

TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 12, 2001 – 7:00 P. M.
CENTRAL TOWN HALL – 105 WERNER STREET
CENTRAL, S.C. 29630

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilpersons: Edward Reynolds; Keith Martin; Joe Head; Harry Holladay; Bobby Busha. Administrator Herbert Thompson; Catherine Roberts, Recording minutes on tape for Grace S. Towe, Clerk/Treasurer. Citizen Debbie Cumbie; News Media Mollie Ferrloan, The Daily Messenger.

Mayor Stan Thompson called the regular Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 P. M.

Invocation by Councilman Harry Holladay.

Debbie Cumbie was recognized and Mayor Thompson presented her with the Volunteer of the Year Community Service Award for 2000 and commended her for her service to the community and especially for her outstanding work as one of the representatives on the Recreation Center's Board of Directors. Mayor Thompson read the resolution (copy herewith) and presented her with the award.

Minutes of the Special Called Council meeting of February 12, 2001 with Clemson City Council were presented. Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to dispense of the full reading of the minutes and accept as corrected in work session. Motion by Edward Reynolds to adopt. The motion was seconded by Keith Martin and the vote was unanimous.

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 12, 2001 were presented. Mayor Thompson called for a motion to dispense with the full reading of the minutes and adopt as corrected in work session. Motion by Keith Martin to adopt, seconded by Bobby Busha and the vote was unanimous.

Minutes of the Special called Council meeting of March 5, 2001 were presented with corrections made in this session. Mayor Thompson called for a motion to adopt as corrected. Motion by Keith Martin and seconded by Edward Reynolds to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session: Mollie Ferrloan of the Daily Messenger introduced herself to Council.

Report from Council Committees:

Edward Reynolds – Public Safety – Mr. Reynolds reported that the fire department had a busy month with several car wrecks and several fires. He reported that 15 firemen had participated in a class at the Fire Academy in

Columbia. The police department had a relatively normal month.

Frank Chaka – Finance – Mr. Chaka was out due to illness in his family. Administrator Herbert Thompson referred Council to the finance report in their package.

Keith Martin – Recreation – Mr. Martin reported that basketball season was well over and signups for baseball are in progress with numbers signing up according to projections. The Central-Clemson Recreation Center is still operating with good results.

Joe Head – Water and Sewer – Mr. Head reported that we are still in negotiations with the County over the wastewater I & I billing.

Harry Holladay – Planning – No report.

Bobby Busha – Streets and Sanitation- No report.

Consideration of Ordinances in possession of Council:

First reading of Ordinance to increase the minimum water rate from 6.26 to 7.00 per 2000 gallons. Councilman Joe Head briefed Council on the action of Easley-Central Water District. The district increased the rate to the Town, which necessitates the Town raising the rate to the citizens of the town. Cost of tap fees was added. After discussion Mayor Thompson called for a motion to amend the existing ordinance which sets water rates and meter rates to those figures that are reflected in the handout excluding any rate changes having to do with sewer taps. Motion to this ordinance was made by Edward Reynolds and seconded by Joe Head. The vote was five for and one against. Mayor Thompson was against. The motion carried.

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Herbert Thompson discussed the outcome of the February 5, 2001 meeting of the short and long range goals and reported the short-range goals that were decided on in this meeting.

Proposed I & I charges from Pickens County Public Service Commission was discussed. Motion by Bobby Busha that the town wait until the end of the month to see if we are billed for I & I and if so, seek an injunction against the county. This motion was seconded by Keith Martin. Mr. Martin suggested that we do our home-work between now and the end of the month in case the information is needed. After discussion, the vote was five in favor and one opposed. Mr. Head opposed.

Mayor's Report:

Daniel High School Academic Excellence Award. After discussion Mayor Thompson called for a motion to provide \$500.00 this year toward this award. Motion by Keith Martin and seconded by Edward Reynolds to award \$500.00. The vote was unanimous.

Review of Personnel and Operations Manual. It was consensus of Council to review this document at the next work session.

There being no further business Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Towe
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