

**TOWN COUNCIL**

**A G E N D A**

**JANUARY 13, 1998**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Visitors - John Dunlap**
- 3. Minutes**
- 4. Financial Statements**
- 5. Police officer vacancy**
- 6. Invoices for approval**

# TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES

January 13, 1998

The Town Council held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, January 13, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Doris Culver, Catherline Slater, Ray Ellison, Shelia Austin and Margie Lee. Jim Rittmann was absent.

Lewis Scarbrough with The Coosa County News was present. Mayor Culver called the meeting to order.

The minutes from last month's meeting were approved. Financial Statements were discussed.

Mayor Culver told the Council that we have received seven applications for the police officer vacancy, but she said she would like permission to run an ad in the Montgomery paper and extend the deadline. She said she thinks we will have a better turn out since the holidays are over.

Catherline Slater made motion to run the ad again. Ray Ellison seconded. All approved.

Mayor Culver said that Employees contributing to the retirement fund have been charged a \$35.00 fee for maintenance to the account. Mayor Culver said she didn't think we could afford to contribute to retirement at this time but she thinks we should absorb the \$35.00 fee for the employees.

Ray Ellison made motion to pay the \$35.00 for each employee contributing to the retirement plan. Margie Lee seconded. All approved.

Catherline Slater moved to pay Allstate Insurance \$968.00. Shelia Austin seconded. All approved.

Catherline Slater made motion to go into executive session. Ray Ellison seconded. All approved. Casey McClellan and Lewis Scarbrough left the room.

Motion was made by Ray Ellison for Randy Hammond to start attending the Council meetings each month. Margie Lee seconded. All approved.

Margie Lee asked about having a Slow..Children Playing sign put up on Highway 22 East. Clerk is to check with the State Highway Department.

Lewis Scarbrough addressed the Council about the Rockford Arts and Crafts Council. He said that the group is working on the old school. He said that they were formed under a 503 C Corporation and are not tax exempt, therefore, he wanted to know if they could use the towns tax exempt status. Clerk is to check with the League.

Catherline Slater made motion to adjourn. Ray Ellison seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Doris Culver  
Mayor Doris Culver

Catherline Slater  
Catherline Slater

absent  
Jim Rittmann

Ray Ellison  
Ray Ellison

Catherline Slater

Margie Lee  
Margie Lee

ATTEST:

Casey McClellan  
Casey McClellan, Clerk

## TOWN COUNCIL

FEBUARY 10, 1998

### M I N U T E S

The Town Council held their regular meeting Tuesday, February 10, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Doris Culver, Ray Ellison, Catherline Slater, and Jim Rittmann. Shelia Austin was absent.

Mayor Doris Culver called the meeting to order and recognized visitors. Lewis Scarbrough was present with The Coosa County News. Randy Hammond and Mike Arms were present. Daniel Clecker and Ken Whitehead was present to be interviewed for the police officer position.

The minutes from last months meeting were approved. Financial statements were discussed.

Mayor Culver read a letter of resignation from Lantz Woodfin. Jim Rittmann made motion to accept his resignation. Catherline Slater seconded. All approved. Clerk is to run ad in the newspapers advertising the position.

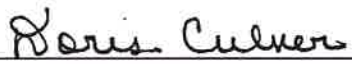
The Council interviewed the applicants for the police officer position

After interviewing the applicants, Catherline Slater made motion to go in executive session. Jim Rittmann seconded. All approved.

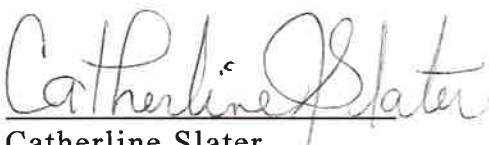
When the council resumed their regular meeting each applicant was called back in for a few more questions.

Catherline Slater made motion to hire Ken Whitehead. Jim Rittmann seconded. All approved. His starting salary will be \$9.00 per hour with a .50 per hour raise after he has completed the police academy. Also, he agreed to sign a three (3) year contract to stay employed with the town for 3 years after the academy. He will have to move within one mile of the jurisdiction within 2 years. Mr. Whitehead agreed to the conditions and accepted the job. His first day of employment will be February 23, 1998.

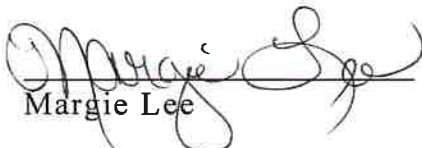
Jim Rittmann made motion to adjourn. Catherline Slater seconded. All approved.

  
Mayor Doris Culver

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Jim Rittmann


  
Catherline Slater

  
Ray Ellison

  
Margie Lee

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Shelia Austin

ATTEST:

  
Casey McClellan  
Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL  
GAS, WATER & SEWER BOARD

JOINT MEETING

March 10, 1998

The Town Council and Gas, Water & Sewer Board held a joint meeting Tuesday, March 10, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The purpose of the joint meeting was to interview the applicants for the general maintenance position available.

Members present were Mayor Doris Culver, Margie Lee, Catherline Slater, Ray Ellison, Jim Rittmann, Shelia Austin, Chairman Larry Carden, Ronnie Brown, and Kenneth Shaw. Bill Crew was absent.

Mr. Vivian Ward was present on behalf of the Industrial Development Board. He reported that the engineer who reviewed the property advises it is not feasible to develop the property. R. Ward requested that the Council approve having the land appraised for the value of the property and trade or sell for more accessible property. Catherline Slater made motion to have the property appraised for its current value. Ray Ellison seconded. All approved.

Robert Smith was present of behalf of the Rockford Volunteer Fire Department to request to use the city backhoe and dump truck to work on the land for the new fire station. It was unanimously decided to approve the use of the back hoe with Randy operating the equipment. Randy agreed to volunteer his time. They decided against the use of the dump truck.

The applicants were asked to leave the room and would be called in one at a time for an interview. Applicants present were: Stevie Sessions, Patrick Ellison, Michael Ward, Larry Jones, Chat Judkins, Michael Taylor, Phillip Shorter, Jimmy Guthery, Gary Patterson, Jerry Peavy, and Dwayne Roberson. Three of the applicants did not come for an interview.

After each applicant was interviewed, Catherline Slater made motion to go into executive session. Jim Rittmann seconded. All approved.

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After returning from executive session, Jim Rittmann moved to hire Gary Patterson. Catherline Slater seconded. All for the council approved. Ronnie Brown made motion to hire him for the board. Kenneth Shaw seconded. All approved.

He will start at a rate of pay of \$8.00 per hour. He is required to get Grade II Water certification within one year at which time he will receive \$1.00 per hour raise. Within two years, he will be required to acquire his waste water certificate and will receive \$1.00 raise at that time.

Catherline Slater made motion to approved the audit from Hare, Dunlap and Weathers. Ray Ellison seconded. All approved.

The minutes from last months council meeting were approved. Financial Statements were discussed. Clerk is to put the revenue received from Alabama Power Company into general fund savings.

The minutes from last months board meeting were approved. Financial statements were discussed. The Board reviewed unaccounted water reports and delinquent customer reports.

Catherline Slater made motion to pay MWCF, Inc. \$4,162.00. Ray Ellison seconded. All approved.

Motion was made by Ronnie Brown to approve the following invoices: MWCF, Inc. \$982.00 for the water and \$712.00 for the gas, Hughes Supply, Inc. \$576.99, American Sigma \$294.09, and Computer Network \$248.75. Catherline Slater seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Ronnie Brown moved to have new tires put on the dump truck and to get the brake lights fixed. Kenneth Shaw seconded. All approved.

Shelia Austin moved to adjourn for the council. Margie Lee seconded. All approved.

Joint Meeting  
March 10, 1998  
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Ronnie Brown made motion to adjourn for the board. Kenneth Shaw seconded. All were in favor.

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Chairman Larry Carden

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Ronnie Brown

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Kenneth Shaw

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Bill Crew

ATTEST:

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Casey McClellan, Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL

A G E N D A

APRIL 14, 1998

1. Call to Order
2. Visitors
3. Minutes
4. Financial Statements
5. Delinquent business license
6. Invoices for approval
7. Pay raises

TOWN COUNCIL  
GAS, WATER & SEWER BOARD  
JOINT MEETING  
April 14, 1998

The Town Council and Gas, Water & Sewer Board held a joint meeting Tuesday, April 14, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Doris Culver, Catherline Slater, Margie Lee, Ray Ellison, Shelia Austin, Chairman Larry Carden, Kenneth Shaw, Ronnie Brown, and Bill Crew. Jim Rittmann was absent.

The minutes from the Council meeting were approved. Financial statements were approved. Mayor Culver told the Council that during an audit of the Circuit Clerks office a discrepancy of approximately \$3,000.00 for fees and fines to the police department was shown to be in our favor. The state will re-issue the checks.

Catherline made motion to add a 15% penalty to all unpaid business license. Shelia Austin seconded. All approved. Clerk is to send letters to the ones who have not paid.

Margie Lee made motion to pay Hare, Dunlap and Weathers \$3,000. For the audit. Ray Ellison seconded. All approved.

Catherline Slater made motion to go into executive session to discuss employee job performances. Ray Ellison seconded. All approved. Everyone was dismissed. (no minutes taken)

The regular meeting resumed. It was unanimously decided by the Council and Board to table raises until next months meeting.

William Clay with East Alabama Regional Planning Commission and Mike Cooper with Downey Cooper Engineers were present to discuss the water extension project. After much discussion on the project. It was unanimously decided to pursue this project. Randy will go with the Engineer to look at possible place to add to the project to bring the numbers up for low to moderate income. A special called meeting will be held at a later date to discuss matching funds for the CDBG project.

The minutes from last months meeting were discussed. Ronnie Brown made a correction that Gary Patterson will have to get a Grade II certification instead of Grade I.

Ronnie Brown said he has some questions concerning the yearly audit and would like for Henry Dunlap to come to the next meeting to discuss the audit.

Kenneth Shaw made motion to charge \$5.00 for the audit reports to anyone wanting a copy. Ronnie Brown seconded. All approved.

Financial Statements, delinquent customers and unaccounted water reports were reviewed.

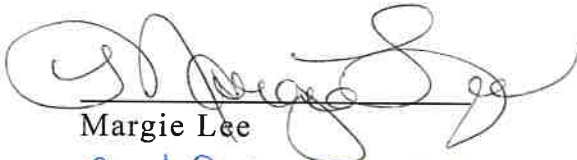
Catherline Slater made motion to pay Hare, Dunlap & Weathers \$2,600 for water and \$1,750.00 for the gas audit. Ronnie Brown seconded. All were in favor.

The Board wants to discuss painting the water tank at next months meeting.


Kenneth Shaw made motion to adjourn. Ronnie Brown seconded. All approved.

  
Mayor Doris Culver


  
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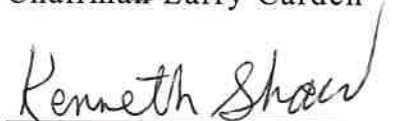
  
Ray Ellison

  
Catherline Slater

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Jim Rittmann

  
Chairman Larry Carden

  
Ronnie Brown

  
Kenneth Shaw

  
Bill Crew

ATTEST:

  
Casey McClellan, Clerk

**TOWN COUNCIL**  
**GAS, WATER & SEWER BOARD**  
**JOINT MEETING**

**May 12, 1998**

The Town Council and Gas, Water & Sewer Board held a joint meeting Tuesday, May 12, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Doris Culver, Catherline Slater, Ray Ellison, Shelia Austin, Margie Lee, Chairman Larry Carden, Ronnie Brown, Kenneth Shaw and Bill Crew. Jim Rittmann was absent.

Visitors present were Mark and Tonya Lee. Ms. Lee was representing The Coosa County News. Others present were Randy Hammond and Jo Ann Simpson.

Chairman Larry Carden called the meeting to order for the Board. The minutes from the Special Called meeting were read and approved. The minutes from last months joint meeting were approved.

Financial statements and delinquent customer lists were reviewed. Unaccounted water reports were discussed.

Clerk read a letter from CE White who is a water customer in the Equality area. The letter was in reference to a kink in the water line when it was installed in the area. After the letter was read, the Board unanimously decided to write a letter to Mr. White saying that since there is not any known problems from this, not to worry until a problem arises.

The Board discussed bids for painting the water tank. Ronnie Brown made motion to approve the bid and contract with Utility Service Company, Inc. Kenneth Shaw seconded. All approved.

The Board discussed moving a gas line at Bobbie Davis' trailer park. Paula Shuler moved a trailer there and the gas line is right at her back door. She has requested that the line be moved so that she can have her central air unit installed. After much discussion, Ronnie Brown made motion to check with Bobby Davis and make sure it is okay with him, if so, move the line with no charge. Kenneth Shaw seconded. All approved.

Clerk told the Board of three past due accounts that we have been unable to collect on. Motion was made by Ronnie Brown to write off Sylvester Gilbert in the amount of \$46.12, and Carmanita Smith for \$30.55 since they are not on our system any longer. Clerk is to write a letter to Bruce Poppell informing him that the amount due of \$58.66 on the old house will

be added to his present water bill. Catherline Slater seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Culver called the meeting to order for the Council.

Jo Ann Simpson addressed the Council concerning some action be taken to force some positive change in the building adjoining their business on Main Street. She read a letter to the Council that she wanted to be part of permanent record. (see attached) Mayor Culver said their have been several ongoing projects implemented to find a solution for the building. She also said she has been told their are two people interested in buying the building and her hopes are that the building will be sold in the next couple of months. There was much discussion concerning what to do about the problem and the fact of having tried to implement an ordinance that would mandate the repair of dilapidated buildings. Shelia Austin made motion to give it 60 days and if nothing has happened to ask Larkin Radney to come to our council meeting to give advise on the situation. Ray Ellison seconded. All approved.

Henry Dunlap was present to discuss the yearly financial statements with the Board and Council.

The minutes from last months meeting were approved. Financial statements were discussed.

Ray Ellison made motion to approve police clothing allowance for \$450.00 for both officers. Catherline Slater seconded. All approved.

Speeds zones on Jackson Street were discussed. Mayor Culver said she has had a resident ask that signs be put up for children playing or posting speed limits. Catherline Slater made motion to check on implementing a speed limit before we purchase signs. Shelia Austin seconded. All approved.

Catherline Slater made motion for the Board and Council to go in executive session. Ray Ellison seconded. All approved.

After the meeting resumed, Shelia Austin made motion to submit a Proclamation declaring May as "Older America's Month". Catherline Slater seconded. All were in favor.

Shelia Austin made motion to give all employees a 25 cent per hour pay raise. Ray Ellison seconded. All were in favor. Ronnie Brown made the same motion for the Board. Kenneth Shaw seconded. All approved.

Ronnie Brown made motion to adjourn for the Board. Kenneth Shaw seconded. All approved.

Ray Ellison made motion to adjourn for the Council. Shelia Austin seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Mayor Doris Culver

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Ray Ellison

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Shelia Austin

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Margie Lee

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Jim Rittmann

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Catherline Slater

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Chairman Larry Carden

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Kenneth Shaw

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Ronnie Brown

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Bill Crew

Sometimes we all find a "do" or "don't" or "rule" or "regulation" that we don't like or wish didn't exist. But by and large, most rules and regulations exist for the benefit of society they serve. And, sometimes we, me included, may find it hard to accept changes that affect how we live in our society. But, a change in the right direction is a good thing.

I am proud to live in Coosa County, and pleased that I have been given an opportunity to be self-employed and make a living doing something I really enjoy. Actually, I am blessed, because so many folks cannot say the same thing. If any of you here have your own business, then you know what it's like being self-employed. Lots of long, hard hours, no regular paychecks, no fringe benefits, and very little free time for leisure. But without all these businesses, small or large, where would our society be?

I would love to see more new businesses develop in our little town. The more there is for people to see and do, the more folks our town will attract. Many of our customers love the fact that when they drive to Rockford to visit our gallery, there are other points of interest as well -- Artis Wright's work, the Muenzmay's store, the old rock jail, and last but not least, enjoying the novelty of an "old timey" style drug store. As a matter of fact, the photographer accompanying a journalist interviewing my husband recently, commented that "it was like going back in time -- a time warp" visiting our little town.

I desperately hope we can all hang onto that feeling -- it is part of the charm and character that make Rockford such a neat place. However, there comes a time when changes are needed -- a move in the right direction, if you will -- or perhaps better put "rules and regulations" implemented.

A glance around by a visitor at some of the abandoned and derelict properties, residential and commercial, that dot our community, leaves the immediate impression that someone just doesn't care. And since you, the elected officials, of our town are the only ones who can legally effect positive changes in this regard, I again plead for some immediate action and consideration by ya'll for the benefit of all in our community.

Of course, assuming that no positive action is taken on your part, we always have the option of removing our building, piecemeal, before the termites that are beyond our control and the professional services of others, eat it all up, and utilize our lot in Rockford to store junk cars, or maybe start a hog farm there, whereupon we would move the gallery to our farm --folkart collectors love scraping their beamers on a dirt drive. Gee, come to think of it, we already have an 1800 square foot building that would be perfect for a gallery there!

Jo Ann Simpson  
May 12, 1998

TOWN COUNCIL

A G E N D A

JUNE 9, 1998

1. Call to Order
2. Visitors
3. Minutes
4. Financial Statements
5. Dental Insurance
6. Sign on Hwy 22 East
7. Speed limits around school
8. Purchase of new flags
9. Ordinance for dangerous structure

TOWN COUNCIL  
M I N U T E S  
June 9, 1998

The Town Council held their regular meeting Tuesday, June 9, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Doris Culver, Catherline Slater, Jim Rittmann, Margie Lee, Ray Ellison and Shelia Austin. Lewis Scarbrough was present representing The Coosa County News.

The minutes from last months meeting were approved. Financial Statements were discussed.

The council reviewed a Blue Cross Blue Shield dental plan that can be added to the employees health insurance. Jim Rittmann made motion to approved adding the dental plan and for the town to pay one-half of the cost of \$18.00 monthly for single and \$47.00 for family. Margie Lee seconded. All approved.

The Council reviewed an amendment to ordinance number 547 implementing a speed limit of 15 miles per hour on city streets. Jim Rittmann made motion to consider the ordinance. Ray Ellison seconded. All approved.

Mayor Culver said that Wendell Heath has contacted her about the old cemetery on Highway 22 East. He said they are cleaning up the cemetery and want the Council buy a sign to put on Highway 22 about the cemetery. He said he would provide the pole and get the sign put up if the Town would buy the sign. He said it will cost approximately \$100.00. Jim Rittmann suggested asking the Historical Society if it is something they would be interested in doing.

Mayor Culver showed the Council one of the flags that we put out at the median for certain holidays. They are torn and faded. Jim Rittmann made motion to purchase 10 new flags at \$21.00 each. Also, to purchase a flag to fly at Town Hall. Catherline Slater seconded. All approved. The council said they want the flags to be stored inside Town Hall.


The Council was given sample ordinance for dangerous structures.

Motion was made by Jim Rittmann to put gravel at the ball park. Ray Ellison seconded. All approved.

Jim Rittmann made motion to adjourn. Catherline Slater seconded. All approved.

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Mayor Doris Culver

  
Catherline Slater

**TOWN COUNCIL**

**A G E N D A**

**JULY 14, 1998**

1. Call to Order
2. Visitors
3. Minutes
4. Financial Statements
5. Ordinance Number 547
6. Economic Development Donation
7. Street Paving
8. Painting Town Hall (Inside)
9. Cemetery Sign
10. Football Program

## TOWN COUNCIL

### M I N U T E S

July 14, 1998

The Town Council held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, July 14, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Members present were Catherline Slater, Ray Ellison and Margie Lee. Mayor Doris Culver, Jim Rittmann and Shelia Austin were absent.

Mayor Pro-Tem Catherline Slater called the meeting to order. The minutes from last months meeting were approved. Ray Ellison made motion to approve financial statements. Margie Lee seconded. All approved.

Motion was made by Ray Ellison to approve amendment to Ordinance 547 setting a speed limit of 15 mph on all city streets. Margie Lee seconded. All approved.

Ray Ellison made motion to buy speed limit signs to put around the school and ball field. Margie Lee seconded. All approved.

Clerk Casey McClellan read a memo form Mayor Doris Culver saying that we have been invited to join Lake Martin Area Economic Development Alliance. The letter explained the purpose of the Economic Development Alliance. Mayor Culver suggested we make a donation of \$200.00 to be a part of this. Ray Ellison made motion that we make a \$200.00 donation and become a member. Margie Lee seconded. All approved.

There was discussion on resurfacing various city streets. Ray Ellison made motion to bid out the project. Margie Lee seconded. All were in favor.

Clerk said she had sent letters to all the painters on the bid list, and any that have a business license asking them to bid on painting the inside of Town Hall. The two bids turned in were Kirby Barnett \$1,176.00 and Jim Turner \$2,329.00. Ray Ellison moved to talk with the Sheriff to see if it will be okay for Kirby to do the work since he is an inmate at the county jail.

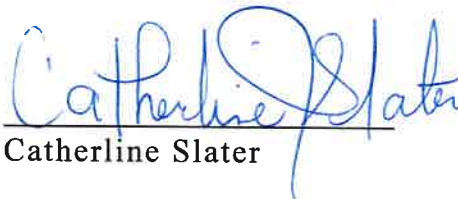
There was much discussion on the request to buy a cemetery sign for Highway 22 East. Clerk said she has talked to Inez Warren about the Historical Society purchasing the sign and she advised they do not have the funds at this time. The Council unanimously decided to table it until next month.

Ray Ellison made motion to adjourn. Margie Lee seconded. All approved.

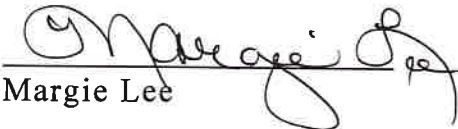
Absent  
Mayor Doris Culver

Absent  
Jim Rittmann

Absent  
Shelia Austin

  
Catherline Slater

  
Ray Ellison

  
Margie Lee

ATTEST:

  
Casey McClellan, Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL

A G E N D A

AUGUST 11, 1998

1. Call to Order
2. Visitors
3. Minutes
4. Financial Statements
5. Street Paving
6. Painting Town Hall
7. Football program
8. Invoices for approval

## TOWN COUNCIL

### M I N U T E S

August 11, 1998

The Town Council held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, August 11, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Doris Culver, Catherline Slater, Ray Ellison, Margie Lee, and Jim Rittmann. Shelia Austin was absent.

Mayor Culver called the meeting to order and recognized visitors. Tonya Lee was present representing The Coosa County News.

The minutes from last months meeting were approved. Financial statements were discussed. Mayor Culver told the Council that Bobby Davis and Jasper Fielding have agreed for the County to pave the roads for the town. This will save us money since we will just be paying for materials. Catherline Slater made motion to get a cost estimate for leveling with plant mix from H & H Asphalt. Ronnie Brown seconded. All approved.

The Council discussed putting an ad in the Central High School football program again this year. Each person will have to make a personal donation since town funds cannot be used. Ray Ellison made motion to place a ¼ page ad. Catherline Slater seconded. All approved.

Catherline Slater made motion to pay Alabama League of Municipalities \$200.00 and Dark Insurance \$5,684.00 from General Fund and \$1,555.00 from Road & Bridge Fund.

Mayor Culver said that Robert Smith has asked for the town to make a 90 loan to the Rockford Volunteer Fire Department. The new building has been ordered and should be here before the end of the month. He said they have been offered \$15,000 for the old fire station, but plan to put it up for auction. Once the building is sold, they will pay the money back. Clerk is to check with the League of Municipalities to see if it will be legal and what kind of contract we will need. Jim Rittmann made motion to make the loan if there is not a problem legally. Ray Ellison seconded. All approved.

The Council reviewed the four bids received for painting town hall. They were as follows: Kenneth Shaw \$1,250, Harris Painting \$2,450, Kirby Barnett \$1,550, Turner Painting \$1,877.

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Kenneth Shaw has agreed to sign a waiver from holding the town responsible of any accidents. Jim Rittmann made motion to hire Kenneth Shaw if the waiver will be legal. Catherline Slater seconded. All approved.

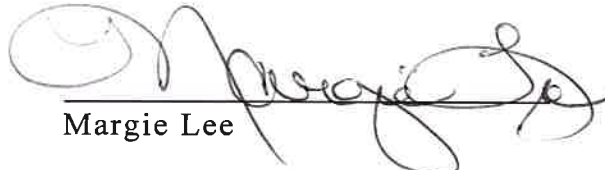
Catherline Slater made motion to adjourn. Jim Rittmann seconded. All approved.

  
Mayor Doris Culver

  
Catherline Slater

  
Ray Ellison

  
Jim Rittmann

  
Margie Lee

absent  
Shelia Austin

ATTEST:

  
Casey McClellan, Clerk

**TOWN COUNCIL**

**A G E N D A**

**September 8, 1998**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Visitors**
- 3. Minutes**
- 4. Financial Statements**
- 5. Loan to fire department**
- 6. Letter from Shelia Austin**
- 7. Lake Martin Area Economic Development Alliance - Resolution**

## TOWN COUNCIL

### M I N U T E S

September 8, 1998

The Town Council held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, September 8, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Mayor Doris Culver, Catherine Slater, Jim Rittmann, Margie Lee, and Ray Ellison. Shelia Austin was absent.

Mayor Culver called the meeting to order and recognized visitors. Tonya Lee was present representing The Coosa County News.

The minutes from last months meeting were approved. Financial Statements were discussed. Mayor Culver told the Council that we have found out that we cannot lend money to the fire department. Each council member received a copy of the Code of Alabama referring to municipalities lending credit. She told the Council we have wrote a letter to the fire department telling them that we legally cannot make the loan they requested.

Mayor Culver read a letter of resignation from Shelia Austin. Jim Rittmann moved to accept her resignation. Catherine Slater seconded. All approved. Clerk is to run an ad in the newspaper advertising the position available.

Jim Rittmann made motion to pass a Resolution making a \$200.00 donation and becoming a part of the Lake Martin Area Economic Development Alliance. Catherine Slater seconded. All approved. Mayor Culver told the Council she has agreed to serve on the board of directors.


Mayor Culver announced there will be a meeting about the Christmas parade Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

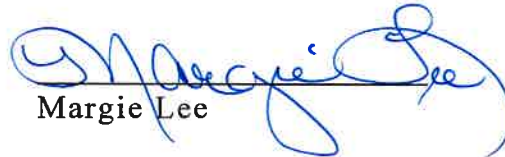
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Jim Rittmann made motion to adjourn. Catherline Slater seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

  
Mayor Doris Culver

  
Ray Ellison

  
Catherline Slater

  
Margie Lee

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Jim Rittmann

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Shelia Austin

ATTEST:

  
Casey McClellan, Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL

A G E N D A

October 13, 1998

1. Call to Order
2. Visitors
3. Minutes
4. Financial statements
5. Administrative fees for retirement plan
6. Update Christmas parade

TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

October 13, 1998

The Town Council held their regular meeting Tuesday, October 13, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Doris Culver, Catherline Slater, Margie Lee and Ray Ellison. Jim Rittmann was absent.

Mayor Culver called the meeting to order and recognized visitors. Wendy Jackson was present representing The Coosa County News.

The minutes from last months meeting were approved. Financial Statements were discussed.

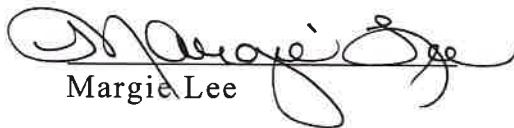
Catherline Slater made motion to pay \$140.00 administrative fees for the retirement program. Margie Lee seconded. All approved.

Mayor Culver gave the Council an update on the Christmas parade. She said the parade will be Saturday, December 5, 1998 and merchants will have open house from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. and we have invited church choirs to sing from 4:00 until 6:00 and the parade will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Catherline Slater made motion to adjourn. Ray Ellison seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

  
Mayor Doris Culver

  
Catherline Slater

  
Margie Lee

  
Ray Ellison

absent  
Jim Rittmann

ATTEST:

  
Casey McClellan, Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

M I N U T E S

The Town Council held a special called meeting Monday, October 23, 1998 at 4:45 p.m. Members present were Mayor Doris Culver, Jim Rittmann, Margie Lee, Catherline Slater and Ray Ellison.

Mayor Culver called the meeting to order. Clerk Casey McClellan explained that in 1991 the Volunteer Fire Department bought the fire station on Main Street from Mr. Oaks. Mr. Oaks deeded it to the Town for a tax right off. The Town agreed to donate \$1,000 and loan \$5,000 still needed to the Rockford Volunteer Fire Department to buy the property on Main Street. The Fire Department was to pay the Town back in yearly installments. Clerk said that in 1994 the Fire Department still owed the Town \$2,650.00. At the Town Council meeting April 12, 1994 the Council agreed to delete \$2,000.00 of the amount still owed as a donation to the Fire Department. The Fire Department paid the Town the \$650.00 still owed on September 23, 1994.

Clerk explained that the Volunteer Fire Department has satisfied their obligation to the town, but the Town has not yet deeded the property to the Volunteer Fire Department.

Clerk read Ordinance Number 563 "An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposition of Unneeded Real Estate". The ordinance would empower the Mayor of the Town of Rockford to execute a proper deed conveying the interest of the Town of Rockford to the Volunteer Fire Department. (see attached)

Jim Rittmann made Motion to Consider the Ordinance Number 563. Catherline Slater seconded. Ray Ellison voted yea, Margie Lee - yea and Mayor Doris Culver - yea. Considering all Council members were in favor, Jim Rittmann made motion to approve Ordinance Number 563. Catherline Slater seconded. Ray Ellison - yea, Margie Lee - yea, and Mayor Doris Culver - yea.

Mayor Culver said the Volunteer Fire Department is planning to auction the building and property since the money is needed to fund the new fire station. The Council considered the possibility of the Town purchasing the property and building, but after discussing the underground tanks on the property and the expense and liability the matter died due to lack of a motion.

Jim Rittmann made motion to adjourn. Catherline Slater seconded. All approved.

Doris Culver  
Mayor Doris Culver

Catherline Slater  
Catherline Slater

Jim Rittmann  
Jim Rittmann

Ray Ellison  
Ray Ellison

Margie Lee  
Margie Lee

ATTEST: Casey McClellan  
Casey McClellan, Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL

A G E N D A

November 10, 1998

1. Call to Order
2. Visitors
3. Minutes
4. Financial Statements
5. Health Department yearly allocation
6. Horseshoe Bend Regional Library yearly allocation
7. Municipal Workers Comp Insurance program 5% discount
8. Five Mil Property Tax Ordinance
9. Christmas party - December 11, 1998

TOWN COUNCIL  
M I N U T E S  
November 10, 1998

The Town Council held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, November 10, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Doris Culver, Jim Rittmann, Catherline Slater, Ray Ellison, and Margie Lee.

Mayor Doris Culver called the meeting to order. The minutes from last months meeting were approved. Financial Statements were reviewed.

Catherline Slater made motion to appropriate \$500.00 to the Health Department as their yearly allocation. Margie Lee seconded. Ray Ellison voted yea, Jim Rittmann voted no.

Jim Rittmann made motion to allocate \$250.00 to Horseshoe Bend Regional Library again this year. Catherline Slater seconded. All were in favor.

The Council reviewed the safety commitment letter from Municipal Workers Compensation Fund offering a 5% safety discount. Jim Rittmann made motion to adhere to the safety standards outlined and receive the 5% discount. Catherline Slater seconded. All approved.

Jim Rittmann made motion to consider Ordinance Number 564 "An Ordinance providing for the levying and collection of taxes upon property situated in the Town of Rockford". Catherline Slater seconded the motion to consider. All approved. This ordinance is renewed every year.

Catherline Slater made motion to approved Ordinance Number 564 with all members present and in favor. Jim Rittmann seconded. All members were present and all voted yea.

Jim Rittmann made motion to adjourn. Catherline Slater seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Doris Culver  
Mayor Doris Culver

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Jim Rittmann

Ray Ellison  
Ray Ellison

Catherline Slater  
Catherline Slater

Margie Lee  
Margie Lee  
ATTEST:

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Casey McClellan, Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

November 16, 1998

The Town Council held a special called meeting Monday, November 16, 1998 at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Doris Culver, Catherine Slater, Jim Rittmann, Ray Ellison, and Margie Lee.


Mayor Culver called the meeting to order. Clerk Casey McClellan was present to take the minutes.

The reason for the special called meeting was to pass an ordinance approving the sale of the property and well house at Cottage Grove. After reviewing the ordinance declaring the property unneeded and granting Mayor Doris Culver and Clerk Casey McClellan the authority to sign all necessary paperwork for the sale of the land.

After reviewing the Ordinance. Jim Rittmann made motion to consider the ordinance. Ray Ellison seconded. Margie Lee voted yea, Catherine Slater voted yea. With all members present and all in approval of considering the ordinance, Jim Rittmann made motion to approve the ordinance. Catherine Slater seconded. All were in favor.

Jim Rittmann made motion to adjourn. Catherine Slater seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

  
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Mayor Doris Culver

  
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Catherine Slater

  
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Margie Lee

  
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Ray Ellison

ATTEST:

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Jim Rittmann

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Casey McClellan, Town Clerk

**TOWN COUNCIL**

**A G E N D A**

**December 8, 1998**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Visitors**
- 3. Minutes**
- 4. Financial Statements**
- 5. Appoint Town Council member**
- 6. Christmas party**
- 7. Re-appoint Joyce Dunlap to Library Board**
- 8. One-time raises for employees**
- 9. Invoices for approval**

TOWN COUNCIL  
M I N U T E S  
December 8, 1998

The Town Council held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, December 8, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Doris Culver, Catherline Slater, Ray Ellison, and Margie Lee. Jim Rittmann was absent. Glenda Cardwell was present to take the minutes in the absence of the Clerk.

Mayor Culver called the meeting to order and recognized visitors present. The applicants for the Town Council position were Tonya Lee, Shelia Poppell, Carel Smith, and Wade Brown. Catherline Slater made motion to appoint Tonya Lee to the position. Margie Lee seconded. Ray Ellison moved to appoint Wade Brown. The motion was not seconded. Tonya Lee was appointed by majority vote. Mayor Culver swore her in office.

The minutes from last months meeting and the minutes from the special meeting were approved. Financial Statements were discussed.

Catherline Slater made motion to re-appoint Joyce Dunlap to the Library Board. Ray Ellison seconded. All approved.

Motion was made by Ray Ellison to approve one-time raises of 450.00 for employees. Catherline Slater seconded. All were in favor.

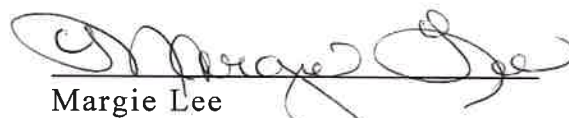
Invoices to be paid were reviewed. Mayor Culver questioned H & H Asphalt bill for \$19,600.00. She said she thought H & H Asphalt was to tar and gravel also because the county does not have time. Randy said it was his understanding that the County was going to do the tar and gravel. Randy is to check with the County. Catherline Slater made motion to approve invoices. Ray Ellison seconded. All approved.

Ray Ellison made motion to adjourn. Catherline Slater seconded. All approved.


  
Mayor Doris Culver

  
Catherline Slater

  
Ray Ellison

  
Margie Lee

absent  
Jim Rittmann

ATTEST:  
  
Glenda Cardwell, Acting Clerk