



**TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 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, and Gary White; Administrator Phillip Mishoe; Police Chief Joe Gibbs; Public Works Director Dean Martin; Utility Billing Supervisor Susan Brewer; Recreation Director Tom Cloer; Assistant Water Treatment Operator Michael Masters; Police Secretary Karen Dixon, Clerk of Court Tina Fincannon; Members of the Public - family members of W. Herbert Thompson, Jr. and Catherine Porter-Hughes-Roberts; Members of the press Greg Oliver and Zack Mauldin.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mac Martin.

Check presentation from South Carolina Department of Transportation.

Marion P. Carnell, Fred Tier, and Larry Martin were present. Mr. Carnell presented a \$200,000 check for the Phase II Downtown Streetscape Project.

Recognition of Palmetto Championship winners.

Certificates were presented to: Forrest Bundrick, Chad Harrell, Tim Housand, Michael Peppers, Malik Williams, Adrine Dunn, Teldrequos Durham, Daniel McAlister, Jaelon Oglesby, Drew Abercrombis, Jake Alexander, Michael Batson, Trek Bell, Solomon Brown, Tyler Brown, Clayton Lee Bullock, Michael roy Bullock, Jarmar Burke, Jacob Burkett, Brandon Cloer, Wade Craig, John Dubose, Tyus gaines, Brandon Galloway, Deleetric, Austin Hall, Carol Jones, Ricky Locklear, DeVontee Mattison, Andy McCall, Davin Melton, Bo Alexander Mtcalf, Neil Monaghan, Jae'lon Oglesby, Lamarcus Robinson, Eric Smith, Alex Thomas, and Markell Young

Resolution honoring Catherine P. Roberts.

A Motion was made by Lynne to accept this resolution; seconded by Gary White. The vote was unanimous.

Resolution honoring W. Herbert Thompson, Jr.

A motion was made by Lynne Chapman to accept this resolution; seconded by David Donald. The vote was unanimous.

Reading of Regular Town Council Minutes for 05/08/06.

David Donald made the motion to dispense with full reading of the minutes and adopt as presented; seconded by Tracey Reynolds. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session (30 minutes total).

Malisia Wilkins, 426 Tarrant Street spoke on her concern of the new business on Main Street - the Snack Box. Safety is an issue; there are no directions as to how to get in or out of the property. Some guidelines need to be set in the Zoning Ordinance. It does not state that you can have a drive thru. Ms. Wilkins asked Council to look into this. Tom Cloer stated the Streetscape Project comes within 3 feet of the property.

Receipt and disposition of petitions (15 minutes total).

Ms. Karen Pruitt sent a letter to Mayor and Council regarding speeding cars, speed bumps, and moving a "children playing" sign on Gassaway Street.

Lynne Chapman made the motion to accept the petition; seconded by David Donald. The vote was unanimous.

Reports from Council Committees:

1. Gary White – Planning

- A. The Planning Commission is discussing the Land Use Plan and hope to wrap it up this month. Also, the Flood Damage and Protection Ordinance will be on the work session for this month. The subdivision regulations are being updated. A proposal was made on the political signs regulations and this will be on the work session also.
- B. There was a special meeting to approve a Home Occupation Permit request for Amy and Henry Campbell, 319 Mountain View Drive, for home day-care and it was approved by the Planning Commission. Mr. White made the motion to accept the home occupation request; seconded by Tracey Reynolds.
- C. Lynne Chapman asked how long Mrs. Campbell have been running a day care business and why she is now being required to get a license. Mr. White stated for some reason she slipped through the cracks and had never applied for a home occupation permit or business license. Ms. Chapman also asked how many children she was keeping and Mr. White said six. Ms. Chapman question if it was necessary to get a business license for this and the Mayor responded that any business done in the Town required a business license. She asked if she kept a child in her home would she need a business license. David Donald stated she would if she received pay; and by her living in a residential area she would need to apply for a Home Occupation Permit. Ms. Chapman asked if we require business license for this (type of occupation), what would be next – a license for yard sales? Mayor Martin stated yard sales were not covered under the business license ordinance; however, some people who cut grass are required to get a license.
- D. Mayor and Council Members David Donald, Tony Craig, Tracey Reynolds, and Gary White vote in favor. Lynne Chapman was opposed.

2. David Boyles – Water & Sewer

- A. Mr. Boyles was absent.

3. Tracey Reynolds – Finance

- A. Everything is running normal.

4. Lynne Chapman – Recreation
 - A. No report.
5. Tony Craig – Streets and Sanitation
 - A. The Streets and Sanitation employees have been reading meters and keeping grass mowed. One of the things a lot of people don't see is the amount of trash and shrubbery picked up by these guys. In the month of May they did 271 pick ups. Tony has a report to give to anyone who wants it.
6. David Donald – Public Safety
 - A. The Fire Department and Police Department reports were in the packets. The Fire Department had a slow month with only 13 calls. The Police Department had a busy month and Mr. Donald congratulated Mr. Gibbs and his department on the way they have worked and acted during the high profile case that has recently been solved. He stated he has never been prouder to live in the Town of Central and be associated with such a fine department.
 - B. He also congratulated Mr. Tony Craig for attending the seminar presented by the Council of Governments. Mr. Craig was the only one from the Town who attended.
 - C. The Battle of Central was held last month, in spite of rain and it was well attended.
 - D. Mr. Donald asked should Ms. Malisia Wilkins' concerns be addressed to the Planning Commission, or was she having a hard time getting it put on the agenda. Mayor Martin stated it was a recommendation from a citizen to Council.
 - E. Consideration of ordinances already in possession of Council: none.

Introduction and consideration of new ordinances and resolutions:

1. First reading of Ordinance 06-12-06 BU; to adopt the Town of Central's annual budget for the General Fund (10 Fund), Utility Fund 30 Fund, Victims Advocate (20 Fund), Indoor Recreation (TIF 40 Fund), Recycling (60 Fund), Central-Clemson Indoor Recreation (70 Fund), Hospitality Tax (80 Fund), Streetscape Enhancement (15 Fund), Central Trunk Line Sewer (35 Fund), and Street Paving (45 Fund).
Chair moved to accept the budget on the first reading; seconded by Gary White.
Mr. Donald expressed that we need to try to hold the line. No growth is foreseen in the upcoming year and according to the administrator there is an 8% growth increase included. He also stated we should hold off on buying trucks and equipment and the salaries increase go from 4% to 2%.
Mr. Donald also had concerns about the telecommunications issue that was brought up at the last Work Session. Mr. Mishoe talked with Howard Duvall with MASC, to get some clarification. The 5% fee we are getting now will stay the same. The only thing that will change is the State's definition of gross revenue and our definition is slightly different, but Mr. Mishoe did not see any potential problems there. Anyone who pays a cable franchise will still pay the 5%.
A vote was taken and the Mayor and Council Members Tony Craig, Lynne Chapman, Tracey Reynolds, and Gary White were in favor; Council Member David Donald was opposed.
2. First reading of Ordinance 06-12-06 RB; to adopt the annual budget for the Recreation Department (50 Fund).
Chair made the motion to adopt this ordinance; Lynne Chapman seconded. No discussion. A vote was taken and the Mayor and Council Members Tony Craig, Lynne Chapman, Tracey Reynolds, and Gary White were in favor; Council Member David Donald was opposed.
3. First reading of Ordinance 06-12-06 SF; to establish a sewer fee to provide funds to procure the installation of the south trunk line sewer project.
David Donald made the motion to accept this ordinance; seconded by Tracey Reynolds. No discussion. The vote was unanimous.
4. First reading of Ordinance 06-12-06 RS; to raise sanitation fees for residential customers.
Chair made the motion to accept; seconded by David Donald.
David Donald stated, as the Administrator pointed out in the work session, we are losing money every month picking up residential and commercial trash. He encouraged the Administrator to try to get the fees in line. Mayor Martin stated they are in the process of reviewing commercial fees. Mr. Donald said he didn't want too much of a lag-time.
The vote was unanimous.
5. First reading of Ordinance 06-12-06 BL; to raise fees for business license; increase the penalty on business licenses; and to change the due dates on business license.
Chair made the motion to accept this ordinance; seconded by David Donald. Gary White asked if there was a change in penalties from what was done in the past. Mayor Martin stated the change is closer to what is normal in the industry. Mr. White stated it seemed a little excessive. Mr. White asked if the section of the lien on property was on the previous ordinance. Mayor Martin stated it was; the only thing that was changed was the fees. The vote was unanimous.
6. First reading of Ordinance 06-12-06 RB2; supplemental ordinance for the issuance an sale of water and sewer revenue bond.
Motion was made by David Donald to accept this ordinance; seconded by Gary White. No discussion. The vote was unanimous.

Reports from the Administrator and Mayor:

1. Administrator
 - A. Streetscape Project update; The progress is evident. Phase I will be finished within about 4 weeks.
 - B. South trunk line update; Mr. Mishoe talked with ACOG this week. He will meet with B. P. Barber and ACOG for a pre-construction meeting.
 - C. Cable franchise; As stated earlier, any company coming into town doing cable business will pay the fees.
2. Mayor
 - A. Policy for elderly and infirmed:
David Donald made the motion to accept this policy; seconded by Tracey Reynolds.
Gary White noticed the policy stated it does not have to be approved by Council just apply for an extension. Mayor Martin stated they could write a letter and Council would approve or disapprove.
The vote was unanimous.
 - B. Everyone is invited to the Ground Breaking of the South Trunk Line Sewer Project Ceremony
 - C. Results from Municipal Judge Selection Committee:
There were no results. The position is posted on the webpage. The judge's school was tentatively scheduled for July 11th. Mr. Donald states although he had not discussed it with the other committee members he suggested re-advertising.
 - D. A Work Session is scheduled July 11, 2006 with Clemson Council regarding the 2-year pilot program for the Young at Heart Program. The 2 Councils need to evaluate the program and decide how to proceed. The program still has about 6 months. Council Member

David Donald volunteered his services to attend the Young at Heart Program Committee monthly meetings.

E. Speed bumps:

There were other people in town who have had problems speeding on Watkins Street. Some of the town roads need to be reviewed to see what we need to do.

David Donald made a motion to investigate and do a cost analysis of speed bumps; seconded by Gary White.

Mr. Donald stated Mr. White got a notebook from Clemson University presented by Sandy Priddy on how to install "traffic calming devices." The book outlines how to install them, when they are needed and where to install them.

Miscellaneous business not included in any of the proceeding items:

1. David Donald stated that in a letter from Ms. Pruitt, she had requested moving a sign from one location to another on Gassaway Street, and asked if we could act on this.
2. Mr. Donald also asked if we got the approval to close Green Street and Mr. Mishoe stated we had and the gate would go up within the next week.

Chair moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra L. Brown, Town Clerk

Approved by Council: July 10, 2006