



**TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY JUNE 13, 2005 – 7:00 P. M.
CENTRAL TOWN HALL
1067 WEST MAIN STREET
CENTRAL, S. C. 29630**

Present: Mayor Harrison R Holladay, Jr., Council members: David Donald; Mac Martin; Lynne O. Chapman; Stan Thompson; David Boyles; Gary White. Administrator Herbert Thompson; Senator Larry Martin; Representative Dr. B. R. Skelton; Former Fire Chief John Head and wife Clara. Pearce Adams, The Messenger. Citizens named on the attached sheet; Grace S. Towe, Clerk to Council.

Mayor Harrison R. Holladay, Jr. called the regular Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 P. M. and led in the invocation.

Mayor Holladay recognized Senator Larry Martin to make a presentation honoring former Fire Chief John Head for his many years of service. Senator Martin commended Chief Head for his many years of outstanding service to the town and the community. He stated that this many years of dedication and commitment in our state is probably unparalleled. Dr. B. R. Skelton read a letter sent to John from Governor Mark Sanford as part of the presentation for tonight. The governor stated that on behalf of the people of South Carolina he was pleased to award Chief Head "The Order of The Silver Crescent" the state's highest honor for volunteer and community service.

Minutes of the Town Council Public Hearing minutes of May 9, 2005 at 6:30 to discuss the proposed budget for F.Y.E. 6-30-2006 were presented. Motion by Councilman Mac Martin and seconded by Councilman David Donald to adopt as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes of the regular Town Council meeting of May 9, 2005 were presented. Motion to accept as corrected was made by Stan Thompson and seconded by Gary White and the vote was unanimous.

Minutes of the Special Called Council meeting of May 11, 2005 were presented. After correction to remove the comma after Chip Boyles' name a motion was made to adopt as corrected. The motion was made by Mac Martin and seconded by David Donald and the vote was unanimous.

Public Session (30 minutes) No input.

Clemson Administrator Rick Cotton was recognized to address Council on the Central/Clemson Water Project, (the projected cost being the main topic). Mr. Cotton reminded Council that approximately 30 days ago the bids were opened on the joint water project. Mr. Cotton stated that the bad news is that since the bids came in approximately \$800 thousand dollars more than was budgeted for. The good news is that the State Revolving Fund did have some additional money and the City of Clemson will borrow \$574,000 to finish this project. A bid has been awarded and the project should begin within the next month. Mr. Cotton presented statistics to show what Central's share of the project would be. The cost of steel has skyrocketed and this will take its toll on the entire project, but it will all work out. The project still looks favorable for both towns.

Mr. Cotton expressed concern over the Old Simms School Road drop off and the severity of the danger it poses when the SWU baseball stadium is placed in use. Guardrails are needed for this stretch of that road and with Council's permission the City of Clemson could go ahead and get the work started for the funds that would be available for this project. (A copy of the preliminary estimate is attached herewith.) A resolution would be needed for this project and it was consensus of Council for Clemson to go ahead with the improvement project.

Councilman Stan Thompson thanked Mr. Cotton and the City of Clemson for their hospitality extended at the last Municipal Association meeting at Abernathy Park. The park was well ready to receive the crowd and the atmosphere was wonderful.

Receipt and Disposition of Petitions (15 minutes) None.

Ordinances in possession of Council:

Second reading of Ordinance #06-13-05ZA to amend Section 1002.3 and 1002.4 of the Official Zoning Ordinance. This item had been left off the agenda and a motion was made by Gary White and seconded by David Donald to add this item to the agenda. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Holladay called for a motion to adopt Ordinance #06-13-05ZA on second reading. Motion by Lynne Chapman and seconded by David Boyles to adopt on second reading. The vote was unanimous.

Second reading of Ordinance #06-13-05 BU to adopt the annual budget for the General Fund(10 Fund), Victims Advocate (20 Fund), Utility Fund (30 Fund), Indoor Recreation (TIF 40 Fund), Recycling (60 Fund), Central/Clemson Indoor Recreation (71 Fund) and Hospitality Tax (80 Fund). Motion by Lynne Chapman and seconded by Gary White to adopt. Mayor Holladay called for discussion. Councilman David Donald stated that the budget had \$25,000 allocated for the CATS bus system and as you know we have tried to get a route to Wal-Mart and Mayor Holladay attended a meeting at the Southern Wesleyan University along with the regular board meeting and brought this package which you are all more than welcome to look at. It has a new map on it and on the corner is the Central map with the proposed route to Wal-Mart. I have talked with Mr. Thompson about this \$25,000 that is allocated for the CATS bus system.

I really have reservations about paying \$25,000 for something that we don't really have a lot of control over. I don't want to see this removed but would like to see us try to negotiate or have some control over the CATS bus system. I feel that if we pulled out of the CATS bus system it would not be fair to the citizens that do use the system and if we ever considered getting back into the system we would never get back into the system at that price. I do have reservations about this line item \$25,000 CATS bus system. Mayor Holladay stated that we all have some reservations about it to a certain degree but as you expressed it would hurt us more to take it out at the present. Mr. Boyles inquired as to how the grants were obtained and Administrator Thompson advised that the University administers the grants. Mayor Holladay stated that Central came on the system about a year

after the original system. Councilman Mac Martin stated that he was not impressed with the presentation prior by Chip Boyles and sensed that Mr. Boyles was not interested in getting the bus route to Wal-Mart. Councilman Martin made a motion to table the second reading of the budget till maybe we have more conversation. This motion was seconded by Councilman David Donald. The vote to table was four(David Donald, Mac Martin, Gary White, David Boyles) The vote not to table was three. (Lynne Chapman, Mayor Holladay and Stan Thompson). The vote was by show of hands.

Mayor Holladay stated that we would need to have a special meeting in a couple of weeks. Councilman Stan Thompson stated that we are only a few weeks away from July 1 which begins the new fiscal year and that he would hate to see us enter the new fiscal year and not have a budget to work from. Mr. Thompson stated that he would prefer to adopt this budget and amend it later on but that's beside the point. He stated he would certainly encourage us to have that special called meeting prior to July 1 so that hopefully we would have a budget when the fiscal year starts. Mayor Holladay called for a suggestion as to when we might meet which should be within the next two and half weeks. It was decided that June 20, 2005 at 6:30 P. M. would be best for a short meeting to consider the budget. Councilman Stan Thompson stated that having a meeting would not solve the issue if we had not worked out something with Clemson and we would only have 4 working days to get this done. Mayor Holladay stated that he had talked with Mr. Cotton and Mr. Lesenski from CATS and asked if there would be any routes established within the next three to six months and the answer was no. Mayor Holladay stated that he hoped within the next six months we could have something worked out on this issue.

Second reading of Ordinance #06-13-05 RB to adopt the annual budget for the Recreation Department (50 Fund). Motion by Councilman David Donald to accept on second reading. The motion was seconded by Mac Martin and the vote was unanimous.

Second reading of Ordinance #06-13-05 RF to amend the reconnect fee from \$20.00 for non-payment for water and sewer service to \$30.00 to have water service restored.

Motion by Mac Martin and seconded by Stan Thompson to adopt on second reading. The vote was unanimous.

First reading of Ordinance #07-11-05 IF to establish a Fire Department Impact Fee. Motion by Stan Thompson and seconded by Lynne Chapman to adopt. In discussion a motion was made by Mac Martin and seconded by David Boyles to amend the ordinance to contain impact fee of \$60.00 for commercial. The vote was five for and two opposed (for: Mac Martin; David Donald; Mayor Holladay; David Boyles and Gary White) (opposed: Lynne Chapman and Stan Thompson). All in favor of the ordinance as amended was five for and two opposed. (Lynne Chapman and Stan Thompson opposed).

First reading of Ordinance #07-11-05 WSR to raise water rates: Whereas to offset the water rate increase from Easley/Central Water District. Motion by David Donald and seconded by Mac Martin to adopt on first reading. The vote was six for and one opposed.(David Boyles opposed).

First reading of Ordinance #07-11-05 DCS to amend the Hwy 93 Corridor Standards to include Hwy 18 Development Corridor Standards. Motion by Gary White and seconded by Lynne Chapman to adopt. In discussion David Donald made a motion to table this ordinance until such a time as the recently annexed property owners on Hwy 18 have been notified by letter from the Administrator or the Mayor of our intent to impose some standards on them. The standards now are much like the county passed as the Road 18 standards. The newly annexed property owners were promised that they would have some input into the community planning. By passing this ordinance on first reading I think we are asking these people to come and agree with what we want therefore I will have to request that we table this ordinance. The motion to table was made by David Donald and seconded by Mac Martin and the vote was four for and three opposed. Lynne Chapman, Stan Thompson, Gary White opposed.

Councilman Mac Martin inquired as to whether a letter to the recently annexed property owners or a public hearing would be best. He stated both would be proper. Administrator Thompson informed Mr. Martin that a public hearing must be advertised fifteen days ahead. This subject can be discussed at the next work session, It was concensus of Council to hold the July work session on July 11 and regular Council meeting on July 18, 2005.

Reading of Resolution #7-11-05 S authorizing the Police Chief to sell a 1999 Cadillac.

Motion by David Boyles and seconded by Gary White to approve. The vote was unanimous by six (Ms. Chapman was not available to vote).

Report from Council Committees:

David Donald – Streets and Sanitation – Mr. Donald stated the Central Heritage Festival Committee wishes to display the display of pictures in the front lobby. It was concensus of Council to allow this request. Mr. Donald discussed the need to get the landscaping finished around the town sign. Some herbicides for the cemetery are much in need and some stump removal would help. The need to get the Streetscape project going is necessary.

Mac Martin – Finance - Mr. Martin presented the financial report with only one month left in the fiscal year.

Lynne Chapman – Recreation – Ms. Chapman had to leave.

Stan Thompson – Public Safety - Mr. Thompson stated that the police and fire activity for last month were routine.

David Boyles – Water and Sewer – No report.

Gary White – Planning - Mr. White stated that the Planning Commission would meet to discuss the Hwy 93 and Hwy 18 Corridor Standards on June 28, 2005 at 7:00 P. M.

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

Administrator's Report:

Sewer Report- Mr. Thompson reported that he had signed the papers to release the grant.

Water Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for 2004. The report will be going out Friday or Monday with one violation recorded

Bank drafts will start July 1 (for payment of utility bills).

Mayor's Report:

Mayor had no report and called for a motion to go into executive session for employee performance review of the administrator and discussion of a personnel matter that relates to the possible addition of a ministerial recorder position within the court department. Motion by Stan Thompson and seconded by Mac Martin and the vote was unanimous.

After executive session Mayor Holladay recalled regular session and announced that no votes were taken or any action taken in executive session. Councilman Mac Martin made a motion to take from the table the second reading of Ordinance #06-13-05 BU. This motion was seconded by David Donald and the vote was unanimous. (Ms. Chapman was not here for the vote).

Mayor Holladay called for a motion to adopt the Ordinance #06-13-05BU, the budget for F.Y.E 06-30-06 on second reading. This motion was made by Mac Martin and seconded by David Donald and the vote was unanimous. (Ms. Chapman was not here for the vote).
Six voted in favor: Mr. White, Boyles, Thompson, Mayor, Martin, and Donald.
Mr. Martin stated that he had ample time to think about this issue.

Councilman Stan Thompson stated that pursuant to the discussion in the work session he would ask to add to the agenda an ordinance to create the position of a Ministerial Recorder. This motion was seconded by Councilman David Boyles and the vote was unanimous. (Ms. Chapman was not here for the vote).

Mr. Thompson made a motion that the Town establish the position of Ministerial Recorder by Ordinance 6-13-05MR. (this being the first reading). The motion was seconded by David Boyles and the vote was unanimous. (Ms. Chapman was not here for the vote.)

Mayor Holladay announced that a public hearing would be held July 11, 2005 for the purpose of receiving public input concerning the proposed development proposed corridor standards for highways 93 and 18.

The Town bulletin board will be used to announce the public hearing.

David Donald made a motion to grant Administrator Thompson a 2% merit raise retroactive to the anniversary of his hire date. This motion was seconded by Stan Thompson and the vote was unanimous.

There being no further business Mayor Holladay adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Towe
Clerk to Council