

TOWN OF CENTRAL

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY JANUARY 12, 2004 – 7:00 P. M.

CENTRAL TOWN HALL

1067 WEST MAIN STREET

CENTRAL, S. C. 29630

Present: Mayor Harrison R. Holladay, Jr.; Council members: David Donald; Stan Thompson; Gary White. Newly elected Council members: David T. Boyles; Lynne O'Dell Chapman; Mac Martin. Administrator Herbert Thompson; Clerk Grace Towe. (Citizens who signed the attached list).

Mayor Harrison R. Holladay, Jr. called the regular Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p. m.

Invocation was rendered by Councilman Stan Thompson.

Town Clerk Grace Towe administered the oath of office to the three newly elected councilmembers, David T. Boyles, Lynne O'Dell Chapman and Mac Martin. Upon the acceptance of their oath each councilmember was seated.

Mayor Holladay called for nominations for Mayor pro tempore. David Donald nominated Mac Martin and David Boyles seconded this nomination. Mayor Holladay then called for any other nominations. Gary White nominated Stan Thompson and this nomination was seconded by Lynne Chapman. A motion was made by David Boyles and seconded by Stan Thompson for the nominations to be closed. Mayor Holladay called for a show of hands. By a show of hands Mac Martin received three (3) votes and Stan Thompson received four (4) votes, thus Stan Thompson was elected Mayor pro tempore for the next two years.

Mayor Holladay appointed the following Council committees:

Stan Thompson – Public Safety

Gary White – Planning

David Boyles – Water and Sewer

Mac Martin – Finance

Lynne Chapman – Recreation

David Donald – Streets and Sanitation

Mayor Holladay presented the minutes of the December 8, 2003 regular Town Council meeting as corrected in work session. Motion by Stan Thompson and seconded by Gary White to adopt as corrected. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session (30 minutes) No input.

Receipt and Disposition of Petitions (15 minutes) None.

Report from Council Committees:

Gary White and David Donald reported on citizen input on the Downtown Streetscape Project. A copy of this input shall be entered into the minute book along with a copy of the list of the people attending the public hearing. Mr. White

presented two plans and reported on some of the concerns that citizens had voiced reference some of the likes and dislikes for the town. It was noted that to make any change in the road system would require the Highway Department's input. Councilman David Donald expressed concern in making Main Street and Werner Street one way and did not think this would be in the best interest of the town. Mr. Donald reported that no one wanted Bank Street closed. It was noted that some planning for the project would be needed promptly to be able to apply for the grant that is anticipated. It was consensus of Council to get more information and be able to discuss the Streetscape issue in the next work session.

Stan Thompson – Public Safety – Mr. Thompson reminded Council of the request from the Fire Department for the use of the old Town Hall, though he had some mixed feelings about the request but as long as the Fire Department has a legitimate use for the building and will keep the heat and air conditioning turned down when the building is not in use, Councilman Thompson made a motion to grant the Fire Department's request for use of the old Town Hall. This motion was seconded by Lynne Chapman and the vote was unanimous.

David Donald – Streets and Sanitation – Mr. Donald reported on recycling for 2003 and advised that it was only at about 26% but has hopes that the program will be more productive in the future as the percentage should be near 70% participation.

Ordinances in Possession of Council:

First reading of Ordinance #02-09-04 BLR (Rental property) to amend business license Ordinance #03-02-03 BLA that pertains to rental property, annual gross income \$0-2,000 for the base minimum income will be \$55.00. All over \$2,000 will be set at .81 per thousand or fraction thereof. (Councilmen Gary White, David Boyles and Mac Martin excused themselves from the Council chamber for possible conflict of interest on the rental property ordinance). Motion by Council member David Donald and seconded by Councilmember Lynne Chapman to adopt this ordinance on first reading. The vote was unanimous.

Second reading of Ordinance #01-12-04 ZA to amend Ordinance #93-91-01 SC 93 Corridor Development Standards Section 100 paragraph (1) one. Whereas to add "starting at the eastern most portion of Hwy 93 at the Town limit sign and the portion of Church Street that is zoned Core Commercial and continuing along Hwy 93 to the western most portion of the Central Town limits." Motion by Council member David Donald and seconded by Council member Mac Martin to adopt on second reading. The vote was unanimous.

Second reading of Ordinance #01-12-03 W-S-T to revise water and sewer tap fees and to revise water, sewer, police, sanitation and recreation Impact fees. Motion by Councilman Stan Thompson and seconded by Council member Lynne Chapman to adopt on second reading. The vote was unanimous.

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Herbert Thompson reminded Council of a work session scheduled with the City of Clemson's Council on 1-15-04 in our Council chamber at 7:00 p. m. to discuss an Intermunicipal Agreement between the two municipalities reference purchasing water from the City of Clemson.

Mr. Thompson advised that our attorney is reviewing the draft copy of the Intergovernment Agreement with Pickens County Public Service Commission.

Mr. Thompson reported that Chief Joe Gibbs, Dean Martin and Tom Cloer attended a two day course at Goose Creek pertaining to OSHA regulations. The hazardous communications program is one issue to be brought up to date since it has not been revised since 1989.

The Institute of Government will be held February 17, 2004. This institute is beneficial in learning how to carry out the duties of each councilperson.

Mr. Thompson discussed the water situation. Buying water from Clemson would save the town considerable dollars.

Details are to be worked out.

Mr. Thompson reminded Council that a copy of the Statement of Economic Interest is to be filed by April 15, 2004.

A plan of study for the north treatment plant is under way after Mayor Holladay, Councilman David Donald and Administrator Thompson attended a session with DHEC in December, 2003.

Mayor's Report:

There was discussion of the survey forms needed for the sewer project and it was consensus of Council to survey only the portion of town to be affected by the sewer upgrade and to do this initially by mail

Mayor Holladay advised that he would be sending a letter to County Council Chairman reference various appointments.

Councilman Donald suggested that we start thinking of a volunteer of the year for 2003.

Mayor Holladay reminded Council of the Pickens County Municipal Association meeting for January 26, 2004 to be hosted by the City of Easley. A head count was obtained with seven to attend.

There being no further business Mayor Holladay called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Lynne Chapman and seconded by David Donald to adjourn and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Towe

Clerk to Council