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**AYNOR PICKS I-73 ROUTE IT LIKES BEST**  
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The Aynor Town Council agreed Monday to write a letter and create a resolution supporting the proposed 917 route for Interstate 73.

Mayor Charles Dawsey said he hoped the 917 route would keep Aynor from having a slice taken out of it by the highway. He said he thinks only nine houses would be disturbed if I-73 follows a route that does not go into town.

The council also took action to help relieve Police Chief Leonard McCrackin of transportation problems in the police department by voting to accept two free vehicles from the Horry County Police Department and to purchase a new Ford Crown Victoria.

Councilman John Gardner, who was elected mayor pro tem at the meeting, made the motion to use \$23,000 that was budgeted for laptop computers in police cars to purchase the new vehicle and to include \$23,000 in the next budget.

Laptops cannot be purchased until the Horry County Police Department has installed them in its cars because Aynor laptops will network with Horry County's.

In other business, the council discussed the possibility of creating city parallel parking, and moving power and phone lines - possibly burying them in some areas - as the town plans for the first stage of a beautification project paid for with a \$200,000 grant.

Councilman Craig Morrison questioned the possibility of using \$2,200 presented to the city by Horry County Councilman John Boyd to update the power source at the Town Park so that breakers would not trip when events such as the Aynor Harvest Hoe-Down Festival are held. The council has to make certain the funds can be used for that purpose.

Also, the council approved the first reading of a plan to rezone a small portion of land owned by the Horry County School District that faces Aynor High School to add restrictions that would not allow mobile homes. The rezoning requires a second reading.

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