SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING
November 19, 1980

A Special Council Meeting was held Wednesday, November 19, 1980 at 7:30 P.M. in the council chambers with the Mayor, Maurice W. Lough presiding. The following council members were present: V. L. Cook, Jr., S. P. H. Flick, L. C. Life and R. L. Snow. Councilman C. A. Schumacher was absent. Gerald Monger, Superintendent, R. Bruce Wiles, Attorney and Betty H. Engle, Assistant Clerk were also present.

Councilwoman Life moved, seconded by Councilman Cook and carried to accept the resignation of Fred Bennett from council. The vote was recorded as follows:

V. Cook	- yea	L. Life	- yea
S. Flick	- yea	R. Snow	- yea

Councilwoman Life reported that the Public Safety Committee has met and was recommending to council the hiring of two police officers and one chief, bringing the force up to five.

Councilwoman Life moved, seconded by Councilman Cook and carried to hire two police officers and a chief. The vote was recorded as follows:

V. Cook	- yea	L. Life	- yea
S. Flick	- yea	R. Snow	- yea

Councilman Flick explained that the previous bid of $7,785.00 from R. Loring Cover Insurance Agency had been raised to $9,094.00 because of a misunderstanding but was still lower than the bid from Hensley Insurance Agency of $11,654.00.

Councilwoman Life moved, seconded by Councilman Cook and carried to accept the low bid of $9,094.00 from R. Loring Cover Insurance Agency. The vote was recorded as follows:

V. Cook	- yea	L. Life	- yea
S. Flick	- yea	R. Snow	- yea

Superintendent Gerald Monger asked council to appropriate $15,000.00 in the electric department. Some of the reasons he gave for this addition was cost of meters, supplies that were ordered for ShenElk and did not come in until this years budget, also for underground wire, which most new homes are requesting, transformers, wire to sewage treatment plant that was not anticipated, also updating some electrical systems in town, more meter bases and wire for ShenElk additions, and most of this has been done under capital improvement. This was the First Reading to transfer $15,000.00 from Current in the Electric Budget to $14,000.00 to Supplies and $1,000.00 to Miscellaneous.

Councilman Flick moved, seconded by Councilman Snow and carried to pass a resolution to be sent to the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors encouraging that every effort be made by both parties to reach a fair compromise in the annexation case. The vote was recorded as follows:

V. Cook	- yea	L. Life	- yea
S. Flick	- yea	R. Snow	- yea

Mayor Lough reported on the annual town Christmas Party to be held Thursday, December 11, 1980 at 6:30 P.M. at Bethel Church, and asked everyone to notify Mrs. Leap as to the number of people planning to attend and the ages of the children.

Mayor Lough announced there will be a called meeting Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M. to hire personnel and a Second Reading on appropriations.

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR: Maurice W. Lough, Mayor

RECORDER: Betty H. Engle, Asst. Clerk

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