



**TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2005 - 7:00 PM
CENTRAL TOWN HALL
1067 WEST MAIN STREET
CENTRAL, SC 29630**

Present: Mayor Harrison R. Holladay, Jr.; Council Members David Donald, Mac Martin, Lynne Chapman, Stan Thompson, David Boyles, and Gary White;
Administrators Herbert Thompson and Phillip D. Mishoe; Public Works Director Dean Martin; Fire Chief Ed Reynolds; Member of the Press Nathan DiBayne; Member of the Public Assistant Fire Chief Franklin Reynolds.

Mayor Holladay called the meeting to order and Gary White rendered the invocation.

Minutes of the November 14, 2005 Regular Council Meeting were presented. Motion to accept by Gary White; seconded by David Donald. After discussion of corrections, the vote was unanimous.

Public Session: Assistant Fire Chief Franklin Reynolds made a presentation to Council on the newly proposed fire truck. This is a 100-foot ladder truck costing \$595,300.00. A 75-foot ladder would be in the range of \$515,000 to \$585,000. With the 75-foot ladder they could only reach very limited spaces. The 100-foot ladder normally sells for over \$700,000. The salesman is quoting the price of \$595,300.00 because of the year ending. Mr. Reynolds requested the Council consider making the purchase in order to better to serve the community. The dealership will not hold the truck for six months but we could defer the first payment for a year. This is a special deal that needs to be acted upon now. Administrator Herbert Thompson stated if the truck was financed for seven years, the Town could not afford it; but possibly could if it was financed for fifteen years. Mr. Reynolds did extensive research preparing the presentation and was very knowledgeable of the truck when answering questions for Council.

Receipt and disposition of petitions: there were none.

Ordinances in possession of Council:

Second reading of Ordinance #12-12-05 SIB;

To amend the budget and add line item #30-3410-0105 Sewer Improvement Fund to the revenue portion of the budget. The amended budget will be \$18,000 (at present we have a line item for Sewer Improvements for expenditures). Lynne Chapman moved to accept; seconded by David Boyles. The vote on this motion was unanimous.

Second reading of Ordinance #12-12-05 SIF;

To transfer funds to the Sewer Improvement Fund. Finance Director shall take 5 cents per 1000 gallons of sewer charged and apply these funds to the Sewer Improvement Fund account #30-3410-0105. Mac Martin made the motion to accept; seconded by David Donald. The vote on this motion was unanimous.

Second reading of Ordinance #12-12-05 DPM;

To transfer 10% of the monies collected from Duke Power Municipal Electric Service Agreement each quarter and apply these monies to the Sewer Improvement Fund,

Account #30-3410-0105. Gary White made the motion to accept; seconded by David Boyles. The vote on this motion was unanimous.

Item D: First reading of Ordinance #01-09-06 ZON-A: To amend Section 508 CC Core Commercial District, Sub-section 508.2; and Item E: First reading of Ordinance #01-09-06 ZON; To add Section 727 Lighting Standard to the Town of Central's Zoning Ordinance, was deleted from the agenda.

First reading of Ordinance #12-12-05 PR;

To charge people who live outside the Town limits of Central \$125.00 to rent the Community Park Building. David Donald made the motion to accept; seconded by Mac Martin. After discussion Stan Thompson made a motion to amend the ordinance; seconded by Gary White. Mr. Thompson proposed changing the wording in the 1st paragraph: "that" to "who"; in the second paragraph to read, "...the rental fee will remain the same for the people who live inside the Town limits..." ; and add a "d" to the word "day" in the last paragraph. The vote was unanimous on the amendment. The vote was four in favor of the original motion, as amended (David Donald, Mac Martin, Harry Holladay, Stan Thompson, and Gary White); two opposed (Lynne Chapman and David Boyles).

Adopt Policy #12-12-05 HHA;

To adopt Hold Harmless Agreement. Motion was made to adopt this policy by David Donald; seconded by Mac Martin. Stan Thompson stated the policy was incomplete and additional information was needed. Mac Martin moved to table the policy; seconded by Stan Thompson. Six were in favor of tabling the policy (Mac Martin, Lynne Chapman, Harry Holladay, Stan Thompson, David Boyles, and Gary White); one (David Donald) was opposed.

Report form Council Committees:

Streets and Sanitation:

1. David Donald encouraged Council and Administration to do some type negotiation to get the CATS bus to Wal-Mart. After discussion, Mac Martin, Gary White, and Lynne Chapman offered assistance.

2. Recusal Request were received from David Donald and Mac Martin because they have family-owned property on the Road Paving Request List. Gary White moved to adopt the list; seconded by Lynne Chapman. Gary White proposed changing the entire length of Meredith from Wood Street to Kennemore Street. After discussion a vote was taken and all were in favor.
3. Beautification Advisory Committee Appointments – David Donald requested the openings for the committee be advertised and recommended the Town not re-appoint any expired terms.

Financial Report – Mac Martin reported there are more months on the financial report showing a history making it easier to see what is happening month-to-month. This past month was an average month.

Recreation – Lynne Chapman had no report this month.

Public Safety

1. Stan Thompson commended the Fire Department for their work on the Christmas Parade.
2. Mr. Thompson requested 3 additions to the agenda the first being appointments to the Police Advisory Committee; seconded by David Boyles. All were in favor with the exception of David Donald who opposed. Mr. Thompson recommended appointing Robert Crooks, Jr. for the High School Student seat; Isaac Moore for the College Student seat; and Joe Moss of 206 Mountain View Drive for the At-Large seat. The remaining At-Large seat will be advertised December 14th and 21st, 2005. David Boyles seconded this recommendation. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Thompson requested adding; increasing the pay for the Honorarium Firemen as the seconded item on the agenda; seconded by David Boyles. Mac Martin pointed out changes in the budget, as outlined in the Town Code, should be discussed during budget negotiations. Therefore, Mayor Holladay suggested this be postponed until next month, when the budget preparations start. Mr. Thompson put forth a recommendation for Council to consider an increase in pay for the Honorarium Firemen in the next budget. Mac Martin made a motion to add to the agenda an item, which would be a resolution referencing an increase for Honorarium Firefighters in the budget for 2006/2007. All were in favor of adding this to the agenda. Mac Martin moved to resolve during the 2006/2007 budget to increase the pay for the Honorarium Firefighters. Stan Thompson seconded this; all were in favor.
3. Stan Thompson recommended to Council for the new budget a consideration be given to increase the mileage reimbursement rate for Town employees from 28 cents per mile, to match the State mileage rate in the new budget.
4. Mr. Thompson pointed out that the monthly reports for the Police and Fire Departments were in their packets and that the Police Department had an extremely busy month.

Water and Sewer – David Boyles asked to postpone his report this month.

Planning – Gary White stated the Planning Commission was still working on the Street Scape and the Comprehensive Land Use plan.

Report from Administrator Herbert Thompson:

1. The bids came in for the Street Scape Project and after reviewing and making some changes they quoted approximately \$328,000, which was \$120,000 more than their estimate. There is a possibility of seeking other firms to review the plans.
2. An engineering firm has designed a walk-in pit for the Highway 88 water meter, for the cost of approximately \$7,000. This will be installed for the safety of our employees that read this meter.
3. The Anderson Regional Water System upgrade will be four million dollars. This will cost Central approximately \$10,000, which the City of Clemson will add to Central's O & M cost of the water upgrade. Clemson has already started their part of the project.
4. The North Sewer I & I Project - The engineering firm developed a letter for the people who have I & I problems. They are giving the people ninety (90) days to correct their problems. Stan Thompson stated the Town should do their repairs before or at the same time the homeowners do theirs. Herbert Thompson agreed to do the Town's repairs if Council would allocate the funds. Herbert also pointed out that after the homeowners complete their repairs, the Town may find their repairs are not as great as originally anticipated. Also, DHEC may not give the Town as much time as needed for the repairs.

Report from Mayor Holladay: Recommended sending the Mayor and Administrator to Washington, DC to attend a Nation Issues Form. The trip is being coordinated by the Chamber of Commerce for three counties and the Congressional Representatives.

Stan Thompson asked for dates of the filing period will be for the next election. Herbert Thompson stated that Mr. Mac Martin will need to submit his resignation January 9, 2006. Mr. Harry Holladay will open the meeting to accept his resignation and Mr. Martin will be sworn in as Mayor. The election will be April 4, 2006.

David Donald addressed Mayor Holladay and Stan Thompson and told them he had learned a lot from them the past 4 years, he appreciated every thing they taught him, and he was proud to have served on Council with them. Mayor Holladay stated it had been a learning experience for him also.

David Boyles made a motion to adjourn; seconded by David Donald. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Brown, Town Clerk