PUBLIC HEARING
June 6, 1977

A Public Hearing was held June 6, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the Mayor, Maurice W. Lough presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. C. E. Dean, Mr. R. R. Dean, Mr. H. D. Flory, Mr. B. B. Holt, Mr. H. W. Leap, and Mr. R. J. Lough.

Mr. W. H. McGahey, representing the Fire Company, invited the Mayor and Council to ride in the Fireman's Parade, Friday, June 17, 1977 at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Robert Lough presented a brief outline on the budgets. The Revenue Sharing Budget was in the amount of $11,233.00. Mrs. Virginia Gentry ask if the items in the budget are up for bids. Mr. Lough stated that the town has already received bids on the truck and our purchasing procedures are set up so that anything over $500.00 must have three quotes, if possible.

The General Fund Budget included an expected revenue of $626,160.91 and expected disbursements plus debt retirement in the amount of $626,134.08.

The following citizen's commented on the budget: H. L. Baugher, Ruth Brookes, Hazel Crider, Stanley Crider, Wilson Gaynor, Virginia Gentry and B. W. Gooden. The major concern of those present was the $76,385.00 police budget and the raising of the tax rate, water and sewer rates and garbage collection services.

The consensus of the group was that the town needs to start curbing their expenditures. Several suggestions were made where money could be saved to eliminate an increase in taxes and increase in sewer rates. The suggestions were: do something about the dispatchers, possibly utilize the employees in the Treasurer's Office; eliminate unnecessary running of the garbage truck; charge for grinding brush and picking up large articles of trash; wait to see what increase there will be in taxes due to the reassessment by the county; and hold up on the sewer plant to try for a 100% funding rather than the 75% we already have.

Council assured those present that they would consider their suggestions and expressed appreciation for their interest and concern.

Council agreed to change the regular council meeting from Monday, June 13, 1977 to Wednesday, June 15, 1977 at 8:00 P.M. due to graduation at the high school Monday evening.

Mr. B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough and carried to conclude the Public Hearing.

MAYOR: M. W. Lough
Maurice W. Lough, Mayor

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