



**TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY MARCH 14, 2005 – 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. Chapman; Stan Thompson; David Boyles; Gary White. Administrator Herbert Thompson; Pearce Adams, The Messenger; Sandy Brown; Elizabeth Owens; Police Chief Joe Gibbs; Clerk to Council Grace Towe.

Mayor Harrison R. Holladay, Jr. called the regular Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p. m. Invocation had been rendered in Public Hearing.

Minutes of the February 14, 2005 regular Town Council meeting minutes were presented as corrected in work session. Motion by Stan Thompson and seconded by Lynne Chapman to adopt as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session: No input.

Receipt and Disposition of Petitions (15 minutes) None.

Ordinances in Possession of Council:

- A. Second reading of Ordinance #03-14-05 ZA to amend the zoning map and parcel #4065-16-74-7571 located at 615 Pepper Street from R12, Single Family Residential District to a RM-8 Residential, Multi-Family District.
Motion by David Donald and seconded by Stan Thompson to approve. In discussion Councilman Donald requested that the the sign issue be brought to next work session since there had been some confusion about posting signs. After discussion the vote was six for and one opposed. Councilman David Boyles opposed.
Councilman Mac Martin had filed a recusal form and excused himself from the chambers for possible conflict of interest.
- B. Second reading of Ordinance #03-14-05 D to quit claim deed .16 of an acre to Oscar Molin; this property is located under the Duke Power high voltage power lines and at the end of Copperfield Drive. Motion by Stan Thompson and seconded by David Donald to adopt. The vote was unanimous.
- C. Second reading of Ordinance #02-14-05 LP to purchase house and lot as shown on Pickens County Tax map as Parcel #4065-10-46-6205 formerly known as the B. E.Allen property. Motion by Lynne Chapman and seconded by Mac Martin to adopt on second reading. After discussion the vote was unanimous.

Report from Council Committees:

Councilman Stan Thompson – Mr. Thompson put forth a motion that Council appoint Mr.Ken Dill to serve as one of our Assistant Municipal Judges. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Lynne Chapman. After discussion the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Thompson requested that he be allowed to add an item to the agenda, this being the appointment of one of our citizens to the Police Advisory Committee.

This motion was seconded by Councilman David Boyles and the vote was unanimous to add to the agenda.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to appoint Ms. Iris Soto of 102 Henry Court to the Police Advisory Committee. Ms. Soto will fill the seat held by Mr.Willie Gaines whose term has expired. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gary White. After discussion the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Gary White – Mr White reported that the Planning Commission had a couple of requests from Council, one being to revise our Comprehensive Land Use Plan which must be revised by 2008. Councilman White made a motion to authorize Administrator Herbert Thompson to employ the Appalachian Council of Governments to revise the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. This motion was seconded by Councilman David Donald and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. White stated that the Planning Commission also discussed the Road 18 Standards and ordinances adopted by the County and stated that at the next work session more about this issue could be discussed.

Councilman David Donald - Mr. Donald stated that a proposal from the Central Beautification Advisory Committee was in the Council work session packets. The proposal was to light the caboose area in some form, this to be worked out with the Administrator. Mr. Donald requested that an item be added to the agenda reference the appointment of a member to the Beautification Committee. The motion was seconded by Gary White and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Donald made a motion to appoint Ms. Debbie Peek to the Beautification Committee. This motion was seconded by Gary White and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Donald reported that the Beautification Committee had applied for a Beautification grant from Pickens County. Mr. Donald delivered the grant to the Clearwater Road destination and should be hearing from that effort soon.

Councilman David Boyles - Mr. Boyles gave an update on the Sewer Agreement with Pickens County. Mr. Boyles reminded Council of the greatest concern which is I & I (inflow and infiltration). It was consensus of Council to vote on this issue when we receive an updated copy of the agreement.

Councilmember Lynne O. Chapman - Ms. Chapman reported that the 10 and under Boys had just won the State All Star Championship and at the next Council meeting she will be recognizing these players. Ms. Chapman stated that basketball is being wrapped up and softball is ready to start.

Councilman Mac Martin - Mr. Martin presented the financial report with favorable results. Council discussed the upcoming budget and Administrator Thompson stated there are more details to come before any action can be taken on the budget. Councilman David Donald commended Police Chief Joe Gibbs on the outstanding job he did last week at the funeral escort of Chris Brewer. Our police department does an outstanding job with all of the funerals, but this was an exceptionally excellent job and he asked Chief Gibbs to thank all of his officers for their professional efforts when needed in such a capacity.

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Herbert Thompson advised Council on the Sewer Agreement with Pickens County and that his concern was to make sure that we have the proper capacity for the next five to ten years.

Mr. Thompson reported that he has met with CATS but has not gotten all the details worked out. He will meet again to work on the agreement for the bus system.

Mr. Thompson reported that Duke Power has responded on relocation of power lines at a cost of approximately 69,000 some odd dollars which is cheaper than it was originally.

Mr. Thompson noted that on April 28, 2005 he would be receiving bids on our new Water system from Clemson back to Central which will be on our portion of the line. He stated that most bids are coming in higher because of the cost of steel and the price of oil.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Holladay had some concern should we run short on funds for the relocation of power lines. He inquired as to how the "C" funds worked, do they send a check or do they pay the bills. Mr. Thompson advised that it works both ways. On the streetscape program, if we run short of funds, could we borrow from the general fund and let the hospitality tax fund repay the general fund, so that the program could continue? Administrator Thompson advised that hospitality tax could be used as this would be tourism. Mr. Thompson advised that it is possible to borrow from the general fund. He advised that "C" fund dollars are strictly for public safety but ample funds should be banked to take care of this project. Councilman David Donald stated that we could apply for more "C" funds than had been allocated.

Mayor Holladay reminded Council of the Pickens County Municipal Association meeting in Pickens on March 28, 2004 and a show of hands was six to go.

Mayor Holladay stated that he had walked the track recently and it is in need of some repairs and the grass is in need of attention. He stated that some areas of Brock Street need some attention since the area detracts from the value of surrounding properties.

Councilmember Lynne Chapman made a motion to enter into executive session for discussion of the re-appointment of the Assistant Municipal Judge. The motion was seconded by Councilman David Donald and the vote was unanimous.

After executive session Mayor Holladay recalled regular session and announced that no votes were taken in executive session. Councilmember David Donald made a motion that we advertise for an Assistant Municipal Judge and take applications for ten days. The motion was seconded by David Boyles and the vote was unanimous.

There being no further business Councilman Stan Thompson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Gary White and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Towe
Clerk to Council