

April 3, 1975

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held at 7:30 in the cafeteria of the Salem-Tamassee School and opened with prayer by Rev. Spearman.

Chairman Bailes extended the appreciation of the Council for the hospitality of the Salem PTA and Community Club for the invitation to meet with them and the nice supper. Each Councilman then individually expressed their thanks.

John Hurd of the Computer Voting Systems demonstrated the computer voting and spoke briefly emphasizing the speed of the tabulation of votes. Chairman Bailes asked Mr. Hurd to make a study of the needs, considering the number of registered voters, etc., and then to furnish a cost, should it be decided to go to this system, especially for the three (3) towns at the present.

Eugene Edney of the Salem PTA gave a report of the growth of the Salem area stating that Salem now has approximately 800 registered voters and approximately 490 students in the school. Salem now has roughly a population of about 3,000.

Mayor Jerry Wigington welcomed the Council to Salem and thanked them for the fine job they are doing and offered Salem's cooperation.

Robert Ramey read the resolution pertaining to the Chattooga River. Robert Ramey moved to adopt this resolution, it was seconded by Mr. Moore. All members voted yes. This resolution is to be sent to the Legislatures from S. C., N. C., and Ga.

Mr. Herring read a letter from K. H. White, architect giving the cost of \$1,200.00 for a feasibility study of the new jail. This was referred to Mr. Herring's Committee.

Councilman Bailes explained to the audience the function of the County Council.

Mr. Ramey extended an invitation for the County Council to hold its May 1st meeting at the Mountain Rest Community Club. He made this in the form of a motion which was seconded by Mr. Herring. All members were in favor.

Councilman Thomas stated that Oxford Oil Co. of Seneca was low bidder on gasoline, oil, etc. and moved to accept this bid for the months of April, May and June. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ramey. All members were in favor.

Mr. Thomas also reported that budget hearings were proceeding well with 10 or 11 already approved.

Councilman Moore made a motion to purchase the glasses for a prisoner serving at the work camp for \$71.00. His family is unable to pay the bill and the man has 1½ years to serve. This motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas. All in favor.

Councilman Ramey read the letter from Dr. Mitchell to Harold Gibson stating his resignation from the Sewer Commission. The resignation of Dr. Mitchell from the Sewer Commission was accepted. Mr. Ramey reported that the Sewer Commission was increased from 5 members to 9 members. He made a motion to appoint the following:

Maurice L. Head, Salem with term to expire April 1, 1977
Lewis Chastain, Walhalla with term to expire April 1, 1978
Jerry Balding, Seneca with term to expire April 1, 1977
Howard Adams, Westminster with term to expire April 1, 1979
Frank Busch, West Union with term to expire April 1, 1978
Harold Gibson, Walhalla with term to expire April 1, 1979
Jerry Opperman, Seneca with term to expire April 1, 1978
Shelor G. Harbin, Westminster with term to expire April 1, 1979
James D. Senn, Seneca with term to expire April 1, 1978

Mr. Moore seconded this motion for the appointments. All members voted in favor.

Mr. Ramey moved to appoint the following to the Library Board. Mr. Moore seconded the move. All were in favor.

Ellen N. Childers, Westminster with term to expire March 3, 1978
Donald E. Neal, Mt. Rest with term to expire March 3, 1978

Mr. Ramey further recommended that Mr. C. Edward Smalley be named to the S.C. Appalachian Council Hazardous Waste Committee. Harold Thomas seconded, all members were in favor.

All members voted yes to the approval to the first reading of the Bond Ordinance (supplemental) Oconee County School District.

Councilman Herring announced a meeting in the COG office in Greenville, April 10th at 7 p.m. with Jack Lister to discuss communications, grants, etc.

Chairman Bailes announced a meeting April 7 at 2 p.m. in regard to the purchasing of the Oconee Station.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written upon a motion by Mr. Ramey, seconded by Mr. Moore. No objections.

All members were in favor of the motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Moore to adjourn.