TOWN OF CENTRAL
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, April 12, 1999
Central Town Hall 7:00 P. M.

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilmembers: Edward Reynolds; Frank Chaka; Keith Martin; Joe Head; Harry Holladay; Bobby Busha. Police Chief Joe Gibbs; Administrator Herbert Thompson; David Donald; Rick Powell; Joe Abercrombie; Clerk Grace Towe.

Mayor Stan Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m. Invocation by Harry Holladay.

Mayor Thompson asked citizen Joe Abercrombie to come forward to accept the Volunteer of the Year Award. Mayor Thompson expressed his appreciation to Mr. Abercrombie for all the unselfish work he had done for the Fire Department and the Town of Central. The award is for the year 1998 and Mayor Thompson read the resolution to Council and presented it to Mr. Abercrombie.

Minutes of the March 8, 1999 regular Town Council meeting minutes were presented and Mayor Thompson called for a motion to dispense of the full reading of the minutes and adopt as corrected in work session. Motion by Harry Holladay, seconded by Frank Chaka to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC SESSION: (30 minutes)

Mr. David Donald was recognized. Mr. Donald stated that he lived at 121 Oakhurst Circle and owns Central Honda Service at 304 West Main Street Mr. Donald congratulated Mr. Joe Abercrombie upon receiving the Volunteer of the Year Award for 1998. Mr. Donald stated that he had a letter to present to the clerk to be placed on the agenda and asked if he should present it now. Mayor Thompson informed Mr. Donald that the agenda is compiled by the Administrator with input from the Council. Mr. Donald stated that he was not prepared tonight as last month he was told this is not a question and answer period but he needs to get to a question and answer period or a discussion period. Mr. Donald presented his written request to the town clerk.

Mr. Rick Powell - No comment at this time.

Mr. Joe Gibbs (if needed) Chief Gibbs referred the police department activity to the Public Safety phase of the agenda.

Bill Stephens was in attendance , but no comment in public session.

Mr. Joe Abercrombie was recognized and he stated he had no further words as he had already expressed his appreciation for the Volunteer of the Year Award.

RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS: None.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Edward Reynolds - Public Safety - Mr. Reynolds reported that they had a couple of small fires. The fire truck that was purchased from Clemson has been received and some items put on it. This truck will give some good practice for the firemen, along with class training going on now. The Fire Academy had offered some good training and some of the firemen attended these classes in Columbia.
Chief Joe Gibbs reported that over the weekend his men had helped Clemson with their calls while they attended the disturbance on Daniel Dr. None of our men were involved in the disturbance, they only took calls for Clemson.

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

Keith Martin - Recreation - Mr. Martin reported that the baseball program was well under way. The new recreation facility is offering a variety of programs for all ages. The proposed park on Watkins Street cannot transpire as a clear title cannont be obtained, therefore the project is not possible at this time.

Joe Head - Water and Sewer - Mr. Head expressed his concern over Easley-Central Water District's price increase and stated that Mr. Herbert Thompson would elaborate on this under Administrator's Report.

Harry Holladay - Planning - Mr. Holladay reported to Council Mr. David Donald's request to be on the council agenda and stated that Mr. Donald could request to be on the work session agenda rather than the regular council meeting agenda. Mr. Holladay stated that perhaps Mr. Donald should be allowed to come to a work session, and that his request could be included in the packet the prior Friday so that each councilperson could be familiar with his request and be prepared to respond. Mr. Holladay again inquired about the "load and unload" sign in front of Helping Hands. Mayor Thompson stated that this request would be looked into by Chief Gibbs and the Town Administrator and have this as a discussion for the next work session and barring no obstacle this could be presented as an action item at the next regular meeting for a vote to be taken.

Bobby Busha - Streets and Sanitation - Mr. Busha again brought up the subject of a traffic light at Watkins and Main Street. Chief Gibbs informed Mr. Busha that the State Highway Department is conducting a needs study of several areas.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES IN POSSESSION OF COUNCIL:

Second reading of Ordinance #2-99 D. P. to adopt the Municipal Electric Agreement with Duke Power. The terms of this agreement shall be for (3) years with automatic one-year renewals unless notice is given in writing by either party 90 days prior to the expiration of the initial term. Mayor Thompson called for a motion to dispense of the full reading of this ordinance and adopt on second reading. Motion by Edward Reynolds, seconded by Joe Head to adopt. The vote was unanimous

First reading of Ordinance #4-12-99 A. B. to amend the General Fund Budget and Recreation Construction Budget for F.Y.E. ending 06/30/99. Mayor

Thompson called for a motion to dispense of the full reading of this ordinance and adopt on first reading. Motion was made by Frank Chaka and seconded by Bobby Busha to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

First reading of Ordinance #4-12-99 to sell the Old Central High School as shown on Pickens County Tax Map E18-9 Parcel 86 to DeWayne Anderson with Central High School Limited Partnership. Mayor Thompson called for a motion to dispense of the full reading of this ordinance and adopt on first reading. Motion was made by Edward Reynolds and seconded by Harry Holladay. The vote was unanimous.

First reading of Ordinance #4-12-99 to Grant Special Property Tax Assessments to Rehabilitate Historic Properties to DeWayne Anderson with Central High School Limited Partnership. Mayor Thompson called for a motion to dispense of the full reading of the ordinance and adopt on first reading. Motion by Bobby Busha and seconded by Edward Reynolds to adopt. The motion was unanimous.

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Herbert Thompson updated Council on the Easley/Central water rate increase of .03 cents per 1000 gallons of water and from $1.00 to $1.50 for the collection of sewer fees from customers that Easley/Central provides with water. This amounts to a 50% increase for sewer collection. Mr. Thompson will look further into this matter.
Mr. Thompson reported that he will meet on Tuesday April 13, 1999 with Tri County Tech officials reference seminars for town employees.

Mayor's Report:

Proposed Budget for F. Y. E. 06/30/99. Nothing has changed since the discussion in work session. First reading of this budget will be in May, 1999 and second reading in June, 1999.

The Rural Fire District has signed the agreement where the Central Fire Department will furnish fire protection for 20 years and this agreement needs Council approval. Mayor Thompson called for a motion to dispense with the full reading of this agreement and adopt. Motion was made by Edward Reynolds and seconded by Bobby Busha to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thompson requested permission to add an item to the agenda for tonight. The request was to enter into executive session for the purpose of dealing with a legal matter. Motion by Keith Martin, seconded by Harry Holladay to enter into executive session. The vote was unanimous.

After executive session, Mayor Thompson called the regular meeting back into session and announced that no action was taken during executive session. No further business, motion by Frank Chaka, seconded by Joe Head to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace S. Towe, Clerk 04/12/99

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