

**TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
1067 WEST MAIN STREET, CENTRAL, SC 29630
MONDAY – AUGUST 10, 2009 – 7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Mac Martin; Council Members David Donald, Tracey Reynolds, Harrison Holladay, Jr., and Gary White; Administrator Phillip Mishoe; Police Chief Kerry Avery; Fire Department's Executive Officer Ben Smith; Finance Director Jerri Martin; Fire Chief Ed Reynolds; News Media Vince Jackson; Terry Gregor, and Jason Evans; and Town Clerk Sandy Brown.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mac Martin.

Gary White rendered the invocation during the Work Session.

Chair, Mayor Martin made the motion to add the following items to the agenda: Executive Session, Item 9; Town Sign, Item 7.B.2; Annual Fund Day Festival, Item 7.B.3; seconded by Tracey Reynolds. The vote was unanimous.

Reading of Regular Council Meeting Minutes 07/13/09

Gary White made the motion to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Harry Holladay. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session

No one spoke.

Receipt and Disposition of Petitions

None at this time.

Reports from Council Committees

A. Gary White – Street & Sanitation

No report this month.

Mr. White stated he wanted to make a formal request that a traffic light was needed at Issaqueena Trail and Highway 93. He stated he had mentioned it several times but he had never made a formal request to DOT (Department of Transportation); therefore he was doing so at this time; especially with the new Lowe's coming. Mayor Martin stated he would get the Administrator to appoint the Chief (of Police) to request a traffic light at Issaqueena Trail and Highway 93. Administrator Phillip Mishoe asked if it was the consensus of Council. Gary White made the motion to add an item to the agenda: the issue of adding a traffic light at Issaqueena Trail and Highway 93; seconded by David Donald. The vote was unanimous. Gary White then made the motion to formally request that DOT add a traffic light at Issaqueena Trail and Highway 93; seconded by Tracey Reynolds. The vote was unanimous.

B. Harry Holladay – Planning

No report this month.

C. Tracey Reynolds – Water & Sewer

No report this month.

D. Lynne Chapman – Finance

Ms. Chapman was absent therefore Mayor Martin stated the report was self-explanatory. David Donald asked Mr. Mishoe if the numbers at the bottom (of the financial report), of water, sewer, and sanitation, were good numbers. Mr. Mishoe stated the numbers completed the year. Mr. Donald pointed out there were no impact fee numbers (on the report), and asked the Administrator if they (the town) had not received any. Mr. Mishoe stated they (the town) may not have, but he would re-check. He stated the impact fees were not a full year they were only for one month. Mayor Martin asked if there were any building permits in July and Mr. Mishoe stated there were none. Mr. Donald stated there were no impact fees on the previous months, for the entire year. Mr. Mishoe stated he zeroed them out. Mr. Donald stated he would discuss it with Mr. Mishoe after the meeting.

E. Tony Craig – Public Safety

Mr. Craig was absent. Mayor Martin asked Police Chief Kerry Avery if he had any comments. Chief stated they had been busy, but things were running smoothly. The Big League World Series went well also with no incidents. Mayor Martin asked Ben Smith to give a brief report to which Mr. Smith stated they (the Fire Department) had a busy month with 24 calls.

F. David Donald – Recreation

Mr. Donald reported that the football and cheerleading are underway. Super Saturday will be Saturday, August 29th. The 8 and Under Team will play at 10:00 am; the 10 and Under Team at noon; and the 12 and Under Team at 2:00 pm. Games will begin on August 23rd or 24th. Schedules will be ready at a later date and copies will be in the Council mailboxes.

From the Indoor recreation Center: Joe (Crosby) had begun implementing some of the cost cutting measures that he, Steve Figueroa, and Tom Cloer had been working on. Membership numbers are remaining steady.

Mr. Donald stated he would give a report on the Young At Heart Program at the next meeting.

Introduction and Consideration of New Ordinances

A. Resolution 08-10-09 JP - To Reappoint Jessica Parham, Ministerial Recorder

David Donald made the motion to accept the ordinance as presented; seconded by Tracey Reynolds. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of Ordinances Already in Possession of Council

A. Second Reading of Ordinance #07-13-09 DEM - Demolition of Buildings

Chair, Mayor Martin made the motion to accept the ordinance as presented; seconded by Harry Holladay. David Donald asked if the Public Officer and Building Official were the same person. Mr. Mishoe stated they were separate people; however, a Public Officer and Building Official could be the same person at times. Mr. Donald also asked Mr. Mishoe, according to the ordinance, was it the duty of the Building Official to post signs. Mr. Mishoe stated that was the way he interpreted it. Mr. Donald stated he wanted to be sure because they (the town) had had a problem with signs and the Building Official. Mr. Donald then asked Mr. Mishoe why the owner was limited from entering their own premise. Mr. Donald stated this would not stop him from voting on the ordinance; he was only curious. Mr. Mishoe stated he assumed if they (the town) condemned a building, it was considered unsafe and the owner, or no one should be in it. Mayor Martin then called for a vote which was unanimous.

Second Reading of Ordinance #07-13-09 TC - Travel Accommodations

Mayor Martin read the ordinance in its entirety. Chair, Mayor Martin made the motion to accept the ordinance as presented; seconded by Tracey Reynolds. David Donald asked to change the ordinance to a policy instead of going through the expense of having it codified; Gary White was in agreement. Mayor Martin stated policies were for them (Council), and ordinances refer to other people such as volunteers. He stated a policy was not a law it is just them (Council) making rules. Mr. Donald stated they (Council) set policies for employees. Mayor Martin stated that this (ordinance) was just something that needed to be in the book. He then called for a vote which was unanimous.

Second Reading of Ordinance #04-13-09 EZ - Enforcement of Zoning Ordinance

Gary White made the motion to accept the ordinance as presented; seconded by Harry Holladay. Mayor Mac Martin, Tracey Reynolds, Harry Holladay, and Gary White were in favor; David Donald was opposed.

Second Reading of Ordinance #02-09-09 ZONING – Implementation of New Zoning Ordinance

Chair, Mayor Martin made the motion to accept the ordinance as presented; seconded by Harry Holladay. Gary White asked Mayor Martin if they should discuss the ordinance more; they had gotten off the subject for a while. Mayor Martin stated he had asked all Council Members, since February, to submit corrections and only 2 had done so;

therefore he assumed everyone was in agreement with it. Mayor Martin, Tracey Reynolds, and Harry Holladay were in favor; David Donald and Gary White were opposed.

Reports from the Administrator and Mayor:

A. Administrator

Mr. Mishoe reported that there would not be a PCMA Meeting for August.

He sent the numbers on the R & D Grant; he said they were good numbers and they will work.

Mr. Mishoe thanked Council Member Gary White for bringing up the issue of the traffic light. Council had given them (the Administrator and Chief) their "marching orders," and they will proceed.

With the passing of the Zoning Ordinance and the Demolition Ordinance, Mr. Mishoe will get with the Chief of Police over the next few weeks and begin the process of deciding what direction they need to go. He will keep the Council updated.

David Donald asked Mr. Mishoe if he had a update on Raymond Circle and if they (the town) had acquired the road. Mr. Mishoe stated he had contacted the Town Attorney to find out the last owner of the road so that he may contact him; but, he has not heard back from him (the attorney).

B. Mayor

CAT Bus Contract

Mayor Martin made the motion to accept the CAT Bus Contract; seconded by Tracey Reynolds. David Donald stated he wanted his comments from the Work Session to go on record that he thought it was ridiculous that the citizens in the Town of Central could not go to the grocery store in their home town. If they wanted to go shopping at Wal-Mart they had to go to Oconee County or Anderson County. It (Wal-Mart) is one of the biggest employers in the area; and they (the citizens) can't get public transportation to go there and he thought it was ridiculous. Mr. Donald stated he personally knew people who rode the CAT Bus to and from work to Clemson. He stated he would hate to see them lose their ride to work but he believed they (the CAT Bus) would pick up Clemson University students from the apartment complexes. Gary White stated he agreed with Mr. Donald. Mr. White stated they (Council) discussed in the Work Session how Clemson arrived at the figure of \$30,000; he would like to get some information on it. Mayor Martin told Mr. Mishoe to get Al (Babinicz, Director of CATS) to attend the next Work Session to specifically discuss how he arrived at the figure (of \$30,000). Gary White asked if it was worth tabling the motion. Mayor Martin stated they were operating under contract now and they (the Council) did not have to let them (CATS Bus) know as of now. However, he personally, did not think they had the leverage. Mr. Donald stated they had leverage if they were spending \$30,000 of the citizens tax money. Gary White made the motion to table the motion until they received more information; seconded by David Donald. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Martin made the motion to allow the Administrator to proceed with the funding of the town signage on Main Street, up to \$7,000; seconded by Harry Holladay. Gary White asked if the sign with Southern Wesleyan (University) be taken down when the new one was installed. Mayor Martin stated it would and Southern Wesleyan had expressed possibly participating in part of the cost. Mr. White stated he would like to see a more clear copy of the proposed sign before it was installed. He stated he was in favor of the signs because he thought they (the town) needed more signage. Mr. White mentioned there is a need for signage on the exit ramp at Highway 123. Mayor Martin then called for a vote which was unanimous.

Chief Kerry Avery requested, up to \$1,500 to fund the Annual Fun Festival Day in September. Mayor Martin suggested the Administrator could get the money from the General Fund if it was less than \$1,500. Chair, mayor Martin made the motion to fund the Annual Fun Festival Day for the Central Police Department up to \$1,500; seconded by Harry Holladay. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Mishoe asked Mayor Martin to clarify

where the funds would come from to which Mayor Martin stated where ever he could get it.

Mayor Martin stated the town would have a dedication of the historical marker later in September.

Miscellaneous business not included in any of the proceeding items or new business.

There was none.

Chair, Mayor Martin made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and a possible elimination of a position; seconded by Tracey Reynolds. The vote was unanimous.

Council returned from Executive Session where no votes were taken only information was shared.

With no objections, Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra L. Brown, CMC
Town Clerk

Approved: September 14, 2009