

May 21, 1974

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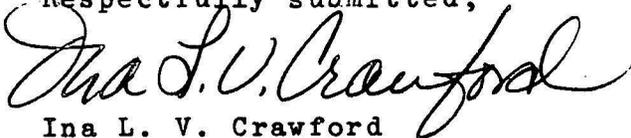
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~~to the meeting~~

~~motion~~ Johnston motion Johnson  
Include details amend Balsey - Carried

Hodges - Johnson →

Special Mtg - Carried as need -

Financial Stmt - as need -

1. ~~motion to Pay~~
- 1 A ♦ Phil - Ed Carried
- 1 B ♦ Mr. Estergren to get back w/ walt Smith to make changes to contract.

1 C ♦ Chief Lee - See what happen - agenda next month - progress.

2. Table for month - ask Dora for back ground

3. Hodges Reported → Outgoing - Tree Parking -  
Lane for Loading - something in 2 wks - we will have  
ed-Phil to Surrey - Pat Quirkle ♦  
motion: Auth to hire 3 people 3 days 250 per hr for Surrey -

4. Ed - Dora - Passed & carried -

5. Fred Explain → Log Method  
3/5 Council → Irene + Phil as a committee for next month.

6. OK Pay up to date 15 June 1000. Plus Interest

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9 & 5 adjournment

1. Silent Prayer - 7:33
2. minutes - accept min after correction
3. Fin Stm - about W+S System -> Check minutes
4. 1. ontg mtg 2 or three - 2 tue Committee

Legal notice

2. Committee - Abalist Phil - Irene
3. OK
5. Except Study
6. Scratch
7. Hold
8. Thursday 7:30
- 9.

Bob Mackay

11. No For Council
12. Thankyou Card
13. Tabled
14. Ocean Cruise - Talker Hodges has -  
4. Table
15. Petty Cash to 25<sup>00</sup>

NEWS \_\_\_\_\_  Date MAY 21 1974 Time 10:55P M Ann RAE  
 SPORTS \_\_\_\_\_  Date 27 1974 Time 6:02A M Ann [Signature]  
 EDITORIAL \_\_\_\_\_  Date 28 1974 Time 9:55A M Ann [Signature]  
 MINITORIAL \_\_\_\_\_  Date \_\_\_\_\_ 197\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ M Ann \_\_\_\_\_  
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0- CINCO BAYOU RESIDENTS NOW HAVE FIRE PROTECTION  
 - FROM THE CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH - BUT THE EXACT  
 - AMOUNT THEY WILL BE ASSESSED IS STILL UNDETERMINED.  
 - AT THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING <sup>LAST</sup> ~~FOR~~ TONIGHT, WHICH INCIDENTALLY  
 - WAS IN A MUCH BRIGHTER ATMOSPHERE THAN IN THE PAST  
 15- DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF JIM GODWIN IN RENOVATING THE  
 - BUILDING, IT WAS VOTED TO PAY FORT WALTON BEACH FOR  
 - FIRE PROTECTION FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE. THIS  
 - CHARGE WAS BASED ON A ~~3.3~~ RATE OF 3 MILS. CINCO  
 - RESIDENTS WILL BE PAYING THE SAME MILAGE FOR PROTECTION  
 30- AS DO FORT WALTON RESIDENTS - BUT THE EXACT FIGURE  
 - HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED, SINCE THE NEW BUDGET IS  
 - PRESENTLY BEING MADE UP BY CITY FINANCE OFFICER CHARLIE  
 - EVANS. IT WAS ESTIMATED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL THAT THE  
 - FIGURE WOULD PROBABLY BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 3.3  
 45- MILS, BASED ON ASSESSED PROPERTY EVALUATION. COUNCILMAN  
 - PHIL JOHNSTON VOLUNTEERED TO GET WITH FIRE CHIEF BILLY  
 - LEE IN ORDER TO PUSH THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK SO THAT  
 - FIRE INSURANCE RATES IN CINCO BAYOU CAN BE LOWERED NOW  
 - THAT FIRE PROTECTION IS AVAILABLE. IN OTHER BUSINESS,  
 - A COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY  
 1:00- OF ABOLISHING THE ELECTIVE OFFICES OF TOWN MARSHALL  
 - AND TOWN CLERK. ATTORNEY FRED ESTERGRN SAID THIS  
 - COULD BE DONE ON A THREE FIFTHS VOTE BY THE TOWN COUNCIL  
 - BUT ~~IT~~ <sup>THE</sup> ISSUE WOULD THEN HAVE TO BE PUT TO THE VOTERS  
 - IN THE FORM OF A REFERENDUM. THE COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED  
 1:15- TO STUDY THE ENTIRE PROBLEM - MAINLY-BECAUSE OF THE

REVENUE SHARING ASPECTS IN THE EVENT THE MARSHALL IS NOT AN ELECTED OFFICIAL. IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE TOWN HALL WOULD BE OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM THREE TO SIX IN THE AFTERNOON FOR THOSE RESIDENTS WISHING TO CONDUCT BUSINESS. THE COUNCIL ALSO DECIDED TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF REQUIRING BUSINESSES TO BE LICENSED BY THE TOWN, IN ORDER TO OPERATE IN THE TOWN LIMITS. PHIL JOHNSTON POINTED OUT "I DON'T LIKE IT AT ALL, BECAUSE I'M A BUSINESSMAN - BUT THE TOWN HAS NO CONTROL OVER BUSINESS OPERATION IN THE CITY LIMITS AT PRESENT, AND BY NOT REQUIRING LICENSES, THE TOWN IS LOSING REVENUE.