



**TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
1067 WEST MAIN STREET, CENTRAL, SC 29630
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008 – 7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Mac Martin; Council Members Gary White, Harry Holladay, Tracey Reynolds, Lynne O'Dell Chapman, Tony Craig, and David Donald; Town Administrator Phillip Mishoe; Police Chief Kerry Avery; Clerk of Court Tina Fincannon; Fire Department's Executive Officer Ben Smith; Recreation Director Tom Cloer; Citizens Glenn E. Hughes, Edward and Karen Martin; and Deputy Town Clerk Susan Brewer.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mac Martin.

Lynne Chapman rendered the invocation.

Reading of Council Meeting Minutes 04/14/08

David Donald made the motion to dispense with full reading of the minutes and accept them as presented; seconded by Lynne Chapman. The vote was unanimous.

Reading of Special Called Meeting Minutes 05/05/08

Lynne Chapman made the motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Tracey Reynolds. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session

Glenn E. Hughes of 795 Madden Bridge Road:

Mr. Hughes stated he wanted to know what the plans were for the new land for the Recreation Complex. Tom Cloer stated he was working on the Scope of Services to find an engineer and he hoped to have this completed by August with the conceptual drawing done by December; and the estimated cost to build it. Mr. Cloer stated he has received grant money from the State and they (the Recreation Department) will apply for additional grant money. Mr. Hughes asked if the Town would pay for the Complex with Hospitality money; and was it true, what he read in the paper that the Town would not take possession until 2009. Mayor Martin stated there were no definite plans for financing at this point; they have looked at many avenues but no structured plan. Mayor Martin also stated that in 2009 the Town would take possession of the title and at that time they could sell off excess land and keep what is needed. Mr. Hughes asked if the Town planned to ask the citizens to participate to off-set the cost; possibly having a nest egg set aside. He stated he thought it would be good to pass on a surcharge to the citizens since the whole town would be using it. Mayor Martin asked if he had any suggestions and Mr. Hughes stated he thought of putting \$3, \$4, or \$5 on the water bill to help pay for this project. Mayor Martin stated it would be good to get help from the citizens but at this point a plan is not in place.

Receipt and disposition of petitions

None at this time.

Reports from Council Committees:

Gary White – Street & Sanitation

Mr. White stated for the month of April, the Street Department completed 21 work orders. In addition to work orders they picked up 97 loads of brush, 25 loads of leaves, 25 loads of metal, and 81 loads of wood. They patched the streets and mowed the grass two times; they also cut the Town's right-of-ways. The Street Department assisted the Water Department with reading meters on the 20th and 21st. They cut back all the trees on the back side of the cemetery and removed all the brush. They also installed two new entry doors on the Central Railroad Museum (Old Allen House).

Harry Holladay – Planning

The Planning Commission did not meet this month.
Mr. Holladay had nothing to report.

Tracey Reynolds – Water & Sewer

For the month of April, the Water and Sewer Department completed 58 work orders. They repaired numerous water leaks. In addition to work orders, the Water and Sewer Department flushed the sewer lines and flowed fire hydrants.

They collected DHEC samples on April 10th. They read meters on April 20th and 21st; rechecks were done on the 28th. A total of 82 disconnects were done. They performed 43 reconnects on the 29th. They responded to 10 sewer problems. A new 250 foot, 2 inch water line was installed on Martin Circle. The Water Department also installed down-spout drains on the buildings located on Main Street.

Lynne Chapman – Finance

Ms. Chapman stated the reports were in the packets; nothing out of the ordinary to report.

Tony Craig – Public Safety

Mr. Craig reported that all Council Members should have gotten their Fire Department and Police Department reports in their packets. If any one has any questions, they should address Chief Avery or Chief Reynolds.

Mr. Craig also reported an incident report was made on April 15th where a vehicle had struck and knocked down one of the Town's new light poles, on Main Street. The estimated damage is approximately \$1,500. If anyone sees an older model, grey Chevrolet, with a big dent in it – that should be the person in question.

David Donald – Recreation

Mr. Donald stated the Central Tiger's Football and Cheerleading sign-ups started May 12th and the teams are already full.

The annual Health Fair, done in conjunction with Cannon Hospital will be Wednesday, October 15th from 7:30 until 11:30 am at the Indoor Recreation Center. Flu shots, pneumonia shots, blood screenings, and many other booths addressing health and wellness will be available.

The retaining wall around the walking track at Bolick Field should be completed within 2 – 3 weeks.

Tom Cloer is currently working on putting together a Request for Proposals for the conceptual drawings of the new land for the Recreation Complex.

From the Indoor Recreation Center: The new session of swim lessons are full, with over 35 participants. Also, the new hours of the facility took effect May 1st. They are Monday – Friday 5:00 am until 9:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am until 8:00 pm, and Sunday 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm.

From the Young at Heart Program: There are now 671 homes receiving the Young at Heart newsletter. Upcoming Lunch & Learn programs are May 21st – Prevention of Colorectal Cancer and June 18th will be Stroke Risks and Warning Signs. Ms. Snide took a group of 11 participants to Commerce, Georgia and another trip with 10 participants to the High Museum of Art in Atlanta. She has also scheduled some week-long cruises and trips as outlined in the newsletter. She spoke to the Young at Heart Senior Group at Pendleton United Methodist Church on May 1st and received a lot of interest in the programs she was offering.

Introduction and consideration of new ordinances

Proclamation for Mental Health Month

Mayor Martin read the proclamation in its entirety. Lynne Chapman made the motion to accept the proclamation as presented; seconded by Tracey Reynolds. The vote was unanimous.

Policy #05-12-08 HPC

To appoint a Historic Preservation Committee

Mayor Martin explained the reason for the "revised" copy in the packets was a change in wording to allow the Committee to establish a list of potential structures so that the owners could apply for the tax assessment. Mayor Martin read the ordinance in its entirety; he then asked for a motion. David Donald made the motion to table this ordinance; seconded by Tony Craig. David Donald, Tony Craig, Gary White, and Harry Holladay were in favor of the motion; Mayor Martin, Lynne Chapman, and Tracey

Reynolds were opposed. Mayor Martin stated the ordinance would be placed on the next Work Session Agenda.

Ordinance #05-12-08 FEES

To make corrections in the Town Code Book

Chair made the motion to accept the Policy as presented; seconded by Tracey Reynolds. Mayor Martin, Tracey Reynolds, Lynne Chapman, and Harry Holladay were in favor; David Donald, Tony Craig, and Gary White were opposed.

Policy #05-12-08 BASE

To increase water & sewer rates

Lynne Chapman made the motion to accept this Policy as presented; seconded by Tracey Reynolds. Mayor Martin, Lynne Chapman, Tracey Reynolds, and Tony Craig were in favor; Gary White, Harry Holladay, and David Donald were opposed.

Policy #05-12-08 BASE 2

To increase water & sewer rates

Policy died for lack of motion.

First reading of Ordinance #05-12-08 BU

To adopt the Town of Central's Annual Budget

Lynne Chapman made the motion to accept the ordinance as presented; seconded by Harry Holladay. David Donald asked if this included the 10 Fund. Mayor Martin stated it included all funds. Mr. Mishoe will present the budget at a Public Hearing is scheduled for June 10th at 6:45 pm. Mr. Donald stated in the Work Session the budget was presented as having a 2% cost of living increase and a 1% merit increase, with a 13% increase in business licenses, and an increase in water and sewer. He could not find the 13% in business license on his budget. Mr. Mishoe stated it was at the bottom. Mr. Donald asked if this increase could be used for the Fire Department's increase. Mr. Mishoe told him he made some changes in the expenditures side to make up for the \$3,000 for the Fire Department.

Mayor Martin, Lynne Chapman, Tracey Reynolds, Harry Holladay, and Gary White were in favor; David Donald and Tony Craig were opposed.

First Reading of Ordinance #05-12-08 RB

To adopt the Town of Central's Budget for the Recreation Department

Lynne Chapman moved to accept the ordinance as presented: seconded by Harry Holladay. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of ordinances already in possession of Council

Policy #04-14-08 SANT-COMM - Sanitation Fee Increase

Gary White made the motion to accept this policy as presented; seconded by Harry Holladay. The vote was unanimous.

Policy #04-14-08 SANT-TIPPING - Sanitation Fee Increase

Tony Craig made the motion to accept the policy as presented; seconded by David Donald. The vote was unanimous.

Policy #04-14-08 RS - Residential Sanitation Increase

Chair moved to accept the policy as presented; seconded by Lynne Chapman. The vote was unanimous.

Reports from the Administrator and Mayor:

Administrator

MASC's Annual Meeting July 17th – 20th

Need head count by 05/20/08 - David Donald, Lynne Chapman, and Harry Holladay.

Stan Thompson resigned as part-time judge. His last day will be May 28th. This position will not be filled at this time.

The Town is going to an automatic phone system May 15th. One of the Utility Billing Clerks is on maternity leave. The staff tried to handle the workload without having to hire

a part-time person; however, the phones ringing so much has been the most time-consuming task. The Town has been paying for this service for over 5 years now.

Mayor

Mayor Martin received an invitation from DSS to foster or adopt a child. Anyone interest – see Mac.

Ashley Harris resigned his position as Election Chairman and Herbert Thompson is the Chairman of the Election Committee.

Miscellaneous business not included in any of the proceeding items

Living in the Town Limits

Mayor Martin stated there has been some discussion as to whether or not the Police Chief needs to live inside the Town limits. Lynne Chapman made the motion for Chief Avery to continue living in the home he is in now; seconded by Harry Holladay. Council Members stated an ordinance was passed before Chief Gibbs was hire, requiring the Chief of Police to live inside the Town limits. Mr. Mishoe agreed to research this. Harry Holladay made the motion to table this; seconded by David Donald. Mayor Martin, David Donald, Tony Craig, Harry Holladay, and Gary White were in favor; Lynne Chapman and Tracey Reynolds were opposed.

David Donald made the motion to add an item to the agenda, to add an item to the ballot in November; seconded by Harry Holladay. The vote was unanimous.

Question to add an item to the ballot in November. Chair moved to add an item to the ballot in November; the question to add \$5 to the water bills to fund the Recreation Complex; seconded Tracey Reynolds. David Donald asked if it was for in-town residents only. Mayor Martin stated it would be for anyone who receives a water bill from the town. The vote was unanimous.

Chair moved to adjourn with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Brown, Town Clerk

Approved: June 9, 2008