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. A motion was made and carried to cut off water from any house where water bills are not paid by the 20th day of each month, and a service charge will have to be paid before water is cut on again. All local bills were read and motion made and carried to pay same.

After discussing Mr. Elvin Richardson's coming back as City policeman a motion was made and carried to retain Mr. A. J. McKee as policeman so long as his services are satisfactory. No other business meeting adjourned.

J. S. Clements - Mayor
R. P. Sevinde - Clerk.

Regular Council meeting May 1-1956

Mayor and all Councilmen present.
 Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The question of purchasing a fire truck from ^{a man in} Vidalia Ga who had recently purchased himself from Moody A.F.B. and after discussion the Mayor instructed Mr. F. C. Moore and Mr. J. B. McSwain to go to Vidalia and look the truck over, and if truck was found to be alright and could be bought for around \$550⁰⁰ to buy the truck for the City of Ray City. The question of delinquent water bills was also discussed. The Clerk was instructed to give a list of these water bills to policeman and that he contact each one and those who failed to pay up service would be discontinued to them at once. The Clerk was instructed to notify Ga. Power & Light Co. that at their earliest convenience to come to Ray City and install two more street lights, one at Mrs Emma Warr's, the other one at Mr H L Stirling's. All Local bills were read and a motion made and carried to pay same.

No other business at this time a motion was made and carried to adjourn.

J. S. Clements - Mayor
 R. P. Swindle - Clerk.

Mayor and ^{all} Councilmen present. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

all Local bills were read and motion made and carried to pay same.

Delinquent water bills were discussed, and it was decided to remove meters at once from those places who were the farthest behind with their water bills, unless the bills were paid at once up to date.

The City having had quite a bit of trouble collecting Licenses on music machines and Pin ball tables a motion was made and carried to place these license as provided in license ordinance on the operator or owner of the business where the machines are located. Motion was made and carried for policeman to warn all persons driving through red light that for the second offence a fine of one dollar will have to be paid - and this amount will be doubled for each time the offence is committed there after a motion also made and carried to send \$10.00 to Georgia Municipal Association to take care of dues for one year as a member of the Association.

The drivers of two produce trucks who had been contacted several days ago in regard to their license on retailing produce and who had agreed to be present at this meeting failed to come to the meeting and the Mayor instructed the policeman that at the next time they were here to bring them in before him, where the matter may be settled. The policeman was also instructed to warn all children under twelve years of age must be off the streets by eleven o'clock at night unless accompanied by their parents.

J. S. Clements - Mayor
R. P. Scudder - Clerk

Regular Council meeting July 3-1956

Mayor and all Councilmen present
 Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. all Local bills were read and motion made and carried to pay same a motion was made and carried to pay H. D. Harris policeman Two hundred dollars per month retroactive to June 8th 1956 W. A. Clements Sr, R. P. Sevinde and L. H. Webb were appointed by Mayor J. S. Clements as tax assessors for the City of Ray City for the year 1956. F. C. Moore and E. S. Lee were appointed by the Mayor to look into the matter of having a trailer made for tractor to use in hauling off garbage and trash for the City. No other business on hand a motion was made and carried to adjourn

J. S. Clements - Mayor
 R. P. Sevinde - Clerk

Call Meeting July 13-1956

Mayor and all Council present,
 a motion was made and carried that R. P. Sevinde serve as election manager with two other helpers selected by him to hold election to be held July 17-1956 for the purpose of electing one Councilman to fill unexpired term of A. L. Moore deceased and each to be paid five dollars per day for their service. a motion was made and carried to take down stop light at once. No other business at this time meeting adjourned

J. S. Clements Mayor

Mayor and all Councilmen present.

Minutes of last regular meeting also minutes of call meeting July 13th were read and approved a motion was made and carried to postpone the matter of employing a man regularly to haul off garbage, trash etc and other work pertaining to street and sanitary work. After discussing all past due City Tax, ~~the clerk~~ a motion was made and carried that the City Clerk mail notices to all persons owing this past due tax that same must be paid not later than Sept. 25th 1956 and save further interest and cost. interest to be figured at legal rate for the time said taxes have been past due. All local bills were read and motion made and carried to pay same. A motion was made and carried to have Ga Power & Light Co install three street lights at the following places one at Mrs J. C. Bailey's, one at Mrs Fannie Goskin's and one at north end of Housing Project across street from Lonnie Plain home.

No other business on hand at this time meeting adjourned

J S Clements - Mayor
R P Scudder - Clerk

~~Regular Council meeting Dec. 4-1956~~

~~Mayor and all Councilmen present.~~

~~Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. a motion was made and carried to purchase 28 joints twelve inch concrete pipe. all local bills were read~~

Regular Council meeting Sept. 4 - 1956

Mayor and all Councilmen present.
Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. A move was made and carried to make flat rate charge of \$1.⁵⁰ for mowing any size lot with in the incorporate limits of Pay City that does not exceed one acre and tractor and mower must be operated by City's regular tractor operator or some of the City officials familiar with the operation of tractor and mower.

A motion was made and carried to pay O. G. Mathis \$3⁰⁰ per week extra during September to help take care of gas for his truck in hauling for the City. All Local bills were read and motion made and carried to pay same.
No other business at this time the meeting adjourned.

J. S. Clements - Mayor
R. P. Scindell - Clerk.

City Fire Department was organized with the following members

Day Crew	
A. L. Snipes - Chief Duty Hours 6 AM to 6 PM	
F. C. Moore	A. L. Snipes
R. L. Sammons	F. C. Moore
J. R. Wood	R. L. Sammons
Ira McKelvin	J. B. McSwain
J. B. McSwain	Ira McKelvin
Lonnie Plair	H. D. Harris
H. D. Harris	
Eugene Shearl	

Night Crew
Duty hours 6 PM to 6 AM

A. L. Snipes
Lonnie Plair
J. R. Wood
Eugene Shearl
Ira McKelvin
H. D. Harris

Call Meeting Sept. 28-1956

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Mayor and all Councilmen Present
after discussion as to Cause of fire in City Hall
it was determined that the Cause of the fire
was of unknown origin, and motion was
made and carried that this finding be entered
on minutes of this meeting. a motion
was also made and carried to take out
Insurance Policy of Three Thousand dollars
on City Hall, Policy to carry extended
Coverage also Policy for Fifteen Hundred
dollar on Fire Truck barn, tractor and
equipment this policy to carry extended
Coverage also. a motion was made and
carried to install nine fill pipes and
to repair water hydrant located at Bank
No other business at this time the
meeting adjourned

J. S. Clements Mayor
R. P. Sewindle - Clerk

Regular Council meeting Oct. 2-1956

Mayor and all Councilmen Present. minutes
of previous meeting were read and approved.
A motion was made and carried to issue
Fifas on all City tax not paid by Oct. 10th through
year 1954. A motion was made and carried
to cut off water at all places where water bills
are delinquent for two months or more.
and J. B. McSwain be paid one dollar each
where it is necessary to remove meter also
one dollar for re installing ^{said} meter, and where
water is cut off a charge of two dollars will
be made to have water cut on again.

All local bills were read, motion made and carried to
pay same. a motion made and carried to advertise
balance of lot on corner of Main & Church Streets and
sell said lot to highest bidder for cash on 1st Monday
in November at 11 o'clock AM at City Hall. a motion made
and carried to buy steel cabinet # 372 from United States
Stationary Co, to take care of Books and papers for City

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a motion was made and carried to issue fifas and collect interest on all 1955 City Tax not paid by act. 20th 1956. There being no other business on hand at this time meeting adjourns

J. S. Clements - Mayor
R. P. Scudder - Clerk

Regular Council Meeting Nov. 5 - 1956

Mayor and all Councilmen present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved a motion was made and carried to make a charge of five dollars for license on animal circus for one days performance. A motion was made and carried to install two commodes and two Lavatories in City Jail. All Local bills were read and motion made and carried to pay same also motion was made and carried to sell Farming Equipment that belongs with City tractor to Mr. Alan Bristol for Twenty Five dollars. And a motion was made and carried to install one Street Light on light pole near Harry Pritchard's home, as provided by City Charter the Clerk was instructed to post Notices Calling for City Election to be held the first Tuesday in December for the purpose of electing two Councilmen for a term of two years each. And dead line for those qualifying to run to be Sat. 12-o'clock Noon November 24th.

No other business at this time a motion made and carried to adjourn

J. S. Clements - Mayor
R. P. Scudder - Clerk.

Regular Council meeting Dec. 4 - 1956

Mayor and all Councilmen present.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A motion was made and carried to purchase twenty eight joints twelve inch concrete pipe. All local bills were read and motion made and carried to pay same. Motion also made and carried to cancel the extended coverage on Truck Loan Policy unless rate is reduced to around five or six dollars. A motion was made and carried to pay election holders for holding election for the City on Dec. 4th 1956 six dollars each for their services.

No other business on hand motion was made and carried to adjourn.

J. S. Clements - Mayor
R. P. Scudder - Clerk.

Beginning of minutes for year 1957.

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City of Ray City

Regular Council Meeting Jan. 1st 1957.

The Mayor and all Councilmen were present, minutes of last meeting was read and approved, all local bills were read and ordered paid.

A motion was made and carried to pay one Bond out of funds now in saving account and leave ^{with} balance of account to remain in saving account. That is if a Bond could be found that could be bought at this time.

This completing the business for the year 1956, Mr J. S. Clements the Mayor administered the oath of office to the newly elected Councilmen, Mr Ray Swindle and Mr Ray Carter.

The first order of business was that of hiring a City Clerk and Policeman Mrs J. N. Carter was elected Clerk and Mr J. H. Warren was hired as policeman for City of Ray City so long as his service is satisfactory.

Mr J. B. McSwain was hired as water Dept. for the year at a salary of \$50⁰⁰ per month. Mr O. G. Mathis was hired as Street + Sanitary man. A motion was made and carried to retain Mr Ben I Willowby as City attorney for 1957, motion was made and carried to keep Mr A. L. Sripes as Fire Chief and Mr R. L. Sammons as assistance Fire Chief for this year.

Motion was made and carried for Mayor to give police orders with the assistance of Police Committee. Following this motion, the meeting closed to be continued Friday night Jan. 4th at which Mayor and all Councilmen were present.

The license Ordinance of 1956 was read. There was a motion made and carried to adopt the same Ordinance for year 1957. except a few changes, also same rate of Tax on Whiskey and Wine. With a change from .75 cent to .50 cent Tax

on case of Beer.

Motion was made and carried to take Group Insurance on city officials and employees with officials and employees paying one half of premium. Mr B. L. Johnson agent for same was present. A premium of \$34.09 was paid. This payment of premium making policy in effect at once.

The Clerk was instructed to rent P.O. Box for the City's mail.

The following committees were appointed by Mayor.

Water Comm.	Police Comm.	San. + St Comm.
R. C. Swindle	R. C. Swindle	F. C. Yarbrough
F. C. Yarbrough	E. S. Lee	Ray Carter
E. S. Lee.		

Finance Comm all City officials.
Mr E. S. Lee was elected Mayor Protem.
No other business. Motion made and carried to adjourn.

J. S. Clements, Mayor
Mrs L. N. Carter Clerk

Regular Council Meeting, Feb. 5th 1957.

Mayor and all Council except Mr Ray Carter who was ill. Minutes of previous meeting was read and approved. Bills were presented and ordered paid.

Audit of City's Books for 1956 was read approved as rendered. Mayor Clements told of investigation of Bonds for as much as one could not be purchased at this time only at face value. Motion was made and carried to transfer \$1500.00 - more Gen. Funds into Savings account. With understanding if needed to be used for the City could be drawn on. Motion made and carried to pay Mayor $\frac{1}{2}$ out of each fine collected. and to pay clerk \$75.00 per month. Clerk was instructed to notify or post notice for all 1956 City Tax to be paid by March 5th 1957

and same east of Leuy,
motion was made and carried to have 2
street lights installed, one by city jail
and one on corner of Cook Jackson
Street near Jooky Thomas.

No other Business Motion was made
to adjourn.

J. S. Clements Mayor
Mrs. D. M. Carter, Clerk

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday night March 5th 1957,

Mayor and all Councilmen present,
minutes of previous meeting was read and
approved. Bills were presented and ordered
paid.

Motion was made and carried to discon-
tinue the service of extra policemen
at this time. Motion was also made and
carried that no one was to call Nashville
Fire Department for assistance unless
a special order from Mayor or
Council.

J. R. Zeigler met with Council asking for
permission to join his mother's property
as Deeds did not call for alley or road
between same. Motion was made and
carried to close same providing no
legal complaints were made in thirty
(30) days

A 2-way radio was discussed for the
police car. As the town was not
able to install same, Mr. Garbrough
offered to have it installed at his
expense, with the town not to be
obligated in any way unless they
decided to buy same later.
Fines were discussed, with motion being
made and carried for, first offense to be
\$12⁰⁰, including speeding, reckless driving,
drunk or disorderly, with the Mayor
placing fines as he sees fit according

to offenders ^{with} drunk and driving #27 ⁵⁶
motion made and carried that any
female dog running loose causing
disturbance to be order penalties are
disposed of

Motion was made and carried that
part of Ordinance Resolution made in
1950 be amended according to law,
this part being the punishment of im-
prisonment of 3 months or work on streets
3 months, since is in conflict with
City Ordinance

No other business motion was
made to adjourn
J.S. Clements, Mayor.
Mrs D.M. Carter, Clerk

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Regular Council Meeting Tues. night April 4th
The Mayor and all Councilmen were
present, minutes of previous meeting
were read and approved as rendered.
Bills were presented and ordered paid
Peace officers annuity payment was
discussed and tabled for further in-
formation. Also Telephone Service
was discussed. Mayor Clements said
he would write Public Service Commis-
sioner in regards to franchise. He would
also contact Mr. Willoughby in regards
to delinquent tax. No further business
A motion was made to adjourn. Mrs D.M. Carter Clerk

Sat. April 21, 1957. A case Meeting held by
Mayor and Council. A motion was made and
carried that we sell City property on corner
to Consolidated Telephone Co. A motion was also
made and carried that May 15th be dead line for
return of all taxes. After that date a penalty would
By recommendation of Council it was agreed to
reduce The Policeman Salary to \$200 ⁰⁰ per month Salary
cut effective May 1st 1957. The Mayor to see Mr
Warren regarding the matter. J.S. Clements Mayor
Mrs D.M. Carter

Regular Council meeting

Tuesday Night April 30, 1957.

Mayor and all Councilmen were present. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Bills were presented and ordered paid.

Mr. Millard McBill was present and purchased license to operate music machines and Pin Ball Tables in Ray City.

A motion was made and carried to sell corner lot on Main Street and Beaver Dam Road to Mr. Terrell Swindle.

Motion made and carried to charge \$1.00 per dog for vaccine shot, and all money over cost of serum be given to Mr. J. A. Parkhurst for giving the vaccine.

A motion was made and carried to buy 4 or 5 new meters each month, with old meters in exchange for same. From the Representative who contacted Mr. McSwain.

No other business motion was made and carried to adjourn.

J. S. Cluskeys
Mrs. M. Carter