

TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 11, 2002
CENTRAL TOWN HALL
1067 WEST MAIN STREET
CENTRAL, S. C. 29630

Present: Mayor Harrison R. Holladay, Jr.; Council members: David Donald; Keith Martin; Stan Thompson; Joe Head; Gary White. Administrator Herbert Thompson; Greg Oliver, Clemson –Central Observer; Recreation Director Tom Cloer; Police Investigator Shane McAlister; Glenn Hughes; Don Smith; Members of the 2002 State Champion Boy's Basketball Team; Grace Towe, Clerk.

Mayor Holladay called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 P. M.

Invocation by Gary White.

Minutes of the February 11, 2002 regular Council meeting were presented. Motion by Keith Martin and seconded by David Donald to accept as corrected in work session. The vote was unanimous.

Report from Council Committees:

Mayor Holladay recognized the Boy's Basketball Team (THE GATORS) AGES 9-10 who had won the 2002 State Championship. He called on Recreation Committee member Keith Martin to come forward along with the coaches of that winning team, Glenn Hughes and Don Smith. Each player and coach was presented a certificate of appreciation and a team picture was made by Greg Oliver for publication. Again, Mayor Holladay and Keith Martin expressed their appreciation for a job well done and thanked Councilman David Donald for providing the certificates that were presented. Members of the team are: Tyler Hall; John Patrick Hill; Dalton Nations; Robert Porter; Forrest Rogers; Cody Thurlow; Deandre Hopkins; Daniel Zielinski; Christopher Sparape.

Public Session: Investigator Shane McAlister presented the statistics for the police department for the month of February 2002.

Consideration of Ordinances in possession Council:

First reading of Ordinance #03-11-02-STH to sell old Town Hall per per S. C. Law Section 5-7-40. Mayor Holladay advised that since this was not discussed in work session that the ordinance be tabled for the next work session. It was consensus of Council to table this ordinance for the next work session.

David Donald- Streets and Sanitation- Mr. Donald discussed the issue of a count of the residents so that roll carts for garbage might be considered for the future. Roll carts with bags would be a much safer way for the workers to handle the garbage.

Keith Martin- Recreation – Mr. Martin reported that the Community Park building had been completed and the wall behind the backstop is being replaced. He commended Tom Cloer for the good job he is doing with Recreation Department. Tom has been responsible for obtaining grant funds to accomplish most of the work on the Community Park project. Tom Cloer at this time announced that he was pleased with the outcome of the project and encouraged Council to look at the fee that we are charging for the use of the building and make sure that the fee will be enough to upkeep the premises for the future.

Gary White – Planning - Mr. White had no report at this time.

Joe Head – Water and Sewer – Mr. Head discussed the problem of rainwater and the cost involved and the need for smoking lines and getting to the root of some of the problems.

Stan Thompson – Public Safety - Mr. Thompson reported that seventeen of our firemen attended a two-day training session in Columbia this past weekend.

Station II had their election on this date and Mr. Thompson attended and was impressed with the order in which the election was held. He discussed the SOP manual and some possible upgrading of the document.

Frank Chaka – Finance - In Mr. Chaka's absence Council went over the financial report.

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Herbert Thompson discussed the Duke Power Electric Service Agreement and stated that the contract will be up for renewal this fiscal year and Mr. John Geer will be here on April 1, 2002 to address the contract in work session.

Mr. Thompson discussed the proposed Pickens County Sewer rate increase and advised Council to go to Pickens County Administrative building on March 21, 2002 at 7:00 p. m. to be involved in what is going on with the sewer issue.

Some discussion of roll carts for citizens. Discussion only as to the price, etc.

Mr. Thompson discussed the new computer software system from C. S. I. A motion to authorize Administrator Thompson to purchase this system was made by Joe Head and seconded by Gary White. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor's Report:

Council to approve Intergovernmental Agreement for Brush Grinding Facility. Motion by Keith Martin and seconded by Stan Thompson to give Administrator Thompson authority to sign the agreement with the City of Clemson. The vote was unanimous.

Council was reminded that Central is to host the Pickens County Municipal Association on March 25, 2002. Also, Council was reminded that the Statement of Economic Interest must be filed in Columbia by April 15, 2002.

Council was reminded to turn in the forms from Council Planning Retreat.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S.Towe
Clerk to Council
03/11/02