

TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2002 – 7:00 P. M.
CENTRAL TOWN HALL
1067 WEST MAIN STREET
CENTRAL, S. C. 29630

Present: Mayor Harrison R. Holladay, Jr.; Councilpersons: Joe Head; Gary White; David Donald; Stan Thompson; Frank Chaka; Administrator Herbert Thompson; Public Works Director Dean Martin; Police Chief Joe Gibbs; Reporter Greg Oliver; Engineers with B. P. Barber & Associates: Vernon Atkinson and Lonnie Mathis; Newly elected Council Member Mac Martin; Clerk Grace Towe.

Mayor Harrison R. Holladay, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 P. M. and rendered the invocation.

Clerk Grace Towe administered the oath of office to newly elected Councilman Mac Martin. Mr. Martin was seated and replaced Mr. Keith Martin on the Recreation Committee.

Mayor Holladay welcomed Mr. Mac Martin to the Council and pledged the support of the Council.

Minutes of the regular Town Council meeting of October 14, 2002 were presented as corrected in work session. Motion by David Donald and seconded by Joe Head to accept. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session: No input.

Receipt and disposition of Petitions. None

Report from Council Committies:

Joe Head – Report from B. P. Barber & Associates, Town Engineers, to enlarge sewer line from College Street to Davis Street. Mr. Lonnie Mathis was recognized to report his findings on the sewer system from the South Plant to James Circle and the Davis Street area. Mr. Mathis presented a summary of the South Plant Sewer Collection System, Removal of Excessive I/I. The evaluations were broken into different categories. Under Testing & Surveys were GPS locate of existing manholes, verify all existing line sizes, verify all manhole elevations, lamping of sewer lines, smoke testing and televising of line segments. The next category would be mapping to consist of plotting existing sewer manholes and lines on Pickens County GIS mapping, prepare system ID (manholes numbers, line segments), identify problem areas found during testing & engineering evaluation.

The next process would be engineering evaluations & documentations. Determine existing line slopes & capacities, obtain up-dated flow data from PCPSC, customer base verification, capacity assurance evaluation, problem identification, environmental assessments,

existing right of ways determination, alternative evaluations & cost estimates, financial alternatives and recommendations. Then would come the project selection, income surveys, funding applications, rural development, CDBG, ARC, SRF, bonds. Next would be design & permitting. Under this category would be design surveys, design/construction drawings, design engineering report, agency reviews and permitting. Then would come the bidding process. This would consist of bid document preparation, bid advertisement period, bid opening, review of bids & bidder qualifications, tentative recommendations of award, funding agency award concurrence and formal award. The final category would be construction to consist of executing construction contracts, notice to proceed, construction of project, final inspection & engineering certification and permit to operate. The final phase would be project closeout. This information was presented by the engineers to alert Council of the condition of the present sewer situation and the need to start thinking of the necessity of repairs to face them in the future. Mr. Mathis advised that it would be to the town's advantage to locate the manholes and look at the condition of the lines and try and locate the bad spots and set up smoke test to help determine the worst spots. Information only.

Joe Head recommended that the sewer discussion resume at the next work session.

Stan Thompson – Public Safety - Proposed Job Responsibilities and Requirements for a part time Fireman. After discussion Mr. Thompson requested that he and Administrator Thompson get with Fire Chief John Head and work out some better wording for the part time job. The document tonight is presented as information only.

Gary White – Planning - Mr. White reported that the Planning Commission had met and had one new member, Danny Stone. Officers were elected. Mr. Kris Bowman was elected Chairman, Mr. Sam Medders was elected vice-chairman and Mr. Danny Stone was elected secretary. Some recommendations to Council were made by the Planning Commission, these being set backs and campaign signs.

David Donald – Streets and Sanitation- Mr. Donald reported that recycling had gotten started at the apartment complex at Cross Creek and Summit. Roll carts are working well after being placed at the turnoff area at these apartments. He recommended that recycling containers be placed at the old Central High School apartments as this could be beneficial. Mr. Donald again suggested the curb and sidewalk be painted at the corner of Main Street and Watkins Street. He reported a street light burning all the time at the water tank.

Mac Martin – Recreation – Mayor Holladay suggested that Mr. Martin get with Tom Cloer and Steve Campbell and get their input as to how he could serve the Recreation Department and the Recreation Board of which Jimmie Dixon is Chairman.

Frank Chaka – Finance - Mr. Chaka presented the financial report.

Consideration of Ordinances already in possession of Council.

First reading to amend "Ordinance #97-03-02, Section 2-53 meeting of Council to add Sub-Section "D", Whereas if a Council member should miss three consecutive scheduled Council meetings, the Council member shall forfeit one month pay. Motion by David Donald and seconded by Mac Martin to adopt. After discussion a motion was made by Gary White and seconded by Stan Thompson to table this document till the next work session for some clarifications. The vote was five for and two against. Mac Martin and David Donald were against.

First reading of Ordinance #12-10-02 ZON to amend Zoning Ordinance Article V "Requirements By District "Section 502.4 and 503.4, Section 502.4 Sub-Section "D" minimum side yard is hereby amended to read ten (10) feet from one side. Section 503.4 Sub-Section "D" minimum side yard is hereby amended to read ten (10) feet from one side. Motion by Stan Thompson and seconded by Frank Chaka to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

First reading of Ordinance #12-11-02 ZON to amend Zoning Ordinance Article VI "Sign Regulations, Section 603.7 "Political Campaign Sign" to allow for a maximum of 25 signs per candidate. Motion by Frank Chaka and seconded by David Donald to adopt. After discussion Mr. Chaka rescinded his motion and made a motion to table till next work session. The motion was seconded by Joe Head. The vote was 6 for and 1 against. David Donald opposed.

First reading of Ordinance #12-01-02 D to add Section 3-40 to the Town Code of Ordinances. There will be no dogs and /or cats or other domesticated animals allowed inside any public park within the Town of Central. Police dogs, service dogs or dogs used as guides for blind persons and commonly known as seeing eye dogs shall be exempt from this ordinance. Motion by Frank Chaka and seconded by David Donald to adopt. The vote was 5 for and 2 against. Gary White and Joe Head opposed.

Second reading of Ordinance #10-14-02 ANNEX, to annex the property located at 308 Clayton Street into the Town of Central. Motion by Frank Chaka and seconded by Joe Head to annex. The vote was unanimous.

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Herbert Thompson reported that he had talked with Pickens County reference the arbitrator and as of Friday they have not chosen an arbitrator to set down and arbitrate the sewer rate increases. As soon as they come up with an arbitrator we will be doing that. It is necessary to increase the sewer rates to maintain the usefulness of our sewer lines. The lines are getting in bad shape and must be upgraded.

Mr. Thompson announced that the Town Christmas dinner will be December 5, 2002 at 6:30 P. M. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall and we will need a head count some time this month so that arrangements can be made for the meal.

Mayor's Report:

Approve Revised Classification Listing W/Salary Range dated July 30, 2002. Motion by Stan Thompson and seconded by Gary White to adopt. After discussion David Donald made a motion to table for some clarification. The motion was seconded by Joe Head and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Holladay announced that the Pickens County Municipal Association Annual Banquet would be held Monday November 25, 2002 at 7:00 P. M. at the Lake Hartwell Inn.

Mayor Holladay called for a motion to enter into executive session for discussion of a legal matter. The motion was made by Frank Chaka and seconded by David Donald. The vote was unanimous.

After executive session Mayor Holladay recalled regular session and announced that no decisions were made and no votes taken in executive session. Mayor Holladay announced that there was one issue that needed to be brought up and called for a motion regarding that issue. Stan Thompson moved to add to the agenda consideration of a vote to allow the administrator, on behalf of the Town, to enter into arbitration with Pickens County on the proposed sewer rate increase. This motion to add to the agenda was seconded by Joe Head and the vote was unanimous. A motion was made by Stan Thompson to authorize the administrator to pursue arbitration with Pickens County Council, if necessary, with regard to the proposed sewer rate increase. The motion was seconded by Joe Head and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Holladay called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Frank Chaka and seconded by Gary White and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Towe
Clerk to Council