



**TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2006 - 7:00 PM
CENTRAL TOWN HALL
1067 WEST MAIN STREET
CENTRAL, SC 29630**

Present: Mayor Mac Martin; Council Members David Donald, Tony Craig, Lynne Chapman, Tracey Reynolds, Gary White, and David Boyles; Administrator Phillip Mishoe; Police Chief Joe Gibbs; Fire Chief Ed Reynolds; Utility Billing Supervisor Susan Brewer; Public Works Director Dean Martin; Recreation Director Tom Cloer; Members of the Public Becky Rivera and Karon Donald.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mac Martin.

The invocation was rendered by Lynne Chapman.

Reading of Regular Town Council Meeting 04/10/06: Lynne Chapman made the motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Gary White. The vote was unanimous.

Reading of Regular Special Called Meeting 05/01/06: Lynne Chapman made the motion to adopt these minutes as presented; seconded by Tracey Reynolds. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session (30 minutes total): Beth Rivera representing Central Lofts expressed that they were in total support of a new fire truck, but did not feel the flat fee was fair. She also asked why other businesses such as Wal-Mart and down town, were not included.

Mayor Martin expressed that the flat fee was not a fee per complex, but a square foot fee. When we had the public hearing, the Mayor calculated it at the highest rate. We are still trying to get a FEMA grant and we are trying to communicate with the Rural Fire Department for assistance. We are not giving up on the money. It is an ISO requirement to get the truck.

Ms. Rivera did not have any more questions.

No other public comments.

Receipt and disposition of petitions (15 minutes total) – there were none.

Reports from Council Committees:

1. Gary White – Planning

- A. The Planning Commission is still working on the Comprehensive Plan although Chip Bentley from ACOG was absent this past meeting. They are also working on the Flood Plain Ordinance and the Subdivision Regulations. Mayor Martin asked where they stood on the Subdivision Regulations. Mr. White stated they were waiting for Building Official Richard Davidson to submit the City of Liberty's Regulations. Mayor Martin asked that these be ready for the next meeting. Mayor Martin asked where the Flood Plain Ordinance stands and Gary White said again, they are waiting on Mr. Davidson. The Planning Commission wants to adopt the ordinance that Pickens County has. They have submitted their plan to Washington for approval.
- B. David Donald stated at the request of the Zoning Administrator, the Planning Commission needs to review the Political Sign Ordinance. The way the ordinance is worded, signs can go up anytime before the election and this needs to be changed to 30 days before the election; and also add a size limit to this. Mayor Martin requested Mr. Davidson send him a letter requesting these changes.

2. David Boyles – Water & Sewer

- A. Nothing to report at this time.

3. Finance – Tracey Reynolds

- A. Everyone should have gotten a copy of the line item budget in their packets. Everything seems to be as normal.

4. Lynne O'Dell Chapman – Recreation

- A. We are wrapping up baseball at the end of the month and then will go into All-Stars. Football and cheerleading sign ups will be within the next 2 weeks. In June, the players will be awarded their certificates for the State Championship.

5. Tony Craig – Streets & Sanitation

- A. Updating the work orders process: this past month they received 9 work orders for pick up of wood and assorted items; 1 request for a recycle bin; 2 work orders for other miscellaneous items. Also 7 street lights were reported as being out or burning continuously.

6. David Donald – Public Safety

- A. Mr. Donald made the motion to implement the Ride-Along Program; seconded by Tony Craig. The vote was unanimous.
- B. The Fire Department and Police Department reports were in the packets.
- C. Mr. Donald attended the Young at Heart Community Board Meeting at the Senior Center. Ms. Maco is trying to work out some issues with transportation. Clemson lets them use the van but it is not always reliable or accessible. If another van can be purchased, Ms. Maco is looking at a 15-passenger van that does not require a Commercial Drivers License. Clemson has agreed to put in \$10,000 for their part of it. Also, after the noon meal the van driver has to take everyone back that he brought – about 25 people. If he didn't have to take everyone back so soon, they would stay for the programs that Ms. Maco prepared. Central's part of her salary is in the budget and there is some concern for Clemson's part. Mr. Donald stated he had not been going to any of the meetings and found out that no one from Central was going. He suggested the Mayor and Council Members, and Mr. Mishoe - give Ms. Maco a letter of support because we are very well pleased with how she is doing. Mr. Donald made the motion to give Ms. Laurel Maco, the Central-Clemson Young at Heart Director, a letter of support for her to take to the City of Clemson to prove to them her worth for their part of her salary;

seconded by Tracey Reynolds. The vote was unanimous.

- D. Mr. Donald also stated that no one from Council has been attending the monthly meetings. Lynne Chapman stated she was on it the first year and may be able to start going again. She will let the Mayor know if she can.
- E. Mr. Donald met 2 weeks ago with students in Clemson University's Wildlife Program, to discuss the continuous beaver problem. They agreed to trap them for \$100 a beaver. He stated he felt this was high until he did some research and calculations and found our Public Works department would spend about \$400 - \$500 a month. Mr. Donald asked that the Council give this some consideration and it will be discussed at the next Work Session.

End of Council reports.

Consideration of Ordinances already in possession of Council:

- 1. Second reading of Ordinance #04-10-06 FPP; to establish a fire protection fee to provide funds to procure new equipment of the Fire Department. The Chair made the motion to adopt this ordinance: seconded by Gary White. Mr. White asked if this would be based on square footage. Mayor Martin stated yes, it would be based on square footage at approximately six-cent a square foot. Also, we will take money from our budget, a grant, and the Rural Fire Department. He wanted to act on the ordinance now so that the apartment owners can plan for it. Mr. Donald asked that the apartment owners / managers receive a letter ahead of time. The vote was unanimous.
- 2. Second reading of Ordinance 05/08/06 PUR; to amend the Code of the Town of Central Section 13.5-1(b) Expenditure and Purchasing; to increase the purchase order approval to \$1,000. Motion was made by Lynne Chapman; seconded by David Donald. Council Members David Donald, Lynne Chapman, Tony Craig, Tracey Reynolds, and Gary White were in favor of the motion. Council Member David Boyles was opposed.

Introduction and Consideration of New Ordinances and Resolutions:

- 1. Resolution to recognize May as Mental Health Month. Mayor Martin read the resolution in its entirety. Council Member Lynne Chapman made the motion to accept the resolution; seconded by David Boyles. The vote was unanimous.

Reports from Administrator and Mayor

- 1. Administrator Phillip Mishoe
 - A. Streetscape Project: Construction will start May 15th. The signs are already out, the temporary fence will go up this week, and Public Works will finish cutting the asphalt. It will take 6 – 8 weeks to complete.
 - B. South trunk line: Bids will be opened May 11th. We should know more next week from B. P. Barber Engineering firm.

Council Member David Donald asked the Mayor if he anticipated any special called meetings to brain storm about monies. Mayor Martin stated we would have to have several special called meetings within the next 6 weeks for the budget.

Mr. Donald also asked Mr. Mishoe if the chain link fence would separate the rail road from the workers. Mr. Mishoe stated yes, this is to prevent having to have a flag man there during construction.

Mr. Mishoe reported on the Washington trip he and the Mayor took. He stated there were some good speakers: Barrett Gresham, Lindsey Graham, Jim DeMint, someone from Homeland Security, Deputy Secretary for Barbara Bush, etc. The immigration issue was the hot topic. The speakers went to great length helping them understand the issues and the importance of security. They got a chance to meet a lot of business owners who are members of the Chamber, and also people in Washington to call upon when needed.

- 2. Mayor Mac Martin:
 - A. Support Department of Social Services in celebrating May as National Foster Care Month. Chair moved that we support May as National Foster Care Month; seconded by Lynne Chapman. All were in favor. We will forward a letter to Columbia.
 - B. Carson Crossing / Maverick Crossing. At this time the Mayor suspended the Rule of Order. Eddie Nail with the Clemson Chamber of Commerce was present to assist the Mayor in discussion of increasing the downtown and business presence. No action was taken.

Miscellaneous business not included in any of the proceeding items: None.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Brown, Town Clerk
Approved by Council: June 12, 2006