

TOWN OF CENTRAL

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY JULY 14, 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; Joe Head; Stan Thompson; Frank Chaka; Mac Martin; Gary White. Administrator Herbert Thompson. Police Chief Joe Gibbs. Steve Campbell. Jr. and Faye Herd. Greg Oliver, The Messenger. Sandy Brown; Ross Norton; George Jones.

Mayor Harrison R. Holladay, Jr. called the regular town council meeting to order at 7:00 P. M. Invocation by Councilman Stan Thompson.

Minutes of the June 9, 2003 Town Council meeting were presented as corrected in work session. Motion by Stan Thompson and seconded by Frank Chaka to adopt as corrected. The vote was six for and one opposition. Councilman David Donald opposed.

Minutes of the July 7, 2003 Public Hearing were presented. Motion by Councilman Joe Head and seconded by Councilman Gary White to accept. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session: (30 minutes)

Mr. Jr. Herd was recognized. He was concerned about the rezoning on Broad Street and advised that he was not interested in rezoning. Mayor Holladay informed Mr. Herd that the item was not on the agenda for discussion tonight and would not be discussed. Gary White advised that the Planning Commission had three meetings already on the rezoning issue and since the signs had not been placed on the street, there would be another meeting to discuss the issue. This should be discussed at the regular Planning Commission meeting on July 29, 2003 at the Town Hall.

Mr. George Jones, owner of the property on Broad Street where the signs are up. Mr. Jones stated that he was under the impression that the Planning Commission had already done what they were supposed to do on that property to bring the issue to Council. Councilman Gary White stated that to his knowledge there had been no written information presented to Council for their consideration. Mr. Jones asked if the work that the Planning Commission had already done would have to be done again. Mr. White informed him that the commission only needed to give the Council their decision in writing and Mayor Holladay stated that Council would talk about it in work session before it was brought to a vote in open Council. Mr. Jones thanked Council.

Receipt and Disposition of Petitions: None

Report from Council Committies:

- A. Stan Thompson- Mr. Thompson reported that the Police Chief and Fire Chief were requested to work on a proposed ordinance to regulate false burglar and fire alarms and they have done so. They have presented for Council's consideration a draft ordinance. Councilman Thompson expressed his appreciation to Chief Gibbs and those who worked with him on the draft ordinance which only needs a few minor changes. He will present for first reading later on the agenda. Mr. Thompson reminded Council that the fire and police reports were in their packets.
- B. David Donald – Mr. Donald reported that Ordinance #08-03-03BLF to consider a business license for various festivals of which Council has a copy would be presented for first reading later on the agenda. Mr. Donald inquired as to the results of the survey on recycling in town. Administrator Herbert Thompson reported that it was 21 percent for the

entire town. Mr. Donald stated that he would come up with a plan to try and increase this percentage and bring the plan to the next work session for council's consideration.

Mac Martin - Steve Campbell was recognized to give a report on the operation of the Central/Clemson Indoor Recreation Facility with a good year reported.

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

Gary White - Mr. White announced that the Planning Commission would meet in July to again go over the request for rezoning of George and Meredith Jones property on Gaines Street.

Councilman Stan Thompson brought up the issue of spot zoning and the need for our zoning ordinance to be scanned to see if it addresses this issue. The issue was not discussed further.

Joe Head – Water and Sewer – Mr. Head advised that the water and sewer update would be addressed in the administrator's report.

Ordinances in Possession of Council:

- A. First reading of Ordinance #08-01R-03 Sant. To repeal Ordinance #06-04-03 Sant. To increase fees for Residential and Commercial accounts. Motion by Frank Chaka and seconded by David Donald to adopt on first reading. After discussion the vote was six for and one opposed. Joe Head opposed.
- B. First reading of Ordinance #08-01-03 Sant. To increase sanitation fees for Residential and Commercial accounts. Motion by David Donald and seconded by Frank Chaka to adopt. The vote was six for and one opposed. Joe Head opposed.
- C. First reading of Ordinance #08-02-03 BFA to control false burglar and fire alarms. Motion by Stan Thompson and seconded by David Donald to adopt on first reading.

The vote was unanimous.

- D. First reading of Ordinance #08-03-03 BLF to establish a business license for various festivals. Motion by David Donald and seconded by Frank Chaka to adopt. In discussion Joe Head discussed the item reference parades that states "this ordinance does not apply to the town recreation sponsored events." Mr. Head advised that he would like to see this changed to "town sponsored events". Mr. Head made this a motion to be an amendment.

The amendment was seconded by Gary White. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Holladay called for Councilman Donald to set the fee for the ordinance. Mr. Donald recommended that the fee be set at \$75.00 and made this a motion to be an amendment. The motion to the amendment was seconded by Joe Head. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Holladay called for a motion to accept the original ordinance with the two amendments. The vote was unanimous.

- E. First reading of Ordinance #08-04-03LHT AND ordinance #08-05-03 LHT to establish a Local Hospitality Tax. Motion by Frank Chaka and seconded by David Donald to adopt. In discussion Councilman Stan Thompson suggested removing "city" and use Town in the ordinance and move the words "hereinafter vendor" up to follow establishments. Mr. Thompson inquired if October 1, 2003 would be the date that establishments would begin collecting this tax. Councilman Thompson made the information presented as an amendment to the original motion. The motion to the amendment was seconded by David Donald. The vote was six for and one opposed. Joe Head opposed. Mayor Holladay called for a motion to accept Ordinance #08-05-03 LHT to establish a Local Hospitality Tax. The motion was made by Frank Chaka and seconded by David Donald to accept. Councilman Stan Thompson asked for an amendment for the same word "city" to be removed and the words "hereinafter vendor" moved to follow establishments. A second to this amendment was made by David Donald. After discussion the vote was six for and one opposed. Joe Head

opposed. Mayor Holladay called for the vote on Ordinance #08-05-03 LHT as amended. The vote was six for and one opposed. Joe Head opposed.

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

A. Administrator's Report:

Administrator Herbert Thompson presented the sewer project update. Mr. Thompson had been in contact with COG and learned that the Town probably would not qualify for CDBG grant money. Other avenues of funds will be sought.

Mr. Thompson called on Police Chief Joe Gibbs to come forward and they together would present the animal control report. Chief Gibbs reported that on the past Thursday a meeting had been held with Chief Jimmie Dixon of Clemson along with his road patrol captain to discuss the issue of animal control. Chief Dixon is interested in joining with Central to form the animal control service. The details will need to be worked out before the two entities can finalize a plan. Chief Gibbs reported that by the next work session he should have some concrete information for Council to consider.

Councilman White reported that he had some information for possible help with the sewer problems. Mr. Thompson reported that he would be glad to pursue this possibility if the information can be provided him as to a contact person.

B. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Holladay asked for a report from other towns as to their recycling percentage, if Administrator Thompson could obtain this information.

Administrator Thompson reminded Council of the form in their packet that contains the Municipal Election dates.

There being no further business Mayor Holladay called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Stan Thompson and seconded by David Donald to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Towe

Clerk to Council