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Town officials in attendance: Mayor Jim Kendrick, Council members Irene Balsley, Phil Johnston, Harold Peek, Ralph Perry and Max Usrey: Town Clerk Kenneth Espy, Attorney Rick Powell and Recorder Dee Rouse.

Also present were: Ron Goetsch representing Playground Daily News; Dick Bixby, Adelia Robblee and Abbie Tyner.

Therefore, a quorum being present, Mayor Pro-Tem Usrey opened the meeting with a silent prayer at 7:02 p.m.

1. MINUTES-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING-JANUARY 18, 1979. Motion by Mr. Peek to accept as printed, seconded by Mr. Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

2. FINANCIAL STATEMENT-JANUARY 1979. Motion by Mr. Peek to approve as presented, seconded by Mrs. Balsley. Motion carried unanimously.

At this point of the meeting, Mayor Pro-Tem Usrey relinquished the chair to Mayor Kendrick.

3. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL POLICY #1. Copies of Personnel Policy #1 being in hand, Mrs. Balsley moved that the policy be approved as written, seconded by Mr. Usrey. During discussion of the motion, Mr. Peek expressed his opinion that sick leave for Town's employees should be allowed to accumulate to more than 80 hours. Mrs. Balsley stated that if an employee should require additional sick leave to that on record, the Council could meet and approve the additional requirement. Mr. Peek felt that if the Council could not agree to allow an employee to carry over from year to year three to four weeks of sick leave, he doubted if they could agree to advance an employee additional sick leave when the necessary arose. Mr. Peek moved to amend the motion made by Mrs. Balsley to read that "sick leave will not accrue beyond 160 hours," seconded by Mr. Perry. The motion failed by vote: YEAS-Peek and Perry; NAYS-Balsley, Johnston and Usrey. Attorney Powell suggested that the Policy #1 should be amended to reflect paid leave. Mayor Kendrick then called for a voice vote on the original motion: YEAS-Balsley, Johnston, Perry and Usrey; NAY-Peek.

4. APPROVAL OF PURCHASING POLICY #1. Copies of the Purchasing Policy #1 in hand, Mr. Peek moved that it be approved as written, seconded by Mrs. Balsley. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CENTEL-RESOLUTION-SPLIT DIRECTORY AND TOLL FREE SERVICE FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY. Mr. Usrey moved that a letter be written to CENTEL expressing the Council's opposition to the proposed split telephone directory and to encourage establishment of a County Wide Toll Free Telephone System, seconded by Mr. Perry. VOTE: YEAS-Peek, Perry and Usrey; NAYS-Balsley and Johnston.

6. SHERIFF SERVICES REPORT. The Clerk reported he had been observing the frequency of the Sheriff's failure to open gates at the parks. Only one or two days they were left locked, more often the gates were opened late in the morning. In a telephone conversation with the Sheriff's Chief Deputy Peaden, the department was questioned as to the burden of the service to the Town. Deputy Peaden advised there was no burden, however, they only have so many men and each can only cover a limited area. As to cruisers, he advised often unmarked cars and plain clothes men were cruising the Town, primarily because many times they would rather the public not know they were in the area. He stated Sheriff Mills was very concerned about our park gates and wanted to know as soon as possible each time they were left locked. He will survey the hours spent in our Town by deputies and call back sometimes later.

7. REPORT-GULF POWER COMPANY-INVESTIGATION OF HEATING COST FOR TOWN HALL AND PUMP IN LAGUNA. The Clerk informed the Council that he had discussed the subject items with representative of Gulf Power. Bill Shirah had come to the Town Hall and had gone over the specifications for the electric heater and had checked the unit its self. Our unit is a 10 kilowatt strip heat type over which the blower blows air. This type is the most insufficient made. Had there been installed a Heat Pump type heater the amount of electricity necessary for heating the room would be less than half that being used. However, the cost would have been approximately $400.00 more. He suggested we keep in mind that this difference in cost could be recouped in approximately six month service. Another way of conserving electricity would be to place insulation on the outer walls, then furring stips and wood paneling. He suggested the Town contact the contractor who made the installation to work out a trade of our unit in on a new heat pump and weigh this cost against the cost of paneling. Mr. Shirah also inspected the site of the water pump in Laguna Park and checked into previous electric meter readings for that pump. He found that sometime in the past the meter had been misread by 1,000 kilowatt hours and he would advise Gulf Power Billing Department to furnish a refund for that amount.

8. DISCUSSION-LETTER, WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL. Mayor Kendrick read to the Council a letter reply to the Town's notice of their decision to discontinue membership in the subject Council and that letter was received as information.

9. COMMENTS ON WRITE UP FOR TELEPHONE DIRECTORY. The Clerk furnished the Council a copy of the short history of the Town previously supplied the editors of the upcoming telephone directory. Mayor Kendrick appointed a committee of Mrs. Balsley and Mr. Johnston to rewrite this short history and resubmit for the publication.

10. RESOLUTION FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Mayor Kendrick deferred discussion on this subject and ask that it be placed on the agenda for the next Council as a Committee meeting.

11. CONSIDERATION OF CONDITION OF VACANT PROPERTIES. The Clerk and Mrs. Balsley called the Council's attention to the existence of sub-standard dwellings and deteriorated vacant houses as well as the numerous overgrown vacant lots. After discussion of various corrective measures, Mayor Kendrick appointed a committee of Mrs. Balsley, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Usrey to tour the Town and to identify property needing some type of correction and recommending to the Council what action they best take. The Clerk also informed the Council he had sent Mr. Etheredge a notice requesting that the property at Lot 15, Block 18 across from Moore-Handley warehouse be cleaned up within ten days from the date of notice.

12. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. Mr. Johnston advised the council he had been contacted by Mr. McKinney of the County Planning Office and had been requested to participate in the preparation of the Cinco Bayou Comprehensive Plan now being written by Mr. Mark Gill and his staff. Mr. Johnston would study some sample plans and would make suggestions to be included in the Town's plan. He would invite suggestions from any resident of the Town and carry them forward. Mr. Johnston's reason for bringing this before the Council was to gain concurrence of his following the suggestions of Mr. McKinney. After a brief discussion, the Council did concur.

13. FIRE PROTECTION. Clerk presented for review a copy of the letter and a check which he will give to Mr. Charlie Evans for the Town's fire protection during the Fiscal Year 78/79 for the amount of $25,474.00, payable to the City of Fort Walton Beach.

14. ADJOURNMENT. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AS TRUE AND CORRECT TO BEST OF MY ACKNOWLEDGE.

KENNETH H. ESPY
Town Manager/Clerk

ATTACHMENTS TO RECORD SET OF MINUTES:

1. Financial Report.
2. Personnel Policy #1.
3. Purchasing Policy #1.
4. Copy of Ltr-WFRPC.
5. Copy of Write Up to CENTEL for Directory.
6. Newspaper Clippings-PDGN.