

SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF
THE TOWN OF MORGANTON

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September 18, 1961

Present: H. L. Riddle, Mayor

Robert Carr, Town Manager
John McMurray, Town Attorney

Carl T. Ramsey)
David W. Rader)
J. T. Clemmer) Aldermen
R. L. Braddock)

Mr. Charles Carey, Mrs. E. W. Phifer, and Dr. A. M. Lang, Members of the Morganton City School Board; and Mr. M. S. Parham, Superintendent of Morganton City Schools.

Mayor Riddle called the meeting to order and stated that this meeting was called for the purpose of discussing a matter which came up at the last meeting of the Town Council. He stated that some 8 or 10 mothers of colored school children appeared before the Council on September 11th and requested that the Town help them in some way in transporting their children from the south end of town to Mt. View School. He stated that he did not know of anything that could be done about this, but that it might be well to discuss the matter with representatives of the School Board since it is a school matter. Mayor Riddle also stated that the group advised the Town Board that they had already met with the School Board and they were advised that the School Board could give them no help. The Mayor opened the meeting for discussion and requested that the School Board state their position in this matter.

Dr. Lang stated that he and Mrs. Phifer were appointed by the School Board to work on this matter. He stated that this group appeared before the School Board and requested that they be furnished transportation for their children to go to school. The present statute was read to them, which is interpreted that it is not the duty of any school system to provide transportation within $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles and it is not the duty of the city system to provide transportation under any circumstances. He stated the group was told that there was not anything the School Board could do since there were no funds available for this purpose. However, he stated that it was suggested in their meeting that since the local bus company operates under a City franchise, that possibly something might be worked out with the city whereby the Company might give the children a special rate. It was pointed out that if something is not done about this, that the colored children plan to enter white schools next year.

Mayor Riddle stated that he hoped this could be satisfactorily explained to the group of mothers. He also stated that the Town has nothing in its budget to take care of such a thing.

The group of 8 colored women came into the meeting at this point and Mayor Riddle requested Dr. Lang to explain the situation to them and tell them of the extent to which his Committee has gone to try to work something out for them in this matter.

After a rather lengthy discussion, Dr. Lang told the group he would be glad to talk with the Manager of the Suburban Coach Company and see if the Company would be willing to give the children a special rate to ride to and from school. The Town Manager agreed to go with Dr. Lang and discuss this matter with the Manager of the Bus Company. The group was advised that they would be notified as soon as this information is secured.

LETTER FROM DR. E. W. PHIFER:

The Town Manager read a letter from Dr. E. W. Phifer in which he thanked the Board for approving the request of interested citizens to air condition the Morganton Community Building.

Riddle, H. L. et. al. Minutes: Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the
Town of Morganton, 18 Sept. 1961. Book 9, pp. 109-112.

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PETITION FOR CURB AND GUTTER-ANN STREET:

The Manager stated that street improvements on Ann Street were approved in 1951, at which time the property owners decided to take surface treatment. He stated that they now want curb and gutter on this street. Upon a motion made by Alderman Clemmer and seconded by Alderman Rader, this request was approved and put on the work schedule in its regular order. The vote carried.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF CURB AND GUTTER-RAMSEY STREET:

The Town Manager presented a petition for the extension of 75 feet of curb and gutter on Ramsey Street. Alderman Clemmer made a motion that this petition be approved and put on the work schedule in regular order. This motion was seconded by Alderman Ramsey and passed unanimously.

PURCHASE OF MOTOR GRADER:

The Manager reported that our motor grader is in bad condition. He stated that the frame has broken twice recently and it has about 16,000 hours on it. Upon a motion made by Alderman Clemmer, the Manager was authorized to advertise for bids on a new motor grader. This motion was seconded by Alderman Braddock and passed unanimously.

WHEELER DALE WATER LINE:

The Manager reported that K. R. Williams and Yates Barlow have checked on the proposed water line for Wheeler Dale on Whitley Drive and also on the new street off Highway 70 between Normandy Drive and Whitley Drive, and they recommend that Mr. Dale be required to install a 6" line instead of a 2" line, as he requested. He stated that the 2" lines are overloaded and that this would not be practical. Upon a motion made by Alderman Braddock, the Town Manager was instructed to advise Mr. Dale that he would be required to install a 6" line at the above locations. This motion was seconded by Alderman Ramsey and passed unanimously.

STATE HOSPITAL WATER LINE-BEAR WALLOW:

The Town Manager stated that he and the Water Superintendent, K. R. Williams, had checked the old abandoned State Hospital line from Salem to the Watershed which was leased to the Town by the State, and that it was their opinion that the cost of putting the line into operation as a public water supply would be more expensive than it was worth. Mayor Riddle stated that it was his understanding that the State Hospital was going to turn over the "Lick Log" watershed to the Town also, but if only the Bear Wallow watershed, which he was very familiar with, had been leased to the Town, it was of little or no value to the Town. The Town Manager stated that in 1958 the State had asked the Town to take over this entire system from Bear Wallow to Morganton and that the Town had J. N. Pease and Company make a study and a report on it, and that it was recommended that the Town take over only that section from Salem to Morganton because of the cost of installing chlorinators, fluoridators, and pumping equipment to put the water into the Town's system. Mr. K. R. Williams was of the opinion that the yield from the watershed would not be sufficient to justify this expense and the cost of maintenance. The Manager stated that at the time negotiations with the new industry (Morganton Finishing Company) began, Mr. W. E. Dale had talked with State Hospital Officials about letting the industry use the water for cooling or process water and to let the Town use the section of line from Salem to Morganton, and that Mr. Johnson of the State Hospital had told him he was sure some arrangement could be worked out to do this with the line.

STATE HOSPITAL WATER LINE-BEAR WALLOW (Cont'd):

Alderman Clemmer made a motion that the Manager contact the Officials at Morganton Finishing Company and to sub-lease the line to the Company on the same basis as the Town had leased it in order to relieve the Town of the responsibility of maintaining this section, since the only line the Town was interested in leasing was the section from Salem to Morganton in order to make a circulating system of the Salem line. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ramsey and the vote carried unanimously.

After which the meeting adjourned.

Approved:

H. L. Riddle Mayor Robert P. Carr Town Manager.

SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF
THE TOWN OF MORGANTON

September 22, 1961

Present: H. L. Riddle, Mayor Robert Carr, Town Manager

Carl T. Ramsey)
David W. Rader)
J. T. Clemmer) Aldermen
R. L. Braddock)

Mr. Richard Wood and Mr. Tom Hudgens of Commercial Foresters, Inc.,
Mr. J. C. Voncanon, Mr. H. T. Ervin, Sr., Mr. H. T. Ervin, Jr.

Mayor Riddle stated that this meeting was called for the purpose of opening bids on Unit II of the timber on Henry River Watershed. The following bids were received:

Morganton Lumber Company	\$19,006.00
Pitts Lumber Company	\$15,100.00
Edmiston-Voncanon Boone, N. C.	\$12,409.59

Mr. Richard Wood stated that he would prefer to check these bids before making a recommendation to the Council. The bidders were advised that they would be notified of the successful bidder after Mr. Wood evaluates the bids and makes a recommendation to the Council.

After which the meeting adjourned.

Approved:

H. L. Riddle Mayor Robert P. Carr Town Manager.

SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF
THE TOWN OF MORGANTON

September 27, 1961

Present: H. L. Riddle, Mayor

Robert Carr, Town Manager

John McMurray, Town Attorney

David Rader)
Carl Ramsey) Aldermen.
J. T. Clemmer)

Mayor Riddle called the meeting to order and stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the timber bids which were opened on September 22, 1961.

The Town Manager read a letter from Mr. Richard Wood of Commercial Foresters in which he recommended that the contract for Unit II and alternate on Unit II be awarded to the high bidder, Morganton Lumber Company. Upon a motion made by Alderman Clemmer, the bid of Morganton Lumber Company in the amount of \$19,006.00 was accepted (and alternate) upon the recommendation of Mr. Wood. This motion was seconded by Alderman Ramsey and passed unanimously.

Mr. Tom Hudgens of Commercial Foresters requested permission to mark another unit of timber for sale. Alderman Ramsey made a motion that Mr. Hudgens be authorized to mark another unit of timber. This motion was seconded by Alderman Clemmer and passed by unanimous vote.

After which the meeting adjourned.

Approved:

 Mayor.

 Town Manager.

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF
THE TOWN OF MORGANTON
October 2, 1961

Present: H. L. Riddle, Mayor

Robert Carr, Town Manager

Carl T. Ramsey)
David W. Rader)
J. T. Clemmer) Aldermen
R. L. Braddock)

Mayor Riddle called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

PETITIONS:

(1) A petition for paving, curb and gutter on Roper Street was presented. Upon a motion made by Alderman Ramsey and seconded by Alderman Rader, this petition was approved and put on the work schedule in its regular order. The vote carried unanimously.

(2) Mr. Guy McGimpsey and Mr. Bill McSkimmons were present. Mr. McGimpsey stated that they were not in favor of widening and paving Clark Street if all of the property had to be taken off of one side of the street. Mr. McSkimmons stated he would not be able to get in his driveway if this is done. The Street Committee was requested to check this and report back.