Special Meeting
July 23, 1968

A meeting was held Tuesday, July 23, 1968 at 2:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building for the purpose of discussing the bids on the relocation of electric, water and sewer facilities due to the Route 33 Project.

The following people were present: Mayor Welty H. Hensley, Councilman Harold A. Workman, Town Superintendent David C. Liskey, Clerk Norma R. Leap, Mr. Edward B. Higgs of Higgs & Shumate, Mr. Connie Kurtz, State Highway Department, and Mr. Russell Smith of the Rockingham Construction Company.

Mr. Kurtz, speaking for the highway department, stated that they felt the low bid from Monger Brothers of $43,356.07 for the water and sewer facilities was within reason and recommended that the town execute the contract authorizing Monger Brothers to proceed with this work. He stated that the low bid of $44,456.00 submitted by Rockingham Construction Company for the relocation of the power facilities was considered unreasonable and recommended the town reject this bid. This left two alternatives. One, resolicit for bids or two, the town buy the materials and hire the labor and equipment on a cost per hour basis.

Mr. Hensley presented a proposal from Mr. W. O. Weaver, Prsident of the Rockingham Construction Company, Inc. in which they proposed to furnish labor, supervision, tools and equipment for the installing of the new power facilities and removal of certain of the existing facilities. They proposed to start construction by December 1968 and to complete the job by March 1, 1969 at a lump sum of $24,511.00. This proposal did not include materials.

Mr. Kurtz stated that the Highway Department would prefer cost per hour basis and not contract for a lump sum.

After much discussion, it was decided that it should be presented to the council that the town furnish the material. Mr. Higgs was asked to furnish new copies of lists of materials and Mr. Liskey would submit the lists to suppliers for quotes on prices and instructing them that delivery date of the material can be no later than October 1, 1968. Mr. Kurtz reminded the town that after the material is received, partial bills could be submitted to the state for payment as long as they were $1,000.00 or more.

It was agreed to recommend to the council that Rockingham Construction Company be obtained to furnish the labor and equipment for this project. Mr. Smith of Rockingham Construction Company was requested to submit a new letter on estimated costs, on a per hour basis, for labor, equipment, overhead, insurance, other anticipated costs itemized and also furnsih a certificate of insurance. Mr. Smith was instructed that they would need to furnish information weekly on a per hour basis for billing to Mr. Higgs. Mr. Higgs would prepare monthly statements which would be presented to the town for approval then forwarded to the State Highway Department for their approval and payment. The town will then forward payment to Rockingham Construction Company is to begin construction no later than November 1, 1968 and job is to be completed by March 1, 1969.

Mr. Kurtz informed those present that the state would have an observer who would check to see if the project was meeting state specifications but would not remain on the job constantly but rather make periodical inspections. He also felt the new agreements could be handled on a letter basis as a supplement to the original agreement. Mr. Kurtz informed Mayor Hensley that administrative costs could be submitted and also that costs for town employees who will work on this project could be submitted on a cost per hour basis at the present rate they are being paid by the town.

Mayor Hensley stated that the town would obtain the new estimates on the costs of materials, labor, equipment and administration. He requested that the State then send the town a letter of authorization for this project from the Virginia Department of Highways.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

APPROVED: Welty H. Hensley
Welty H. Hensley, Mayor

RECORDER: Norma R. Leap
Norma R. Leap, Clerk