PUBLIC HEARING
June 14, 1985

A Public Hearing was held June 14, 1985 at 7:30 P.M. in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: R. E. Davis, S. P. H. Flick, B. B. Holt, H. W. Leap and L. C. Life. H. A. Leet was absent. Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent, and Warren Pence, Acting Chief were also present.

Mr. Fred Davis was the only citizen present. He asked why the town wanted to raise rates when the trend in the federal government is to cut. Several of his concerns were the need for sidewalk repairs and the amount of money being spent and the time put in by town employees on recreation.

Council members explained to Mr. Davis that additional expenditures in the budget, such as the increase in the Sewer Budget for I & I and the loan payment on the garbage truck in the Garbage Budget, and the demand for more services create a demand for more revenues. It was also pointed out that the money for recreation was to help match the grant the recreation department received and was a four year advance on monies normally given each year. They also reported that a priority list has been set up for work on sidewalks.

Councilwoman Life reported that she had received two calls. One was regarding the water rates. It was felt that water rates to outsider users are low and we should consider increasing these. It was explained that outside water rates are higher now and that they would also be increased the same percentage when the rates are increased. The other caller stated that they hope the town plans in the future to obtain some equipment to clean the streets, particularly in the downtown area, or to have money in the budget to hire someone to help keep up the cleaning, especially in the downtown area. Mr. Monger stated that there is no money in the proposed budget to do this but that they have been considering purchasing a used street sweeper using the highway money if they can ever find a good one.

As there were no further comments, the Public Hearing adjourned.

MAYOR: Charles E. Dean
Charles E. Dean, Mayor

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