REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday April 14, 1997
Central Town Hall
105 Werner Street
Central, S. C. 29630

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilmen: Edward Reynolds; Frank Chaka; James Teal; Joe Head; Harry Holladay; Bobby Busha. Administrator Herbert Thompson; Police Chief Joe Gibbs; Reeve Hastings, Habitat for Humanity; Beverly Cureton; Anne Sheriff.

Mayor Stan Thompson called the meeting to order.

Invocation by Councilman James Teal.

Mayor Thompson announced that the advertised Public Hearing concerning future utilization of the Old High School Building was now in session. He stated that the purpose of the hearing is to invite input from the citizens of Central, not to debate or argue differing view pointS.

Beverly Cureton and Anne Sheriff spoke in favor of saving the building if at all feasible since it is already on the National Register. Harry Holladay spoke in favor of saving the building if possible.

Public Session: No input.

Minutes of the March 10, 1997 meeting were presented with corrections. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Joe Head to accept. The vote was unanimous.

Report from Council Committees:
Edward Reynolds - Public Safety - Normal operations during month. BQ was rained out, and no Spring Fling this year. Chief Joe Gibbs stated that the police work was relatively normal.

Frank Chaka - Finance . Staying within budget.

James Teal - Recreation - Update on recreation activities.

Joe Head - Water and Sewer - A contractor is to meet with Mayor Thompson, Joe Head and Herbert Thompson to discuss I & I problems

Harry Holladay - Planning - Mr. Holladay stated his high impression of the opening ceremonies at the Library complex and would like to see a letter written to County Council and Tom Hendricks for their efforts in seeing this project through. Mr. Herbert Thompson suggested that Mayor Thompson draw up a resolution to present to County Council. Motion by Joe Head, second by Edward Reynolds for Mayor to draw up a resolution. Vote was six for and one abstention. Mayor Thompson abstained.

Bobby Busha - Streets and Sanitation - Debris pickup was discussed and it was made clear that the items such as brush, rocks, wood, metal, yard waste, must be separated so that we can pick up. Ordinance already on books as to this operation.

Consideration of Ordinances in Possession of Council:

A. Second reading of Ordinace #97-03-02 to adopt Rules of Order for Council. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Joe Head to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

B. Second reading of Ordinance #97-03-03 to amend the Official Zoning Map from RM16 to R-12, parcel that Habitat for Humanity is looking to place a home on. These parcels on Tax Map No. E18-14-12/12A. Motion by Edward Reynolds, second by Bobby Busha to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

C. Second reading of amendment to the Agreement for Contribution in Aid of Construction and for Shared Use and Governance concerning the proposed recreation facility. Motion by Edward Reynolds, second by Joe Head to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

A. Administrator's Report:

1. Administrator Herbert Thompson reminded Council of the Municipal Symposium for elected officials on April 28, 1997 to be held instead of the regular Pickens County Municipal Association meeting.

2. Painting of water tank. It has been decided that D. W. Daniel High School would be the preference to be included in the painting of the tank.

3. Mr. Herbert Thompson asked for the count for those who would attend the Municipal meeting in Charleston. Must know by April 25, 1997. The meeting is July 24-27, 1997.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Thompson reminded Council that Hometown Connection day is Tuesday April 15, 1997 at 10:30 A. M. in Columbia.

Mayor Thompson stated that he had sent a letter to Congressman Lindsey Graham asking for his assistance in acquiring a new post office for the Town of Central. This is for information from Congressman Graham as to who to go to or what route to take in this endeavor.

Mayor Thompson stated that the proposed budget would be reviewed in the next work session.
Mayor Thompson asked for Council's consent to present our annual Volunteer of the Year Award. Motion by Harry Holladay, second by Joe Head to proceed. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Thompson read the resolution R-04-97. Edward Reynolds was called forward to receive the "Volunteer of the Year Award" for 1996.

No further business, motion by James Teal, second by Bobby Busha to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace S. Towe
Grace S. Towe