



**TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
1067 WEST MAIN STREET, CENTRAL, SC 29630
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008**

Present: Mayor Mack Martin; Council Members David Donald, Tony Craig, Lynne O'Dell Chapman, Tracey Reynolds, David Boyles, and Gary White; Administrator Phillip Mishoe; Police Chief Kerry Avery; Fire Chief Ed Reynolds; Fire Department's Executive Officer Ben Smith; Recreation Director Tom Cloer; Incoming Council Member Harrison R. Holladay, Jr.; and Town Clerk Sandy Brown.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mac Martin.

Lynne Chapman rendered the invocation.

The Town Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Council Members Lynne O'Dell Chapman, Harrison R. Holladay, Jr., and Tony Craig.

Council to elect Mayor Pro Tempore
(As per Article II, Section 2-28 of Central Town Code)

Mayor Martin asked for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. David Donald made the motion for Gary White to continue the position as Mayor Pro Tem. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Martin to appoint Special Committees

Mayor Martin assigned Tony Craig to Public Safety; Tracey Reynolds to Water & Sewer; Lynne Chapman to Finance; Harry Holladay to Planning; Gary White to Streets & Sanitation; and David Donald to Recreation.

Reading of Work Session / Council Meeting Minutes 10/01/07

Lynne Chapman made the motion to accept the minutes as read; seconded by Tracey Reynolds. The vote was unanimous.

Reading of Regular Council Meeting Minutes 12/10/07

Lynne Chapman made the motion to accept the minutes as read; seconded by Tony Craig. Harry Holladay noted one grammatical correction. The vote was unanimous.

Reading of Special Called Meeting Minutes 01/07/08

Lynne Chapman made the motion to accept the minutes as read; seconded by Harry Holladay. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session

No one was present.

Receipt and disposition of petitions

There were none.

Reports from Council Committees:

A. Gary White – Planning

I. Appointment of Planning Commission Member, Hal Garrett

Mr. White made the motion to re-appoint Hal Garrett to the Planning Commission; seconded by Tracey Reynolds. The vote was unanimous.

II. Resolution 01-14-08 CJM - Refund Impact Fees

Mayor Martin recused himself and passed the gavel to Mayor Pro-Tem Gary White. Mr. White made the motion to pass Resolution 01-14-08 CJM; seconded by Tracey Reynolds. Gary White, Tony Craig, Lynne Chapman, Tracey Reynolds, and Harry Holladay were in favor; David Donald was opposed.

B. Water & Sewer – Mayor Martin

Mayor Martin reported for the month of December the Water & Sewer Department completed 75 work orders. They completed the installation of the pit on College Street for the PRV valve. They repaired numerous water leaks, made several taps as well as tested meters. The Water and Sewer Department flushed sewer lines, flowed fire hydrants, and performed 29 reconnections.

C. Tracey Reynolds – Finance

Ms. Reynolds reported everyone received their reports in their packets. A few items had been added to make it look better and everything is as it should be.

D. Lynne Chapman – Recreation

I. Ms. Chapman reported that Tom (Cloer) spoke to County Council concerning the recreation grant funds. There had been discussion about using those funds for the other areas instead of being designated for request by recreation departments. Tom received a call this past Wednesday by Council Member Ben Trotter telling him that the Council was not going to re-direct the funds away from the recreation departments. Tom plans to use the funds to assist in the purchase and development of new land.

II. Flag football signups for grades 1-9 will run January 21st through February 7th. The season will begin March 8th on Bolick Field.

III. Baseball and softball signups for boys ages 4 - 8 and girls ages 4 through 15 will run February 4th - 21st.

IV. The Indoor Recreation Center will play host for the Palmetto Basketball Playoffs, which will run February 16th through the 23rd.

V. The Recreation Department will be seeking grant funds to rebuild the retaining wall at Bolick Field that goes around the track. The crosstie retaining wall is rotting and beginning to collapse.

E. Tony Craig – Streets and Sanitation

Mr. Craig reported the month of December the Street Department completed 49 work orders. In addition to work orders the Street Department picked up 57 loads of brush, 39 loads of leaves, 13 loads of metal, and 17 loads of wood. They decorated for Christmas on Main Street. They also trimmed branches off the road and right-of-ways and took down a dead tree on Broad Street and Gaines Street. The Street Department also cleaned the north side right-of-way sewer line. They kept streets cleaned and assisted the water department with reading meters.

F. David Donald – Public Safety

Mr. Donald reported the reports for the Police and Fire Departments were in the Council packets. If anyone had any questions the Police Chief and Fire Chief were in attendance.

Introduction and consideration of new ordinances

A. First Reading of Ordinance # 01-14-08 ANNEX;

To annex property into Town limits

Chair moved to accept Ordinance #01-14-08 ANNEX on the first reading; seconded by Tracey Reynolds. Gary White asked for a written description of the property. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of ordinances already in possession of Council

There were none.

Reports from the Administrator and Mayor:

A. Administrator

I. Street Scape Update

Mr. Mishoe stated the contractor was finished with the project with the exception of the grout/cement around the base of the street lights, which Duke Power will complete. Gary White asked why the base of the lights were so high off the side walk. Mr. Mishoe stated he asked the contractor and he said it was the power company's fault and the power company stated it was the contractor. David Donald stated the new striping of Main Street resulted in the loss of 2 parking spaces in both sides of Stewart Street alley; also it seemed there were some lost in front of Central Station Café. Tom Cloer stated it had to be striped this way in order to meet handicap provisions. Zorn Construction had the plans approved by the director of DOT. All parking spaces are DOT approved.

II. Planning Retreat – Possibly February 2nd at 9:00 am

The Planning Retreat has been moved up a week.

III. The Pickens County Municipal Association will meet in Norris, Monday, January 28th, at 7:00 pm.

B. Mayor

Mayor Martin stated he, along with Bobby Ballentine and Eddie Nail, had met with the Rail Road Club. They are doing the electrical work at the museum; the heat pump is working. They plan to have a grand opening of the museum in late fall.

Miscellaneous business not included in any of the proceeding items

Harry Holladay asked if the town could get the cardboard recycling box at the old depot replaced or at least repaired. Mr. Mishoe stated he would look into it.

Executive Session

Mayor Martin made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss an employee evaluation; seconded by Lynne Chapman. The vote was unanimous.

Action Items

Council returned from Executive Session where no votes were taken only information distributed.

Lynne Chapman made a motion to give the Administrator a 2% merit increase; seconded by Tracey Reynolds. David Donald pointed out it was not a merit increase but a merit bonus. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Martin moved to adjourn with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Brown
Town Clerk

Approved by Council: February 12, 2008