

**AVONDALE BOROUGH  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 29, 2005**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jay Pusey, Fred Bryan, Jerry Poe, Russ Kilmer, Bob Cleveland  
Absent: Pat Longen, Rose Ann Swift

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Glenn Diehl, Mike Shiring, Bill Romanelli, Howard Thompson, Harold Brown, Pat Harrison

After the Pledge Allegiance, President Pusey called the Special Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

President Pusey announced that an Executive Session was held prior to this meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

**RESIDENT REQUEST**

**PAT HARRISON**

Mr. Harrison said he would like to suggest to Council that the Borough do something to recognize Mabel Thomson for her years of service to the community and suggested having plaque made up for her. Russ Kilmer said it would be nice to do something for Mrs. Thomson, but because we have not done it in the past, we need to be very careful that we don't offend anyone from the past or in the future. We need to have criteria on how we base recognizing certain individuals. Glenn Diehl said a lot of municipalities use a resolution to recognize different individuals, Council agreed and the Secretary will draft a resolution.

**WILKINSON PROJECT - SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT WAIVERS**

Fred Bryan made a motion to grant 12 of the 15 waivers as recommended per Jamie Mac Combie's letter dated November 28, 2005, waiver #1 Section 2.2 was tabled until Council speaks with Mr. Mac Combie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ Kilmer, motion carried.

**WILKINSON I & I KICKOFF MEETING**

The I & I meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2005 at 5:30 P.M.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Fred Bryan gave the following report:

**2006 BUDGET**

The Finance Committee has finished the budget and following are proposed increases for 2006:

1. Raise the property taxes 1.75 mills.
2. Raise the trash collection fees \$20.00 per quarter.
3. Raise the water and sewer fees by 8%.

The reason for the increases is the additional expenses for the operation of the new plant and some other financial issues.

Russ Kilmer made a motion to approve the budget to be advertised, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Poe, motion carried.

SPECIAL MEETING – ADOPT BUDGET AND TAX ORDINANCE

The Special Meeting was scheduled for December 27, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Bob Cleveland gave the following report:

BOROUGH'S ENGINEER

In an effort to utilize the Borough's professionals associated with Borough more effectively, and due to many diverse projects occurring now and will be occurring with the Borough, the Personnel Committee recommends appointing James Mac Combie of Herbert Mac Combie as the Borough Engineer with the responsibilities for any and all engineering matters pertaining to the Borough recognizing their specific expertise in the areas of subdivision, land development and Borough infrastructure. Also, the committee recognizing Entech's expertise in the area of wastewater treatment recommend that Entech still be retained as Engineers with the sole and specific responsibility for matters relating to wastewater treatment plant and the Borough's water service. Fred Bryan made a motion to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ Kilmer, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

WATSON PARK FIRE

Russ Kilmer said someone set the play equipment on fire last Sunday night. The Secretary said she called the insurance company and someone is coming out on Thursday to give an estimate on the damage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- December's Council Meeting has been changed to Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.
- Water and Sewer Committee meeting and the Planning Committee meeting are cancelled for December.
- Reorganization Meeting will take place on Monday, January 2, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.
- Beginning January 2, 2006 – Council Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Water and Sewer Committee and Planning Committee meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Jerry Poe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Bryan, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Brownback  
Borough Secretary