

TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 8, 2001
CENTRAL TOWN HALL
105 WERNER STREET
CENTRAL, S. C. 29630

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilpersons: Joe Head, Harry Holladay, Frank Chaka, Keith Martin, Bobby Busha. Police Chief Joe Gibbs; Administrator Herbert Thompson; Clerk Grace Towe; Citizens Evan and Tina Landreth.

Mayor Stan Thompson called the regular Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 P. M.

Invocation by Harry Holladay.

Minutes of the regular Council meeting of September 13, 2001 were presented. Mayor Thompson called for a motion to dispense with the full reading of the minutes and adopt as corrected in work session. Motion by Frank Chaka and seconded by Keith Martin to adopt and the vote was unanimous.

Public Session: (30 minutes) No input.

Report from Council Committees:

Chief Joe Gibbs presented the Public Safety report in the absence of Councilman Ed Reynolds. Chief Gibbs reported that some zoning issues were being taken care of such as parked vehicles and unsightly grass on some properties. The traffic issue that was discussed in work session is making progress in being solved. The grant for a school resource officer had been acknowledged by Senator Fritz Hollings' office. Chief Gibbs had placed on each Council person's desk an information pamphlet regarding emergency action in case of a disaster at the Oconee Nuclear Station.

Frank Chaka – Finance - Mr. Chaka presented the financial report with favorable results.

Keith Martin – Recreation - Mr. Martin discussed the Fire Prevention Day coming up and the benefits to the community. Also, the Seniors Health Fair will be on that day for eye checks, blood pressure checks, and other health issues.

Joe Head – Water and Sewer – No report other than some fire hydrants had been flushed and it might present some discolored water as it stirs up the lines. Administrator Herbert Thompson reported that the town's engineers were working on the Old Pendleton Road water line and the Old Shirley Road water line. When the engineers have concluded their work the issue would then have to go to DHEC for approval, then the cost of the project could be obtained.

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Harry Holladay – Planning – Mr. Holladay acknowledged that grants the

Town has obtained over the years have been of a tremendous help to the town.

Bobby Busha – Streets and Sanitation - Mr. Busha thanked Mr. Herbert Thompson for the street lights repaired by Duke Power Company.

Consideration of Ordinances in possession of Council:

- A. First reading of Ordinance #10-01TF for Tobacco Free For All Recreation Facilities: Motion by Keith Martin and seconded by Harry Holladay to adopt. After discussion, and some clarification, Mayor Thompson called for the vote with changes to be dealt with on second reading of the ordinance. He then called for the vote. The vote was five (5) for and one (1) against. Councilman Joe Head cast the negative vote.

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

A. Administrator's Report:

Administrator Herbert Thompson gave an update on the new town hall. He reported that the parking lot had been paved and some sod was down. Mr. Thompson will have a price soon for some landscaping that needs to be done. The workers have started painting the inside of the building and most of the cabinets have been installed and the light fixtures have been installed except in the council chambers. The schedule is still in place for a move in date of December 1, 2001, with a grand opening to be decided later.

The Town logo and seal were discussed and looked at. After considerations a motion was made by Bobby Busha and seconded by Keith Martin to accept the logo as presented as the official logo of the Town. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Thompson reported that the Town of Central was established officially in 1875 by the General Assembly of South Carolina and we have the documents which will be framed and put in the new town hall.

Administrator Thompson requested that the computer upgrade be added to the agenda. There was no objection. Mr. Thompson discussed the networking of the town's activities once we are in the new building. He presented the approximate cost of this operation and a motion was made by Frank Chaka and seconded by Harry Holladay to proceed with the upgrade of the computer system. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator Thompson reminded Council of the Christmas Parade on December 8, 2001 at 1:30 P. M. sponsored by the Central Fire Department. Mayor Stan Thompson announced that October 22, 2001 which is the fourth Monday of the month, would be the date for the Pickens County Municipal Association meeting to be held at Liberty and the meeting in November would be the Annual Banquet. Mayor Thompson reminded those to be in the November election to fill out the Campaign

Disclosure form and send to the State Ethics Commission in Columbia 15 days prior to the election.

No further business Mayor Thompson called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Bobby Busha and seconded by Joe Head. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Towe
Clerk to Council
10/08/01