

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

February 2, 2004 - 5:36 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Mayor Nicholson; Council Members: Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Herbert Vaughn, Johnny Williams, and Barbara Turnburke; City Manager; Assistant City Manager; City Clerk; City Attorney; Fire Chief Strange; and Misty Ebel from the Index-Journal.

MINUTES

Mayor Nicholson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council Public Hearing, Meeting, and Executive Session on December 15, 2003.

Motion was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Linda Edwards, approving the minutes as presented.

The Mayor asked, "Any questions, corrections, or discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion was carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Mayor Nicholson asked for a motion to accept as information the reports from the City Manager for December 2003, and the Commissioners of Public Works Consolidated Financial Report for the period ending November 30, 2003.

A motion was made by Barbara Turnburke, seconded by Herbert Vaughn, to receive the reports as information.

The Mayor asked, "Any discussion or corrections? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER

An Ordinance
Authorizing City
Manager and City
Clerk to Execute a
Quitclaim Deed to
Greenwood
Development
Corporation
Conveying a
Section of Road or
Alley Located off
Oregon Avenue.

(2nd reading)

Under old business, Mayor Nicholson read the first item and asked for a motion.

Motion was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Betty Boles.

The Mayor asked, "Any discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

An Ordinance
Annexing 14.00
Acres of Property,
Owned by Carolina
Health Centers,
Inc., Located off
Gregor Mendel
Circle.

(2nd reading)

Mayor Nicholson read the second item and ask for a motion.

Motion was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The Mayor asked, "Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

- attach -

CONSIDER

An Ordinance
Annexing a Strip of
Land Ten Feet (10')
Wide, Owned by
the Commissioners
of Public Works for
the City of
Greenwood,
Located off Emerald
Road.

(1st reading)

Mayor Nicholson read the third item and recognized the City Manager.

STEVEN BROWN

“Mr. Mayor and City Council, at last month’s meeting, we brought this to you for information. We asked you to allow us an opportunity to gather additional information. I would tell you tonight that some of our questions have been answered, and we feel before second reading all of our questions will be answered. We’re still attempting to negotiate some agreements for additional fire protection, and we think that can be resolved by next month’s meeting. I would recommend that you take first reading tonight and second reading at the February meeting.

We have been able to look at some design and conceptual plans of the school district building. The fire department has some questions about the locations of fire hydrants. We have made contact with the School District to get additional plans to review those documents, and we hope to have all of that done before the February meeting.”

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

“Okay. Thank you, Mr. Brown. Do I have a motion?”

STEVEN BROWN

“Let me just make one other comment, Mr. Mayor. I want to make it known up front that when we drafted the ordinance, it does not include any of the roadways adjacent to this property, and the City of Greenwood will not have any jurisdiction on any roadways adjacent to the school. All we’re asking you to do is to annex the property itself. Any problems associated with school crossing guards, traffic situations, accidents in front of the school will be the responsibility of some other law enforcement agency. I ask that you strongly consider leaving it as it is drafted.”

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

“Okay. Do I have a motion?”

Motion was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Barbara Turnburke.

“Is there any questions or further discussion?”

NIKI HUTTO

“One more question about fire. Do we have adequate fire protection to cover this area in a rapid response time?”

STEVEN BROWN

“I think that’s a question I can’t answer right now. I think if we can get a reciprocal agreement with a volunteer fire department, I would feel better about it. That’s what we’re attempting to do right now.

I think it’s incumbent upon you to start making plans to locate a substation on the eastern side of the City which could respond very well to all properties.

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

“Okay. Are there any other questions or discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand. So moved.”

Motion passed unanimously.

- attach -

CONSIDER

An Ordinance
Annexing 144.32
Acres of Property,
Owned by School
District 50, Located
off Emerald Road.

(1st reading)

Mayor Nicholson read the fourth item and said, “This strip was necessary to make this property contiguous with the City. Do I have a motion?”

Motion was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Herbert Vaughn.

The Mayor asked, “Is there any discussion or questions? Do you have a statement Mr. Brown?”

STEVEN BROWN

“Mr. Mayor and Council, I would be probably wrong if I didn’t make this statement to you. If it were not for this property positively impacting the Commissioners of Public Works, I wouldn’t recommend annexation. The City is taking on an additional burden, but I think it is positive for us because it’s positive for the Commission. The Commission has worked with us in so many ways, and I think this is a way for the City to show them that we are wanting to cooperate.”

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

“I can truthfully say they have been really supportive of the City on a lot of things we worked together on.”

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

“Is there any further discussion? All in favor of this annexation raise your right hand. So moved.”

Motion passed unanimously.

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ANNOUNCE

To City Council the
Person Appointed
by Mayor Nicholson
to the Municipal
Election

Mayor Nicholson read the fifth item and said, “As we all know, at the meeting in December, we had a letter from Mr. Davis stating he had resigned because of health issues. You have instructed me to find someone because we needed to have another person in place for the election.

I have another Davis, John W. Davis, that has agreed to serve for a

Commission.

short term. He is retired from Greenwood Mills, and has agreed to serve so that we would have our Election Commission in place for the election in April.”

CONSIDER

An Appointment to
the City/County
Planning
Commission Filling
the Unexpired Term
of Laura Woodall.

Mayor Nicholson read the last item under Old Business and said, “I did contact one person, but they’re getting ready to move out of town, so I’d say we postpone this until further notice.”

CONSIDER

Ordinance
Annexing Karlie Hill
Town-Houses,
Phase I and II, 7.20
Acres, Located off
East Laurel
Avenue.

Under new business, Mayor Nicholson read the first item and recognized the City Manager.

(1st reading)

STEVEN BROWN

“Mr. Mayor and City Council, we had originally intended to annex just Phase I because the developer wanted to annex his property in phases. He sent us a letter of intent and the Commissioners of Public Works moved, as they should have, to provide all utilities for the property. Then he started selling lots and homes before we ever actually annexed it.

The reason why I’m telling you this is because you see on one of the annexations, the signatures of property owners. We had him to ask the people, who had purchased these townhouses, to sign the annexation petition, and he was able to do so. Working with Steve Reeves at the Commission, we were able to convince him that he was going to run into this problem again if he didn’t annex Phase II, and he agreed readily to sign the petition. So we’re annexing both Phases I and II. Hopefully, there will be a Phase III soon.”

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

“Okay. Do we have a motion?”

Motion was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Niki

Hutto.

“Is there any further discussion or questions? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved.”

Motion passed unanimously. - attach -

AUTHORIZE

The City Manager to
Accept a Federal
Emergency
Management
Agency Grant
(\$110,210.00).

Mayor Nicholson read the second item and recognized the City Manager.

STEVEN BROWN

“Mr. Mayor and City Council, I would ask Chief Terry Strange to come and make a presentation to you on this grant.”

FIRE CHIEF
STRANGE

“Mr. Mayor and City Council, the Firefighters Grant Program is administered by the United States Fire Administration, which is a division of FEMA. The grant assists rural, urban, and suburban fire departments in meeting equipment needs. It was about \$750,000,000 distributed to 7,000 fire departments. It is item specific, and we’re going to show you what we requested in the grant. The pictures are basically generic, but I want you to get an idea of what they are.

The first item we’re purchasing are two thermal imaging cameras. We have one in the department now, and this grant will allow us to have one in each of our three stations.

The second item is a trench rescue kit. This is required if we had to try any type of rescue where there is a caved-in trench. We have a lot of construction companies in the area that dig trenches. Some of the Commission of Public Works and Public Works Department personnel will be digging trenches. We need this equipment in order to facilitate a rescue properly.

Integrated Pass Device; this will be purchased to put on our air packs. What we have now is a ‘Personal Alert Safety System’. If a firefighter becomes immobile for 30 seconds or more, this alarm goes off and lets us know we have a firefighter down. The only problem with that is, the man has to manually turn it on and off. This integrated pass device takes the human factor out of it, to an extent. Once he turns his air pack on, it automatically activates. It also has an emergency escape and, if he is trapped and can’t push

it, it'll go into automatic alert to let us know we need to get him out.

We're purchasing additional HAZMAT Equipment. All of our personnel are trained to a HAZMAT Technician Level, which is a level of training that you must have if you're going to do anything in a hazardous material incident.

This is going to allow us to get additional 'Level A' Suits, which is the highest protection we can get for HAZMAT incidents. Some additional Splash Suits and HAZMAT Boots can be utilized if we were to become involved in any type of terrorist event with biological agents.

A Respirator Fit Test Machine, is something that you may be familiar with. Every year we have to fit test our personnel for the respirator (the air packs that they wear). In the past, we always had to contract with somebody to do that for us and when we hire new personnel, it sometimes get very difficult to do that. Now, we will have our own machine in house to do that as needed.

An Accountability System. Anytime we have any type of event, it is our responsibility to keep up with the personnel on the scene. As that event gets larger, sometimes it's very difficult. This is an accountability system that actually has a microchip in it with all the firefighters information, including his blood type and next of kin on that tag. You just attach it to that machine and it automatically logs that firefighter on the scene. If you were to send him to the hospital, that tag can go with him. They can get a lot of medical information off of it and it also integrates with a computer.

Hazardous Material Gas Detectors. We have one now that will allow us to be able, in the event of a hazardous material incident, to go out and determine the level of toxicity, or inflammability, of a spill that may be in the area.

We will be able to purchase a laptop computer to use in our command unit that will help us keep up with a lot of this, and also an Automatic External Defibrillator for our command vehicle. You have probably seen a lot of these around airports, and things of that nature. When somebody has a heart attack, you can use this.

That's basically the extent of the items that we requested and were lucky enough to get."

STEVEN BROWN

"This grant will require a match of \$17,000 and we had budgeted that amount for some equipment. If Council would authorize us, we would not purchase that equipment under our General Budget, but reserve those funds to match this grant, and not ask you for any additional money. We can do it within our budget."

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

"Okay. Do we have a motion?"

Motion was made by Herbert Vaughn, seconded by Johnny Williams.

“Is there any further discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved.”

Motion passed
unanimously.

AUTHORIZE

The City Manager to
Participate in the
HUD \$1.00 Home
Program.

Mayor Nicholson read the third item and recognized the City Manager.

STEVEN BROWN

“About two weeks ago, we were notified that there was a HUD program called, the ‘\$1 Home Program’. There is a foreclosed home in a subdivision within the City and, at one time, HUD had this home valued at \$100,000. They have tried to market this home, but were not able to market and sell it. Their regulations require that after a six month period of time, they’re able to offer it to a local government. That government can receive title to the property to be used in a housing program.

What we would like for you to consider tonight is to allow us to request this home. It will be turned over to the City, and the only cost involved would possibly be some minimal closing costs. We would then like to turn this house over to the City of Greenwood Housing Authority and allow them to use it in their first-time homeowners program. They have a program where people, who have been living in the Housing Authority communities, move out and become a homeowner. It’s a very worthy and successful program. The only problem they have had is finding homes. You would ask, ‘How could someone afford a home of this nature?’ Well, we think the \$100,000 is an inflated value. We’re not tied to that amount. It could be sold to an individual much less than the \$100,000. It may be something that we can become involved in on a regular basis. If we do not take advantage of this, it will possibly go to some nonprofit corporation in New Jersey.

We talked with John Lamb, and he is eager to get the house. The monies the Housing Authority would gain from this program would be returned into providing other housing opportunities for people within the City of Greenwood.”

NIKI HUTTO "Is this house in movable and livable condition?"

STEVEN BROWN "Yes. We think it is in excellent condition. From what we can determine, I think with little effort at all, the person can move in very quickly."

NIKI HUTTO "And so the City only pays closing costs on this house?"

STEVEN BROWN "That's it."

NIKI HUTTO "With the stipulation of turning it over to HUD?"

STEVEN BROWN "No, not HUD."

NIKI HUTTO "To the Housing Authority?"

STEVEN BROWN "I don't want to mislead you. We don't have to turn it over to the Housing Authority. We could have our own housing program and do with it as we see fit, but it would have to be a part of a housing program. All I'm saying to Council is that there is an existing first-time home ownership program in the Housing Authority. Sonya Bethea administers that program, and they're doing a good job. I think we need to take advantage of what's already in place and not create something else."

BARBARA TURNBURKE "Could we accept the house and talk about what to do with it later?"

STEVEN BROWN "We need to tell HUD what we're going to do with it up front. It would have to be a qualified, first-time home ownership program."

NIKI HUTTO "In a first-time home program, they would basically provide subsidized financing. Is there a corresponding lender that works with the Housing Authority to get these people into homes?"

STEVEN BROWN "That's my understanding."

NIKI HUTTO "Okay. Will the profit from the sale of the home be reinvested into the program?"

STEVEN BROWN "That's right. That's my understanding, or reinvesting it into Housing Authority programs."

NIKI HUTTO "To purchase other homes that could be implemented in just that system?"

STEVEN BROWN "That's something I would have to ask."

NIKI HUTTO "What I would like to see is, personally, if that house is sold, the profit, or gain, would be reinvested into that program for the purchase of more housing to perpetuate it."

STEVEN BROWN

“Well, to follow up on your question, Ms. Turnburke, I would ask Council to allow us to request the home, and then negotiate with the Housing Authority, as to some of the questions and stipulations that you would like to place on this home. We need to get the home first and complete the paperwork to get it in.”

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

“Are there any other questions?”

BETTY BOLES

“We will only be responsible for possibly the closing costs?”

STEVEN BROWN

“Yes. That would qualify under our funds that we have recouped from other community development programs.”

LINDA EDWARDS

“One other question. Is there a rush for this?”

STEVEN BROWN

“The rush is that we have to apply or we’re going to lose the opportunity. I think we have some leeway in negotiating, and I know the Housing Authority is eligible to receive the house. “Motion was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Niki Hutto.

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

“Is there any further discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand. So moved.”

Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Mayor Nicholson read the fourth item and recognized the City Manager.

An Ordinance
Annexing 2.81 Acres
of Property off
Genesis Circle
Owned by Nehemiah
Corporation.

(1st reading)

STEVEN BROWN

“Mr. Mayor and City Council, this is a new development in front of the hospital and behind the new Beckman Mental Health Administration Building. It is a piece of property owned by Mr. Herbert Anderson, Jr. Genesis Circle is a new road he has constructed on this property. The first property has been sold to the nonprofit Nehemiah Corporation. They are tax exempt, but are also a customer of the CPW. We are negotiating with Mr. Anderson at the present time, and he is very interested in annexing

the additional properties. It is our belief that all of the other properties will be tax paying properties. The reason why we are not waiting until we can find something definite about the other properties is because the property owned by Nehemiah is contiguous with the City. They're wanting to begin construction and exercise their choices, as far as utility providers, so we need to make the annexation happen as quickly as possible."

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

"Do I have a motion?"

Motion to was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Linda Edwards.

"Is there any further discussion? All in favor of this annexation raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

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APPROVE

Municipal State
Highway Project
Agreement
Resolution for
Improvements to
Intersection of
Edgefield Street and
Wells Avenue.

Mayor Nicholson read the fifth item, and recognized the City Manager.

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor, this is a SCDOT project at Edgefield and Wells. It's my understanding that they intend to widen the intersection. The resolution only acknowledges that City Council has reviewed the plans and has no opposition. It's been happening for years."

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

"Okay. Do I have a motion that we approve this?"

Motion to was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Betty Boles.

"Is there any further discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

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RECOGNIZE

Mayor Nicholson read the sixth item and recognized Ms. Di Litwer.

Ms. Di Litwer of Girl
Scouts of Old
Ninety-Six Council.

Ms. Di Litwer

"I thank you for letting us come tonight. We want to do two things this evening. First, we want to thank everybody for the support of Girl Scouts in Greenwood. We also want to give each of you our new cookie that has come out this year, and remind you that February is cookie sales month. Please come and support us. Thank you."

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

"Okay. Thank you all very much. We appreciate everything that you do with the Girl Scouts and the valuable contributions you all make in our community."

RECOGNIZE

Mayor Nicholson read the last item's title and recognized Mr. Stanley B. Scott.

Mr. Stanley B. Scott
of Scott's Heating &
Cooling, Inc.

MR. STANLEY
SCOTT

"I'm just here to protest a fine that was thrown on us for some penalties on City license fees. We've been paying license fees for about 20 years. I did not know how it operated, until this month. They audited us for this past year and fined us for it. They also went back two more years and fined us for that. One of the problems we got with all this is, we get about 15 to 20 calls a day not knowing where they are. We can't police this. We cannot pay people to come out and find where these service calls are from. Nobody in the industry keep up with it anyway. You can't do it. Well you can, but you would have to hire somebody to call and find out where these houses are located. Some people don't know whether they're in the City or not.

I think the way we have been paying for the license, in which

nobody has ever told us how, and then to audit and fine me \$550 for it, needs to be looked into. I didn't know how the system worked until a month ago. I just wanted to bring that point across. I would also like to know what is the City license for and what they do?"

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

"Okay. Mr. Brown?"

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Scott's terminology is incorrect. It's not a fine, but a penalty as a result of our staff conducting random audits on business licenses. Mr. Scott's, like so many others, was audited and was found that he had not been reporting properly. Business licenses support City government. As you well know, people who have their businesses inside of the City, pay City Business Licenses on their gross receipts both inside and outside. Persons, such as Mr. Scott, are only required to pay on what he does inside of the City because his office is not located within the corporate limits.

Over the past 10 years, when the Commissioners of Public Works and the City Council negotiated a cooperative arrangement to annex properties and encourage development. When the City and the CPW jointly have encouraged development, businesses, such as Mr. Scott's, have gained from them.

Not only is he providing services to existing homes, but he also has an opportunity to provide service to both residential and commercial developments.

Mr. Scott and I have talked about ways that maybe he can be assisted in locating what is in and out of the City. I think his major concern is it requires a lot of time. We have other businesses similar to his that are able to address this situation and handle it. We'll do anything we can to try and assist him, but I would assure City Council that Mr. Scott is not being required to provide any information, or to pay any fees, that are not being required of any other HVAC businessman who works within the City."

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

"Mr. Scott, do have any other questions?"

MR. STANLEY
SCOTT

"No. I think you need to come up with something better where we can pay this stuff. If you just take the tax returns and do 20% of it, that's about what it comes up to what we do. I can't keep up with it, and no other heating and air company does this. They all do just what I was doing, estimating."

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

"Yeah, I noticed it's based it upon estimation, but there are some large maps that can tell you..."

MR. STANLEY
SCOTT

"I can't do that map. We got 15 calls a day and these maps takes time. I asked him to give me an address of everything inside the City and we might can look at that. We can't call here and find out what's inside the City. I just can't do it, and nobody else can do it either. It's just time consuming. It's hard enough to make a living

now without having too much paperwork.”

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

“Well, I think Mr. Brown can assist you in any way he can to try to rectify the problems that you have. I know it’s hard on small business and we’ll do whatever we can.”

MR. STANLEY
SCOTT

“It’s to the point now since 911, you don’t make any money, and everyone wants a part of it. I’m not trying to get out of anything because I can afford to do what I need to do, but I’m not going to stay in business and keep going on like this. One of the reason why we can’t compete with people is because they don’t police well enough to get those that are working out of their backyards. We all know it’s a common problem. I have to give benefits to keep my people. I got over 100 years experience, but it’s gotten to the point now we can’t do anything because too much goes on under the table. Now, the State has done some things about it this year, regarding having a license, but I don’t agree with the penalties they laid on me for not knowing how they operate until now. I don’t agree with that. I’ve already paid on the estimate, but I don’t agree with the penalties. If I’d known up front, I would’ve let it go.”

STEVEN BROWN

“Mr. Mayor and City Council, with him being located outside of the City, it was to his advantage to know what was inside. He could’ve chosen to pay on everything that he made, but it would’ve been an improper, higher fee. He knew that he is only required, as an outside contractor, to pay what he does inside of the City. We’re not hiding anything, because he knew that up front. It’s to his advantage to know what’s inside, because he can eliminate everything when he pays us. If he were located in the corporate limits, this wouldn’t be a problem because the City would use his tax statement to determine gross receipts. So being outside, he would pay only on what’s inside.

We’ll do everything we can, but to make a statement about things being done under the table is totally unfair. There’s nothing done under the table in the City of Greenwood. I don’t know where he got that indication. We do fine people often that do things without a license. We have a track record to show you that we have taken them to court. We have people riding the streets everyday trying to find them. I have personally followed people on Saturday afternoons, with a heating and air conditioning unit on the back of a little trailer, moonlighting without a business license. I have turned them in and they went to court. To make that kind of statement is unfair to those of us who work and try to do a good job.

MR. STANLEY
SCOTT

“You misunderstood me. I’m talking about them doing things under the table without licenses. What I’m saying is, I know people who are doing it right now and are not licensed.”

STEVEN BROWN

“If he gives me a list of them, we’ll get them tomorrow.”

MAYOR

“You know it’s hard to patrol everywhere, but we try to do it as

NICHOLSON much as possible, Mr. Scott. When we find them, they are fined. To be in every spot and see what everybody is doing, is just practically impossible, but we try to control it as much as possible.”

MR. STANLEY SCOTT “I understand that. Laurens County does a good job on everything. I can tell you that.”

STEVEN BROWN “He’s a reputable business man. There’s nothing wrong with Stanley Scott. He does good work, and we don’t hear anything bad about him. It’s just an accounting and paperwork problem that he has to handle as a businessman. I suggested we try and help him through the GIS system, and he said that it wouldn’t work because it still requires too much time. We’ll bend over backwards and do everything we can. We don’t want a dime of his money that he doesn’t owe us, but we want every dime that he owes us.”

MR. STANLEY SCOTT “I figured that out.”

STEVEN BROWN “That’s why we do audits; to try and make sure that the man who is reporting properly is treated as fair as those who don’t. I don’t think Stanley intended not to pay us. I think it’s just something that happened.”

MAYOR NICHOLSON “Okay.”

JOHNNY WILLIAMS “When you get within the City limits, the line is very clear.”

MR. STANLEY SCOTT “Not to me, they’re not.”

JOHNNY WILLIAMS “Well, if you go anywhere on Montague, everything on the left is in the City, all the way out on the other side of Blyth.”

MR. STANLEY SCOTT “Go down Mathews and one house will be in there and the other is in the County.”

STEVEN BROWN “I can get him a GIS map that’s updated every time we annex, and it clearly defines it. He’s going to have to keep up with it, but I think there’s a way of doing it.”

MR. STANLEY SCOTT “We’ve done new houses before that I thought were in the county, and that’s one of the reasons I owe this money. Service work is not that much in use, but when we do work in Laurens, Clinton, and McCormick, we don’t have any problems. I thought it was in the county because I don’t have any way of knowing, unless I spend a lot of time calling and trying to find out the street addresses. It’s just a problem that we can’t afford to hire somebody to do all this stuff.”

MAYOR “What if Mr. Brown try to get you those updated GIS maps?”

NICHOLSON

MR. STANLEY
SCOTT

"We can try it and see."

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

"Okay. See if that will help you any, Mr. Scott."

MR. STANLEY
SCOTT

"I'm not here to beat anybody out of nothing."

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

"Right. We just want to be fair, and that's why we audited the business you did inside the City and not on everything else, since you're not located within the City."

MR. STANLEY
SCOTT

"That's exactly right. But to me, we shouldn't be in this situation anyway. I might be speaking out of turn, but I don't understand why we got a City and a County anyway. We just need the County, in my opinion, and do away with half the jobs here to save the taxpayers some money."

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

"I think in Georgia they went to one form of government and, from what I heard, it cost more and the service was not as good."

MR. STANLEY
SCOTT

"It might have, but it works everywhere in a lot of other places."

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

"Well, it just depends upon where you are. Alright Mr. Scott, have a good day.

Okay, that's the last item on the regular agenda. At this time, I'd like a motion that we adjourn into executive session. Do I have a motion?"

Motion was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

"All in favor, raise your right hand. So moved."
Motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Floyd Nicholson, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer