

TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY DECEMBER 9, 2002 – 7:00 P. M.
1067 WEST MAIN STREET
CENTRAL, S. C. 29630

Present: Mayor Harrison R. Holladay, Jr.; Council persons: David Donald; Mac Martin; Frank Chaka; Stan Thompson; Joe Head; Gary White. Administrator Herbert Thompson; Police Chief Joe Gibbs; Assistant Fire Chief Edward Reynold; Clerk Grace Towe; Citizens listed on attached sign in sheet.

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

Minutes of the Town Council meeting of November 11, 2002 were presented. Motion by Joe Head and seconded by Stan Thompson to approve as corrected in work session. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session: (30 minutes)

Edward Reynolds was recognized and stated his address as 707 Pepper Street, Central, S. C. Mr. Reynolds stated that he had recently received a ticket for noise. He stated that he has a dirt track at 707 Pepper Street. This track has been on my property approximately six years. Go- carts, bicycles and four wheelers have ridden on this track. The track is free of charge, no admission, no fees, no charges for any services. No betting, no money for any person to be a loser or winner. Every dime of this was spent out of my own pocket. This track is open to everyone; men, women, girls, boys, every child and adult is welcome to come. Many children do not want to play basketball, football, baseball or go to the gym that the city has spent a million dollars on. The Town of Central has no sports of any kind to offer to children that wants to be mechanical minded. These children and adults that are there are the ones who want to grow up to be mechanics to work on our cars, drive the race cars you see on Sunday, the bull dozers that will clear the lot to build your next home you live in, to drive the lawn mowers to cut your grass and to do the landscaping to make your home beautiful, to work for the city to keep tractors and equipment running to keep the city going. The employees of this city today started when they were young to learn the trade that they do today. They did not play sports all their life growing up or they would not be there today driving tractors, trucks and other heavy equipment for the city or help build a high rise building. Back in early summer there was a complaint about the dust from the track at 707 Pepper Street. I spent approximately \$400.00 on irrigation parts. Labor was free to install an average of \$150.00 a month for water in summer months to wet the track down. A few weeks later someone complained about the loud mufflers. Everyone spent \$30 to \$80.00 average on each muffler on the carts to help the noise. It did quiet the sound about 60%. I talked to Chief about this and he said I had to put mufflers on all the go-carts to comply. That is what we did. In the ordinance it says "all combustible

engines must be muffled" and that is what we did. I asked the Chief to arrange a meeting with complainants about the track on Pepper Street and no one has done so. I have stopped everyone from riding their carts Monday through Saturday and only from approximately 1 to 5 on Sunday do they ride go-carts on this track and on Sunday we do this one to five to respect the church that is adjacent to my property. Each unit has between \$1000. and \$2000 invested in the go-cart. Are you telling me that a motorcycle, four- wheeler, go-cart of any kind cannot be rode in the city. Are you telling me that the children and adults that do not want to play baseball, football or go to the gym can get out on the street and do what they need to do? As we know today they are selling drugs and doing other bad things that are out there. We are asking to be able to ride the go-carts and for the police or everyone else to leave us alone and let us ride on Sunday. If we are out of order, then when the church bells ring, the football teams play, the basketball teams play, the baseball teams play, they are out too? If I see over one lawn mower in the area cutting grass at one time, can I call and say they are out too. We are asking the Town Council to let us continue this free hobby. It's not like that we live in the most expensive part of town. I have never had a problem in that area over the years of tractors, lawn mowers and other things. If you go to the area that I live in, I don't claim to be the richest guy in the county. I live there for a reason and that is I'm happy. I would like for the Council to consider for the complainant if he wants us to comply with anything he needs to meet with us and we can work together on it. I think it is a two way street.

Andy Rogers was recognized and stated that he lives at 407 Patterson Street. Mr. Rogers stated that first of all he would be made the bad guy here tonight. I will tell each and everyone of you that when I was growing up I had a motorcycle and a go-cart, but my father was fortunate enough to provide me with 100 acres to ride on where I wouldn't bother anyone. Mr. Rogers presented Council with a letter from the people who live on Patterson Street and have complaints about the racetrack. We respectfully request that the Town Noise Ordinance be strictly enforced so that it will rid our neighborhood of this nuisance and trust that you understand the magnitude of this problem and the impact of the quality of life in our neighborhood. We encourage your careful consideration of this matter. Mr. Rogers played a tape of the noise they have to endure which goes on from one o'clock to five on Sunday.

Mayor Holladay stated that we do have a noise ordinance and suggested that the two parties meet somewhere and see if they can work out some solution. Chief Gibbs will need to get involved in the compromise of this complaint.

Receipt and Disposition of Petitions (15 minutes) None.

Report from Council Committees:

Councilman Stan Thompson reminded Council that the police activity and fire activity reports were in the packets. Mr. Ed Reynolds thanked Council and the police department for all the help that was given them for the Christmas parade. A minimal amount of dollars was spent on the parade. Mr. Thompson reported that the lease program for some vehicles for \$1.00 each is being pursued by Chief Gibbs. These vehicles will bear some advertisements. A motion was made by Councilman

Thompson to pursue this. The motion was seconded by Frank Chaka and the vote was unanimous.

Chief Gibbs expressed his appreciation to Assistant Fire Chief Ed Reynolds and Fire Chief John Head and the entire fire department for the cooperation he received during the Christmas parade.

Joe Head – Water and Sewer – Mr. Head stated that Ordinance #12-0-02 UM would need to be added to the agenda and made a motion to add this ordinance to the agenda. The motion was seconded by David Donald. The vote was unanimous.

Gary White – Planning - Mr. White stated that the Planning Commission did not meet in November and there was nothing to report.

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

Mac Martin – Recreation - Mr. Martin reported that the Recreation Committee would be meeting in January and would evaluate the program at that time and amend some of the by laws.

David Donald – Streets and Sanitation - Mr. Donald reported that the streets and sanitation department were on schedule and reported that both the sanitation trucks were now equipped with cat tippers that work on the roll carts.

Mayor Holladay presented the minutes of the December 2, 2002 Special Called Council meeting. Motion by Frank Chaka and seconded by Stan Thompson to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of Ordinances Already in Possession of Council:

- A. First reading to amend Ordinance #97-03-02, Section 2-53 meeting of Council 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 the vote was 3 for and 4 opposed. Mac Martin, Gary White and David Donald voted for and Mayor Holladay, Frank Chaka, Joe Head and Stan Thompson voted against. The item did not pass.
- B. First reading of Ordinance #12-11-02 ZON to amend Zoning Ordinance Article VI "Sign Regulations, Sec 603.7 Political Campaign Sign" to allow for a maximum of 25 signs per candidate within public rights of way. Motion by Gary White and seconded by Joe Head to adopt. The vote was unanimous.
- C. Second reading of Ordinance #12-10-02 ZON to amend Zoning Ordinance Article V "Requirements by District" Sec. 502.4 & 503.4. Sec 502-4 Sub Section "D" minimum side yard is hereby amended to read ten (10) feet from one side. Sec 503.4 Sub-Section "D" minimum side yard is hereby amended to read ten

(10) feet from one side. Motion by Gary White and seconded by Joe Head to adopt on second reading. The vote was unanimous.

D. Second reading of Ordinance #12-01-02 D to add Section 3-40 to the Town Code of Ordinances, there will be no dogs, cats or domesticated animals allowed inside any public park within the Town of Central. Police dogs, service dogs and or dogs used as guides for blind persons and commonly known as seeing eye dogs shall be exempt A. from this ordinance. Motion by David Donald and seconded by Mac Martin to accept this ordinance. At this time Councilman Stan Thompson presented Ordinance #12-01-02 D as amended stating there will be no dogs, cats and /or other domesticated animals inside any public park within the Town of Central when Town-sponsored or Town-sanctioned events are taking place. No dogs, cats and/or other domesticated animals are allowed on playing fields (football fields, softball fields, etc.) at any time; individuals who bring an animal into a public park are responsible for removing their animal's feces (when applicable). Police dogs, service dogs and or dogs used as guides for blind persons and commonly known as seeing eye dogs shall be exempt from this ordinance. Stan Thompson made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended.

The motion was seconded by David Donald and the vote was unanimous.

E. First reading of Ordinance #12-0-02 UM to amend the Town of Central Code of Ordinances Section 17-8 Injuring, Tampering with, etc.; utilities (water meters). Motion by Joe Head and seconded by Frank Chaka to adopt. In discussion Councilman David Donald requested that an amendment be added to the ordinance to state "may any damage occur, the homeowner or tenant will be responsible for damages to the meter and labor cost". Mr. Donald made this as a motion to include the amendment. The motion was seconded by Joe Head. The vote to accept as amended was unanimous.

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

A. Administrator's Report:

Administrator Herbert Thompson reported on the sewer line from Davis to College Street. The engineering firm has been contacted reference smoke testing of sewer lines. He suggested carrying out door hangers prior to smoke testing on James Circle and Davis Street and the S C Housing Authority so that they will be aware that on certain days smoke testing will be in

progress. Mr. Thompson reported that Congressman Gresham Barrett will conduct a Town Hall meeting at the Pickens County Court House on 12-10-02 at 2:00 P. M. Dr. B. R. Skelton has reported by letter to Mayor Holladay that as of now the Town has accumulated \$202,000. in "C" fund dollars. This will go quite a way on the downtown project. The downtown project must have a plan. The Town of Central will greatly miss Dr. Skelton and his efforts for the town through the "C" funds.

B. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Holladay presented a letter from Councilman Stan Thompson stating possible conflict of interest in the appointment of the Central Police Advisory Committee members. Councilman Thompson stated that he was related by marriage to one of the persons. After Councilman Thompson excused himself from the Council chambers Mayor Holladay read the names of the Committee:

Willie Gaines; Jason Constance; Matthew Rowland; Tony Craig; Glenn Hughes; David Boyles and W. E. Owens as the Senior representative. Police Chief Joe Gibbs and Administrator Herbert Thompson will also work with this committee. Motion by Frank Chaka and seconded by Gary White to appoint these to the Police Advisory Committee. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Holladay announced that there will be an Area Chamber of Commerce meeting at Town Hall Monday at 12:00 noon.

Mayor Holladay called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Frank Chaka and seconded by Stan Thompson to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Towe
Clerk to Council