

TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2001 – 7:30 P. M.
CENTRAL-CLEMSON LIBRARY – 105 COMMONS WAY
CENTRAL, S.C. 29630

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilpersons: Edward Reynolds;
Keith Martin; Joe Head; Harry Holladay; Bobby Busha;
Administrator Herbert Thompson; Grace Towe, Clerk. Chief Joe
Gibbs; Reporter Greg Oliver.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Stan Thompson.

Invocation had been rendered previously in joint session.

Reading of the Town Council meeting minutes of January 9, 2001. Mayor
Thompson called for a motion to adopt the minutes as corrected. Motion by
Edward Reynolds and seconded by Harry Holladay. The vote was
unanimous.

Public Session: (30 minutes) No public present.

Report from Council Committees:

Edward Reynolds – Public Safety – Mr. Reynolds reported that the fire
department had few calls last month, nothing major. Training lined up for
Station II. Chief Gibbs reported that the police department had been
normal.

Frank Chaka –Absent due to illness in his family. Administrator Herbert
Thompson presented the financial report with favorable results.

Keith Martin – Recreation – Mr. Martin reported that the basketball
tournament would be at the Central-Clemson Recreation Center. This is a
state tournament and we will also be hosting an all-star state tournament in
March at the Center. Baseball signups are in progress with good
participation. Mr. Martin reported that the United Way would have a 25%
shortfall this year and this will affect us considerably.

At this time Mayor Thompson requested to add an agenda item concerning
Phase II of the Recreation Center. Motion by Edward Reynolds and
seconded by Keith Martin to add the item. The vote was unanimous.

Joe Head – Water and Sewer – Mr. Martin questioned the large amount of
water as being purchased and sold. Administrator Thompson explained that
the difference in the time element of Easley-Central and our reading caused
the difference. Administrator Thompson reported that Mill Creek Farm off
Pike Road where there is being small mini-farms sold had gotten approval
to extend the 6" water line there. Mr. Miller is paying for the entire
engineering, installation and all expense to install the line and we have the

potential of annexing this property into the town limits, which will be a boost to the town. This property is contiguous to the Arbors, which is inside the town limits.

Harry Holladay – Planning – Mr. Holladay stated that many old houses in our town are run down and wondered if some kind of grant, such as community block grant, might be pursued to renovate some of these houses. Administrator Thompson stated he would like to pursue this along with the project to get funds to redo some of the sewer lines. To combine these projects would be more feasible. Mr. Holladay noted that the old school house on Hwy 93 near the BP station was much in need of some help. Mr. Thompson reported that a man from Archives and History in Columbia had been up and was carried on a tour of the town. With the grant that Tom Cloer is pursuing for sidewalks, this old school stands a chance of getting some funding along with Tom's project.

Bobby Busha – Streets and Sanitation – Mr. Busha again noted the speeding on Gaines Street. He stated that several citizens had commented on the good job the Town employees are doing to keep the town beautiful.

Consideration of Ordinances in Possession of Council – None

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Herbert Thompson requested permission to issue a purchase order to construct a maintenance building for public works. After discussion of the potential of this building, a motion was made by Bobby Busha, seconded by Edward Reynolds to proceed with this project. The vote was unanimous.

Water rate increase effective May 1, 2001. Mr. Thompson reported that we are looking at a 10 percent hike for the town and by next work session he will be presenting a work sheet so that Council can look at all the options.

Utilizing a SWU student to assist office staff during peak Recreation sign-up times, approximately 6 hrs per week. Under the work program at SWU, Mr. Thompson reported that he was able to get the young lady to work approximately two hours per day for two to three days a week. She gets credit for working and we have the benefit of help in the office.

Mayor's
Report:

Review and adoption of the new Personnel and Operations Manual as presented to Council in February 5, 2001 work session. Mayor Thompson stated that, after having read through the manual, he personally felt like it needed some more clarification of some of the matters before adopting. Administrator Herbert Thompson stated that some material needed further studying and would advise that it be held over until the next work session. It was consensus of council to hold over until next work session in March.

Ground breaking for Town Hall is Friday February 16, 2001 – 3:00 P. M. Mayor Thompson announced it was on go rain or shine at the building site.

Appoint an Assistant Municipal Judge to fill in during the absence of the Municipal Judge or Ministerial Recorder. Because of the number of applications and more time needed to conduct interviews, this position will be pending.

Volunteer of the Year for 2000. Debbie Cumbie was considered for this honor. Motion by Keith Martin and seconded by Bobby Busha to present Ms. Cumbie with this honor. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thompson presented the added agenda item that Central grant its consent for architectural services to be acquired for the second phase of the Recreation Center and, along with this item, if Central chooses to pursue it, authorize a private fundraising drive through whatever means the Recreation Board should establish. Motion by Keith Martin and seconded by Bobby Busha to approve these two items. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thompson called for a motion that the town authorize the administrator to first prepare a recommendation as to how the Town of Central will fund its share of the expansion, and secondly, that the Town of Central indicate its agreement with regard to capping the student memberships, and thirdly, that Central Town Council concur that research should be done with regard to creating an additional full time staff person. Motion by Edward Reynolds and seconded by Harry Holladay to proceed with these recommendations. The vote was unanimous.

Appoint 5 employees to the Employee Grievance Committee as stated in the Policy and Procedures Manual. Mayor Thompson presented for Council's consideration: Tom Cloer, Thad Garrick, Dean Martin, Mark Miller and Earl Galbreath. This will give three in a supervisory role and two in a non-supervisory role with representation from Recreation, Streets and Sanitation and Public Works. After discussion, motion by Edward Reynolds and seconded by Keith Martin to appoint these individuals. Mayor Thompson assigned terms: Tom Cloer for one year, Thad Garrick and Earl Galbreath, two years and Mark Miller and Dean Martin for three years. The vote was unanimous.

Motion by Harry Holladay and seconded by Bobby Busha to adjourn. The vote

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unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Towe,

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