

TOWN OF CENTRAL

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2004 – 7:00 P. M.

CENTRAL TOWN HALL

1067 WEST MAIN STREET

CENTRAL, S. C. 29630

Present: Mayor Harrison R. Holladay, Jr.; Councilmembers: David Donald; Mac Martin; Lynne O'Dell Chapman; Stan Thompson; David Boyles; Gary White. Administrator Herbert Thompson; Police Chief Joe Gibbs; Recreation Director Tom Cloer, Brandon and Dylan; Anne Sheriff, Central Heritage Society; Assistant Fire Chief Edward Reynolds; Ron Norton, Easley Progress; Greg Oliver, The Messenger; Clerk to Council Grace Towe.

Mayor Harrison R. Holladay, Jr. called the regular Town Council meeting of February 9, 2004 to order.

Invocation by Mayor Holladay.

Minutes of the January 12, 2004 were presented as corrected in work session. Motion by Stan Thompson and seconded by Gary White to adopt as corrected. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes of the Special Called Town Council meeting of February 2, 2004 were presented. There were no corrections and Lynne Chapman made a motion to adopt as presented. This motion was seconded by Gary White and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC SESSION: (30 minutes)

Ms. Anne Sheriff, 988 Old Shirley Road addressed Council with a request from the Central Heritage Society for funds from Accommodations Tax revenue for advertising and promotion of tourism. Ms. Sheriff requested that Council delay action on the Central Railway Model and Historical Association's request for the old Central Depot until the Heritage Society can look farther into that matter.

RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS (15 minutes). None.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Lynne Chapman – Recreation report. Ms. Chapman read a letter relating to a Toro 2100 machine needed by the recreation department. The letter included the intent for financing. The need was discussed and after consideration of purchase or lease a motion was made by Stan Thompson and seconded by Gary White to lease the Toro 2100 machine on a three year basis. After discussion, the vote was unanimous.

Gary White – Streetscape update. Mr. White asked Tom Cloer to introduce Mr. Mark Byington with the engineer firm of Malone and Broome to go over the progress of the streetscape plan.

Mr. Byington informed Council that the biggest problem in the town is parking and he suggested that this be left alone. When trying to do other aesthetic projects will only make parking worse by requiring some of the spaces. After going over all the aspects of the streetscape project, it was noted that another plan would be needed since none of the previous ones have worked.

David Boyles – Mr. Boyles read a letter from DHEC reference I & I in our town. Information only.

Stan Thompson – Mr. Thompson discussed the need to appoint two new members to the Central Police Advisory

Committee. Mr. Thompson has had input from the Advisory Committee and he

made a motion to appoint Mr. Colin Carter, a student at Southern Wesleyan University and Mr. Louis Olvera, a student at D. W. Daniel High School. A second to this motion was made by David Donald and the vote was unanimous.

Mac Martin – Mr. Martin presented the financial report with favorable conditions.

David Donald - Mr. Donald stated that he is still working on the recycling report. Mr. Donald reminded Chief Gibbs that the light had not been replaced where the student hit the light pole near Timberland Crossing. Chief Gibbs advised that he would take care of this matter. Mr. Donald advised that The Central Heritage Festival meetings have started over again and the next meeting will be held Wednesday February 11, 2004 at 5:30 p. m. at Town Hall.

#### ORDINANCES IN POSSESSION COUNCIL.

- A. Second reading of Ordinance #02-09-04 BLR (Rental property) to amend business license Ordinance #03-02-03 BLA that pertains to rental property. Mayor Holladay presented this ordinance and Councilman Gary White, David Boyles and Mac Martin excused themselves for possible conflict of interest. Mayor Holladay called for a motion to adopt this ordinance on second reading. A motion was made by Lynne Chapman to adopt and the motion was seconded by David Donald. The vote was unanimous.
- B. Second reading of Ordinance #02-09-04 authorizing the application by the Town of Central for membership in the Anderson County Joint Municipal Water System and other related matters. Motion by Councilman David Boyles and seconded by Councilman Mac Martin to adopt on second reading. The vote was unanimous.

#### REPORT FROM MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR:

##### A. Administrator's Report:

Administrator Herbert Thompson advised Council that he had the information on the cost involved in improving Nicholson Drive. Mr. Thompson stated that it would cost approximately \$1,800.00 for this project and these funds could come from the County's allocation of funds. Gary White made a motion to proceed with this project and the motion was seconded by David Donald. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Thompson reminded Council of the Council Planning meeting February 28, 2004, 8:00 A. M. at Town Hall

Administrator Thompson reported that he had received the ISO report for the rural district which improved from a class 6 to a class 5. The town's report did not come, but will be here soon and it is hoped that the town's classification will also improve.

The volunteer of the year was discussed and it was consensus of Council to hold this for discussion at the next work session.

##### Mayor's Report:

Request from Central Heritage Society for Accomodation Tax money. Motion by Lynne Chapman and seconded by Stan Thompson to grant the \$1,000 requested by the society. Councilman David Donald excused himself since he is a member and supporter of the Central Heritage Society. Mayor Holladay called for the vote. The vote was unanimous.

The request by the Central Railway Model and Historical Association for the old Central depot. It was consensus of Council to inform the Association that no decision has been made as to the further use of that building and at such a time as a decision is made Council will be glad to entertain their request.

Mayor Holladay obtained a head count for the Pickens County Municipal Association to be hosted by the City of Liberty on February 23, 2004. The count was six and will be called in to Liberty on Tuesday morning.

There being no further business, motion by Lynne Chapman and seconded by Stan Thompson to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Towe

Clerk to Council