

TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 11, 2001 – 7:00 P. M.
CENTRAL TOWN HALL – 105 WERNER ST.
CENTRAL, S. C. 29630

Present: Councilpersons: Keith Martin; Joe Head; Edward Reynolds; Bobby Busha. Administrator Herbert Thompson; Clerk Grace Towe; Police Chief Joe Gibbs. Greg Oliver, Clemson-Central Community Observer; Mollie Ferrigan, The Messenger.

Councilman Keith Martin called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 P. M.

Invocation by Administrator Herbert Thompson.

Mr. Martin presented the minutes of the May 24, 2001 regular Council meeting. Motion by Edward Reynolds and seconded by Joe Head to dispense with the full reading and adopt as corrected in work session. The motion was unanimous.

Public Session: (30 minutes) No input.

Report from Council Committees:

Edward Reynolds – Public Safety - Mr. Reynolds reported that the fire department had been normal for the month and that a blood drive would be held soon at Station 2. The Pickens County Fire Chief's Association is sponsoring the drive throughout the County and advised all who could to give blood for this drive. Chief Joe Gibbs reported that the police department had a busy month last month. He gave a comparison as to how the department was this time last year and reported the activity had almost doubled. He stated that a grant for bulletproof vests had been awarded the department. Another grant is being applied for where the government pays 90% and the department would pay 10%. Chief Gibbs reported that coordination was being made for the Little League World Series players who will be housed at Southern Wesleyan University.

Administrator Thompson presented the financial report for May with favorable results. He reported that the yearly audit would soon be in progress.

Councilman Martin briefed Council on the activity of the Indoor Recreation Center. He reported that the Scholarship grant is again being offered and several have applied for this scholarship. The regular Recreation Department is running on schedule and nothing out of the ordinary is going on.

Joe Head – Water and Sewer - Mr. Head stated that he had been on vacation for the past two weeks and asked Administrator Thompson to comment on his department. Mr. Thompson stated that bids had been opened on the Nord-Lac water line. Mr. Thompson reported that that prices

were all more than the Town could finance and he had written to Senator Larry Martin asking for help from the state for this project. Mr. Thompson reported that Easley-Central Water District had informed him that they would be charging the town for the water that they pull from the Keowee line. There is some questions as to how they can do this and the Chairman of Easley-Central's Board is requested to meet with this Council at the next work session. The next work session will not be on July 2, 2001 but will be held 30 minutes before the regular session on July 9, 2001.

Mr. Thompson stated that the Planning report would be presented with his report.

Bobby Busha – Streets and Sanitation - Mr. Busha thanked Administrator Thompson for having the holes patched at Central Elementary School.

Consideration of Ordinances and or Resolutions in possession of Council:

Second reading of Ordinance #6-30-2002. Mr. Thompson reported that Pickens County will charge the Town a building fee for the new Town Hall. He asked Council to consider hiring a part-time Building Codes and Zoning Official on a contractual basis to do our building codes and zoning. To do that the present budget would have to be amended as was presented and first reading has been done. \$15,000 would need to be added to the total budget if Council is willing to do that. Building permits for the next year should cover this extra expense. Councilman Edward Reynolds made a motion to add this item to the agenda. This would add \$15,000 to the budget for the part-time Building Codes and Zoning Official. This motion was seconded by Bobby Busha and The vote was unanimous.

Ordinance #6-30-2002 as amended was presented for second reading. Motion by Edward Reynolds and seconded by Joe Head to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

Ordinance #6-01RB was presented for second reading. Motion by Edward Reynolds and seconded by Bobby to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Thompson updated Council on the agreement with Clemson, Pendleton and Clemson University to lease- purchase a tub grinder with our portion being approximately \$5,000. After discussion, motion by Joe Head and seconded by Edward Reynolds for Mr. Thompson to enter into this agreement. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Thompson briefed Council on the revised agreement with Pickens County in regard To the 18 Mile Creek sewer. The project got referred back to committee at County Council and is yet to be worked out. It is hoped that some agreement can be met so that we won't have to pay 1 and ½ times the I&I charges, but as of now it is not settled.

Mayor's Report:

Administrator Thompson stated that the new town hall project was coming along well. All of the outside walls are up and within 10 days the rafters should be up and ready for roofing. The problem with some of the grading is being resolved.

Mr. Martin briefed Council on Mr. Charlie White who was chairman of the Recreation Board of Directors for the Recreation Center who will not run for another term and Mr. Martin stated that it would be nice to recognize him in some way. It was consensus of Council to recognize him with a nice plaque and Mr. Thompson will take care of this item.

Administrator Thompson requested that Council enter into a brief executive session for discussion of a legal matter. Motion by Bobby Busha and a second by Edward Reynolds to enter into executive session. The vote was unanimous.

After executive session Mr. Martin recalled regular session and announced that no votes were taken while in executive session and entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Edward Reynolds and seconded Bobby Busha to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Towe
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