

TOWN OF CENTRAL

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY NOVEMBER 8, 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; Mac Martin; Lynne O. Chapman; Stan Thompson; David Boyles; Gary White. Administrator Herbert Thompson. Auditor Mark Payne. Recreation Director Tom Cloer. Interim Fire Chief Edward Reynolds. Allison Wells, The Daily Messenger. Elizabeth Owens, Central Heritage Festival. Public Works Director Dean Martin, Michael Masters. Greg Masters.

Mayor Harrison R. Holladay, Jr. called the regular Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 P. M. The Mayor called for a few moments of silent prayer.

Minutes of the October 11, 2004 Town Council Public Hearing minutes were presented.

Motion by Stan Thompson and seconded by David Boyles to adopt as corrected in work session. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes of the Regular Town Council meeting of October 11, 2004 were presented as corrected in work session. Motion by Stan Thompson and seconded by Lynne Chapman to adopt and the vote was unanimous.

Minutes of the Special Called Town Council meeting of October 19, 2004 were presented. Motion by Gary White and seconded by Lynne Chapman to adopt as presented. The motion was unanimous.

Public Session: Elizabeth Owens of the Central Heritage Festival Committee was recognized. Ms. Owens presented the following: “On behalf of the Central Heritage Festival Committee I would like to thank the following:

The Central Police Department for the outstanding job they did.

The Public Works Department for all their hard work in helping to make the Heritage Festival a success.

A great big “Thank You” to the ladies in the Administration Personnel Department for taking time out of their routine to answer the many questions concerning the Central Heritage Festival. A special thank you goes to Chief Harris with the Clemson University Police Department for the use of two Clemson golf carts. They were very helpful to the older people and to mothers with small children. Several of the older people said if it had not been for the golf carts, they would not have been able to cover the entire route of the festival. The Central Fire Department for the use of the station and water for the Dunking Booth. Central Florist for the beautiful stage decorations. Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce for advertising and support. Clemson University Cooper Library for printing and advertising. Clemson University Athletic Department for the use of their bleachers. MST Concrete for the delivery and return of the bleachers. Stowaway Court for the use of their sign on Road 18 to advertise the Heritage Festival. The John Head Family for the use of the tent and flags. Blue Ridge Electric for the use of their stage. Peppino’s Pizza for providing Pizza and soft drinks for the set-up crew on

Friday. Mrs. Beverly Cureton for the delicious cakes for the set-up crew on Friday. The following Southern Wesleyan University student volunteers: Thomas Bowyer, Jon Brady, Emily Dill, Robert Furr, Michah Haithcock, Paul Haithcock, Steven Day, Jessica Neal, Ashley Joiner, Megan Lord, Josh Woods, Meagan Woodworth, and Beth Peterson. Amanda Young of Southern Wesleyan University Admissions Department and Jackie Price of the Public Relations Department. A special "Thank You" to Kevin and Wanda Hendricks, Rocky Hayes, Candy Herron, and Sherry Miley.

I saved the best for last to "Thank You" to the Town of Central for the generous contribution from the Hospitality Tax. This contribution enabled the committee to give our children the nicest and safest Children's Area. You have a copy of the cancelled checks before you detailing how we spent the money. Again, I say thank you. Without sponsors, supporters, and patrons the Central Heritage Festival would not have been successful, therefore, we say thank you. Thank you for allowing me to share this information. Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Owens 11-08-04"

Council in turn thanked Ms. Owens for her participation in the Central Heritage Festival.

Mark Payne, CPA the Town's Auditor was recognized to summarize the year end audit.

Administrator Herbert Thompson petitioned Council to deviate from the agenda and go into executive session for discussion of a legal matter pertaining to American House Spinning and a personnel matter to discuss the appointment of a Fire Chief.

Since this item was not on the agenda Mac Martin made a motion to add this item to the agenda and the motion was seconded by David Donald. The vote was five for and two opposed. Stan Thompson and David Boyles opposed.

Mayor Holladay called for a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was made by Lynne Chapman to enter into executive session for discussion of a legal matter pertaining to American House Spinning and a personnel matter to discuss the appointment of a Fire Chief. The motion was seconded by David Donald and the vote was five for and two opposed. Stan Thompson and David Boyles opposed.

After executive session Mayor Holladay recalled the regular session and announced that no decisions were made and no votes taken in executive session

RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS: Administrator Herbert Thompson presented a petition from (18) eighteen property owners owning property from our city limits to the Wal-Mart property including the Wal-Mart property. Mr. Thompson submitted the petition and this will be discussed in our Council Public Hearing on December 6, 2004 and we will be voting on the ordinance for this petition following the public hearing on December 6, 2004. This petition has been signed as of this date by eighteen of the nineteen property owners. Mr. Thompson stated that this is a 75% petition as pursuant to SC Law Section 5-3-150(1). This petition has 94.7% signatures affixed and which amounts to 99.97% of the assessed property value. Council did accept this petition requesting annexation.

ORDINANCES IN POSSESSION OF COUNCIL:

Second reading of Ordinance #10-11-04CFA to enter into New Franchise Agreement with Northland Cable TV. Motion by Lynne Chapman and seconded by Mac Martin to adopt on second reading. The vote was unanimous.

Second reading of Ordinance #11-08-04 BLF&C to amend the Business License Ordinance provisions for Insurance Companies and for Brokers for Non-Admitted Fire and Casualty Insurers. Motion by Lynne Chapman and seconded by Mac Martin to adopt on second reading. The vote was unanimous.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Mac Martin – Mr. Martin briefed Council on the meeting he had with Mr. and Mrs. Billingsley concerning the sale of property on Werner Street. More information will be forthcoming.

Mr. Martin presented the financial report and noted that items out of line should be back in line soon as taxes will soon be forthcoming.

Lynne O. Chapman reported that the 8 and under boys football team would be playing for the state championship on November 9, 2004 here in Central.

Mrs. Chapman brought the nomination of Ms. Rebecca Rivera to serve on the Central/Clemson Recreation Board for a two year term. The motion was seconded by Gary White and the vote was unanimous.

David Donald - Mr. Donald made a motion to authorize Administrator Herbert Thompson to purchase 2005 F650 dump truck for the price of \$52,272.98 and at the same time purchase a 2005 Chev. 1500 pickup truck for \$11,985.00. These purchases to be through state purchasing and the funds are in the current budget. This motion was seconded by Stan Thompson and the vote was unanimous.

Stan Thompson - Mr. Thompson stated that the police report was in the packets for last month. Mr. Thompson noted that there was a great increase in activity in the police department and with next year's budget it is hoped that some more positions might be created within the police department. Mr. Thompson reported normal activity in the fire department for the month. Interim Fire Chief Edward Reynolds was recognized and gave a report on fire activity for the month of October and stated that the personnel had been through some needed training along with actual fire activity which made a busy month for the firemen. Councilman David Boyles stated that the Hepatitis shots were very important and it is imperative that each fireman gets those shots. Chief Reynolds stated that these shots are up to date for each fireman. Councilman David Donald inquired as to an update on the SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) manual. Mr. Reynolds reported that work is being done on the manual but it is not complete. Mr. Donald inquired as to where we are with the occupancy permits. Mr. Reynolds stated that they had been putting in 20 to 30 hours a week for the last three weeks working on that and have issued a lot of them already and are currently working on five. Mr. Donald inquired if Mr. Reynolds thought they might have this complete by the end of this year. Mayor Holladay inquired as to how the number of occupants was determined for each unit and Mr. Reynolds informed him that the fire department works through the fire marshall's office

on this issue as to the entrance and exit doors.

Councilman Thompson stated that he had requested an item to be on the agenda for tonight and for some reason it is not on the agenda. This being a minor revision in the fire chief's position description. Mr. Thompson made a motion to add this item to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Gary White and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Thompson referred to page 3 item 3 on the description item C says "attends training,

Town Council, Rural Board and county fire chief's association meetings and other functions related to the fire service." The fire department meetings are always held on the 2nd Monday of the Month the same as Town Council meetings and since the fire chief could not possibly attend both meetings, Mr. Thompson stated that he preferred that the fire chief be at the fire department meeting with his firemen undergoing training, etc.

Mr. Thompson stated that his motion is that after the phrase "Town Council" in the PD

we insert a parenthetical statement reading "unless hindered by fire department activities." This motion was seconded by David Boyles. The vote was six for and one opposition.

David Donald opposed.

Councilman Stan Thompson made a motion to appoint the interim fire chief Edward Reynolds as the Fire Chief for the Town of Central. This motion was seconded by David Boyles. In discussion Mac Martin stated that he did not have enough information to make his decision and asked Mr. Reynolds to come forward. Councilman Stan Thompson stated that as a point of order he felt that a public interview of a candidate is out of order. Mayor Holladay stated that he did not know if it were out of order or not and asked if anyone knew for sure and stated that questions might be asked later in private. Councilman David Donald asked if this position had been advertised as an open position. Mayor Holladay stated he did not think so.. Mr. Donald inquired if Interim Fire Chief Mr. Reynolds had been evaluated by the person he reports to Mr. Herbert Thompson, the Town Administrator. Mayor Holladay stated that there was no evaluation during the interim period. Mr. Donald moved to table this motion. The motion was seconded by Mac Martin and Mayor Holladay called for the vote. The vote was two for and five opposed. Mayor Holladay, Gary White, David Boyles, Lynne Chapman and Stan Thompson opposed. David Donald and Mac Martin voted for.

Mayor Holladay called for the question that all in favor of appointing Mr. Reynolds fire Chief let it be know by saying "aye". Mayor Holladay, Gary White, David Boyles, Lynne Chapman and Stan Thompson voted "aye". There were two opposed: David Donald and Mac Martin.

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Herbert Thompson requested that an item be added to the agenda, this being the request from American House Spinning for sewer. Motion by Lynne Chapman

and seconded by Mac Martin and the vote was six for and one opposed. David Boyles opposed. Motion carried.

Administrator Thompson stated that he had a request today for sewer from the owners of American House Spinning. They are planning to build a combination of 300 town homes and patio homes that will be designed and marketed as a retirement home and they are requesting sewer for this project. Mr. Thompson recommended that their request for sewer be granted. Councilman David Donald made a motion to grant the request for sewer to American House Spinning. This motion was seconded by Councilman Stan Thompson. Councilman David Boyles stated that Council had discussed putting a time limit

on this situation and Councilman Thompson inquired of the possibility of acquiring some of the space for recreation purposes. Administrator Thompson stated he would inquire of this possibility. After discussion Mayor Holladay called for the vote which was five for and two opposed. Stan Thompson and David Boyles opposed.

Administrator Thompson updated Council on the progress of the Road 18 project and publicly thanked Councilman Martin and Councilman Donald for their help in the carrying out of this project. He reported that several people on the opposite side of the road to the 19 who signed for annexation had expressed interest in annexation.

Old depot project is progressing to the point they are almost ready to start surveying.

The National Registry possibility was discussed and Councilman David Donald explained that should this happen it would be one more hurdle to overcome when the Streetscape project begins.

Administrator Thompson reported that Council should establish a Hospitality Committee.

He will advertise for volunteers.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Holladay presented the request from Dr. Mendel H. Stewart, Superintendent of Education for Pickens County to proclaim November 14-20 as American Education Week in Central. Mayor Holladay read the proclamation and a motion to adopt was made by David Boyles and seconded by Lynne Chapman. The vote was unanimous.

Councilman David Donald stated that an agenda from the Board of Education as to their meetings would be beneficial in knowing what is going on with the Board. It was consensus of Council to request this agenda.

Mayor Holladay announced the Christmas Parade for the Town of Norris November 27, 2004 at 3:00 P. M. and a rain date of December 2, 2004 at 7:00 P. M. and the deadline

for entering a float is November 18, 2004. Also Pendleton's Christmas parade will be December 12, 2004 at 3:00 P. M. Applications are in the clerk's office.

Volunteer of the year – Mayor Holladay advised that Council needs to be thinking about this award.

Ms. Lynne Chapman expressed her appreciation for the flowers sent when her daughter was born. Ms. Chapman reported that she had attended the Business Woman of the Year supper and Maria Zambrano was not selected as the Business Woman of the Year, but our town was well represented.

Gary White announced that the Planning Commission would meet the 4th Tuesday of November and consider a Home Occupation request.

There being no further business Councilman Stan Thompson made a motion to adjourn and this was seconded by Councilman David Boyles. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace S. Towe

Clerk to Council

