

TOWN OF CENTRAL

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 9, 2003 – 7:00 P. M.

CENTRAL TOWN HALL

1067 WEST MAIN STREET

CENTRAL, S. C. 29630

Present: Mayor Harrison R. Holladay, Jr., Councilpersons: David Donald, Mac Martin, Frank Chaka, Joe Head, Gary White. (Stan Thompson absent); Administrator Herbert Thompson; Clemson Assistant Administrator Chip Boyles. Police Chief Joe Gibbs; Assistant Fire Chief Edward Reynolds; Fireman Ben Smith; B. P. Barber & Assoc. Engineers Lonnie Mathis and Marcus Cason; Ross Norton, Easley Progress; Clerk to Council Grace Towe.

Mayor Harrison R. Holladay, Jr. called the June 9, 2003 regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 P. M. and rendered the invocation.

Minutes of the May 12, 2003 regular Town Council meeting were presented as corrected in work session. Motion by Frank Chaka and seconded by Mac Martin to adopt as corrected. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session: (30 minutes) Assistant Fire Chief Edward Reynolds addressed Council concerning the regular fund raiser for the fire department this year. In the past the fund raiser has been conducted by telephone or door to door which caused some concern by some of the citizens. This year the solicitation will be by mail and should not cause any concern to the public. Mr. Reynolds requested that Council not make any decision tonight on the old town hall which the fire department has requested use of. He stated that by next council meeting the fire department would have another request for the use of the building. This information is being processed for council's review. Mr. Reynolds reported that their budget for training may not carry them through the year, but efforts would be made to operate as efficiently as possible.

Receipt and Disposition of Petitions (15 minutes) None.

Report from Council Committees:

Joe Head – Water and Sewer- Mr. Head referred the introduction of B. P. Barber Engineer Lonnie Mathis to Administrator Herbert Thompson. Mr. Thompson introduced Lonnie Mathis and Marcus Cason of B. P. Barber and also welcomed Chip Boyles, Assistant Administrator from Clemson. Mr. Mathis addressed Council and passed out reports compiled referencing the South Plant trunk line which shows high infiltration and inflow. He advised that the only solution to this problem is to replace the line. This would be a very costly project and left the decision to be made with Council. Mr. Mathis reported that there are not many grants available for sewer upgrade, but finances would have to be considered up front.

David Donald – Streets and Sanitation – Mr. Donald discussed the use of unauthorized trash receptacles and suggested that tags be hung on these cans for two weeks urging citizens to use the roll cart provided by the Town.

Mr. Donald made a motion to report all Council members in the minutes including those who are absent. The motion was seconded by Joe Head. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Donald announced that the Central Heritage Festival would be held September 27, 2003. The Heritage Society requests that Church Street from the traffic light on Hwy 93 to Tarrant Street, be allowed to close beginning at 7:00 p. m. on the Friday prior to September 27 and remain closed through Saturday at 9:00 P. M. The Heritage Society has sent letters to all the residents of that area and there seems to be no opposition.

Mr. Donald made a motion for Chief Gibbs to work with the highway department in rerouting some of the traffic. The

motion was seconded by Mac Martin and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Donald announced that the speed bump has been installed on Eaton Street.

Mac Martin – Recreation – Mr. Martin gave a report on the recreation operations and made a motion to reappoint Jimmie Dixon to another three year term on the Central/Clemson Recreation Board. The motion was seconded by Joe Head and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Martin reported that construction on the concession stand has been completed and bids are coming in on the fence installation.

Frank Chaka – Finance – Mr. Chaka gave the financial report with favorable results.

Chief Joe Gibbs reported on the Police Department activity and reported that the department had been able to acquire through some federal services three used computers two of which would be utilized at the police department and one to be used at the town maintenance department. Chief Gibbs announced that the Big League World Series would be held again this year. Southern Wesleyan University will house the teams so that extra police work will be needed for security.

Joe Head – Water and Sewer- Mr. Head had no further comments.

Gary White – Planning- Mr. White announced that a public hearing would be held on June 10, 2003 at 7:00 P. M. to consider a rezoning request from Meredith Jones and Kim and Wanda Allen for residential to general commercial.

Pending Resolutions: None

Ordinances in Possession of Council:

Second reading of Budget Ordinance #06-01-03B to raise revenue and adopt a General Fund, Utility Fund, Indoor Recreation (TIF) and Central/Clemson (CC) Indoor Recreation Budget for the Town of Central beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004. Motion by Frank Chaka to adopt on second reading. Councilman David Donald made a motion to amend the second reading of the budget to remove the 3 mill tax increase. This motion was seconded by Joe Head.

After discussion the vote was unanimous. Mayor Holladay called for a motion to adopt the budget as amended. The motion was made by Mac Martin and seconded by Gary White to adopt on second reading the budget as amended. The vote was unanimous.

Second reading of Ordinance #06-02-03 R.B. to raise revenue and adopt a Recreation Budget

for the 50 Fund for F.Y.E. 6-30-04. A motion to adopt on second reading was made by David Donald and seconded by Joe Head. The vote was unanimous.

Second reading of Ordinance #06-03-03 WSR to increase sewer and water rates. A motion to adopt was made by Joe Head and seconded by Gary White. The vote was unanimous.

Second reading of Ordinance #06-04-03 Sant. To increase sanitation fees for residential and commercial accounts. Councilman David Donald made a motion to amend this ordinance section A. Residential Sanitation charge to be raised to \$5.00 instead of \$4.00 and eliminate Section B, two plastic bags and one pickup. This motion was seconded by Mac Martin and the vote was unanimous. Mayor Holladay called for a motion to accept the ordinance as amended.

Gary White made the motion to accept Ordinance #06-04-03 Sant as amended. The motion was seconded by David Donald and the vote was unanimous.

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Herbert Thompson reported that Clear Sky Network has agreed to pay the Town of Central \$350.00 per month for antenna space on the water tank. This fee will begin August 1, 2003. Mr. Thompson was informed by Clear Sky Network that approximately \$40,000 in equipment would be placed on the water tank.

Mr. Thompson discussed the Down Town Street Scape project and thanked Mr. Chip Boyles for the work that he did with Tom Cloer and himself. Mr. Boyles was very helpful in the work that he did when the Town was seeking proposals for an engineering firm for this project. Mr. Thompson reported that he would be meeting sometime this week to nail down the scope of this project.

Administrator Thompson advised Council that there had been some changes in the Animal Control Ordinance. The amount of time would go from keeping a dog three days to five days to conform with state law. The three days as now stated in our ordinance is in violation of state law. This ordinance will be discussed more at the next work session with the possibility of doing our own animal control along with the City of Clemson so that we can have some kind of control over the animals. More information will be presented at the next work session.

Mr. Thompson advised that he had mailed out letters today reference the quality of water in town. This is a requirement of DHEC every year.

Mr. Thompson again discussed the cost to do some major sewer repairs and advised that with the TIF ordinance written as is, some of the cost could be done with TIF funds with the possibility of obtaining other funds. This presented as information only at this time.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Holladay discussed recycling and would like to find out the number of people who are not recycling. This count could come from the recycling truck driver and gauge this by the number of utility customers we have and this would give a good estimate of those not recycling. Administrator Thompson advised that before long a new cardboard truck would have to be obtained. This truck could be funded from the product income that we receive back from the county. The county does all the maintenance on the truck and pays the insurance. The county also furnishes fuel for the truck. The cities would have to make the payments on the truck which could be funded from product income.

Mayor Holladay discussed the problem with rodents in town and the need to try and get this problem under control as much as possible.

There being no further business, Mayor Holladay called for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Frank Chaka and seconded by Joe Head. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Towe

Clerk to Council