

TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY DECEMBER 10, 2001
CENTRAL TOWN HALL

CENTRAL, S. C. 29630

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilpersons: Keith Martin; Frank Chaka; Harry Holladay; Bobby Busha; Ed Reynolds; Joe Head. Incoming Councilpersons: David Donald and Gary White. Les Jones; Tom Cloer; Chief Joe Gibbs; Grace Towe, Clerk. Greg Oliver, Clemson-Central Observer.

Mayor Stan Thompson called the regular Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 P. M. He expressed his excitement and gratitude for the new facility and the hope that future generations would benefit greatly from the spacious provisions.

Invocation by Harry Holladay.

Minutes of the regular Council meeting of November 12, 2001 were presented. Motion by Edward Reynolds and seconded by Keith Martin to dispense with the full reading of the minutes and adopt as corrected in work session. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session (30 minutes) No input.

Report from Council Committees

Keith Martin-Recreation Committee- Mr. Martin recognized Recreation Director Tom Cloer who called Mr. Les Jones to the front to present him with the "Volunteer of the Year Award" for 2001. This has been the custom for several years and Mr. Jones has been a tremendous help to the Recreation Department. He is a good influence on the youth who participate in the programs. Mr. Martin reported that the basketball season has started and some banquets coming up would conclude the football season. The programs at Town Hall and the Indoor Recreation facility are quiet this time of the season. The cleaning of the Indoor Recreation facility is satisfactory.

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

Edward Reynolds-Public Safety- Mr. Reynolds reported that the Christmas parade was successful and with the help of the police department blocking roads and helping out, the results were very good and a good crowd attended. A meeting was held at the fire department and it was decided that the fire department would continue sponsoring the parade each year. Fire calls have been few and training is in the making for January, February and March of 2002. Chief Gibbs reported that he was pleased with the results of the parade and the participation given.

Joe Head- Water and Sewer- No report.

Harry Holladay-Planning- Mr. Holladay requested that the item of "Volunteer of the Year" for the town be added for discussion at the end of the agenda. It was consensus of Council to add this item.

Bobby Busha-Streets and Sanitation- Mr. Busha expressed his appreciation of working for the last eight years with Council and wished good luck to the two new Council-persons coming in January.

Consideration of Ordinances in possession of Council.

Second reading of Ordinance #11-01ANNEX to annex James R. Helmlly property into the Town of Central. This property is located at 308 College Street. Motion by Edward Reynolds and seconded by Bobby Busha to annex this property. The vote was unanimous.

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

Administrator's Report:

Mayor Thompson reminded Council of the dinner for employees on Thursday, December 13, 2001 at the Central First Baptist Church Fellowship building.

Mayor's Report:

Implementation of the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement of which Council has a copy. Mayor Thompson asked Chief Joe Gibbs to go over this material for Council. Motion by Edward Reynolds and seconded by Frank Chaka to adopt the agreement. After discussion the vote was unanimous.

Volunteer of the Year as added to the agenda. Councilman Harry Holladay made a motion to nominate Tom Oxendine as volunteer of the year. Motion by Keith Martin for the nominations to be closed. This was seconded by Bobby Busha. A motion for Mr. Oxendine to receive this award by acclamation was made by Bobby Busha and seconded by Keith Martin. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thompson thanked Mr. David Donald and Mr. Gary White for their willingness to sit in on the meeting and advised them that the swearing in of the new Mayor and Council will be held January 14, 2002. Mayor Thompson discussed the security of the new facility and advised that Administrator Herbert Thompson is making the back entrance "Employee Only" to eliminate general traffic which should use the front entrance.

Keith Martin requested to enter into executive session for discussion of a contractual matter. Mayor Thompson called for a motion to consent to this item being added to the agenda to discuss a contractual matter for the town hall in general. Motion by Frank Chaka and seconded by Bobby Busha for this item to be added. The vote was unanimous. Motion by Frank Chaka and seconded by Keith Martin to enter into executive session. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thompson recalled regular session and announced that the executive session was a general discussion of a contractual matter and that no decisions were made and no votes were taken in executive session. Mayor Thompson called for a motion to adjourn. This motion was made by Frank Chaka and seconded by Keith Martin and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Towe

Clerk
to
Council