

TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 1999 - 7:00 P. M.
125 WERNER STREET
CENTRAL, S.C. 29630

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilmembers: Edward Reynolds; Keith Martin; Bobby Busha; Frank Chaka; Administrator Herbert Thompson; Police Chief Joe Gibbs; Rick Powell; David Donald; Joe Garrison (The Messenger); Citizen Nathan Falco.

Call to order - Mayor Stan Thompson.

Invocation - Administrator Herbert Thompson.

Minutes of the July 12, 1999 Council meeting were presented as corrected in work session. Motion by Bobby Busha, seconded by Edward Reynolds to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC SESSION: Mr. David Donald, 121 Oakhurst Circle, business at 304 W. Main Street was recognized to comment on zoning problems. He stated that about two weeks ago Central's criminal investigator/zoning enforcement officer was at his competitor's business, Central Garage, talking to Mr. Dan Evatt about him and his business. Mr. Donald stated that though this is not a question and answer period, he could not understand what business it is to Dan that I might not be in compliance with the ordinance and that he might be issued another citation for mixing two different types of fences. Mr. Donald stated that a few days after he found out that the zoning enforcement officer was speaking with one of his competitors about him and his business he stated that he found out that the zoning administrator had been to see his landlord about him and his business. Mr. Donald stated that he had sent the zoning administrator a certified letter dated May 11, 1999 specifically asking him in paragraph two about mixing vinyl and wood as the wood falls down. Mr. Donald stated that he had not received a reply, but did receive a phone call from him advising that Joe's Body Shop had slats in every hole now, but no mention whether Mr. Donald could use wood and vinyl mixed. Mr. Donald stated that the zoning administrator and the zoning enforcement officer should talk to each other and try and figure out what is going on. Mr. Donald stated that he was bringing this to Council's attention so that he can advise that when he writes a letter and sends it certified mail, which he thinks is the proper procedure, he expects and deserves a written reply, and that he did not feel that the zoning administrator and the zoning enforcement officer should go to his competitor with threats about him and his business and would like to see the sneaking around behind his back slandering him and his business stopped. Mr. Donald stated that his business is open Monday through Friday 8-12 and 1-5:30 and they may come to see him any time they want to. Mr. Donald stated that this is all he had to say. Mayor Thompson expressed to Mr. Donald his interest as to why the zoning administrator had not replied to Mr. Donald's letter and asked Mr. Herbert Thompson to look into this matter.

Mr. Joe Garrison with The Messenger was recognized and he introduced himself as being the new reporter with the Messenger and that Town is under his jurisdiction.

Receipt and Disposition of Petitions: Petition for annexation for Mr. Donald Schaupp. Mayor Thompson asked Administrator Herbert Thompson to comment on the petition. Mr. Thompson stated that the request for annexation was for parcel #64 as shown on tax map E-18-10-64. This land is on Wesleyan Drive has approximately 76' frontage and 174.84' to the rear and stated that this is the information in the first reading of the ordinance to annex this property. Mr. Thompson stated that heretofore the property was not on the tax map as being annexed and since the Schaupps had recently purchased the property they would like for the whole parcel to be annexed into the city. This property is zoned R-6 and allows single family dwellings and duplexes.

Mayor Thompson called for a motion to accept or reject the petition for annexation. Motion by Keith Martin and seconded by Bobby Busha to accept. The vote was unanimous by those in attendance.

Mayor Thompson called for a motion to grant said petition for annexation on first reading of ordinance for annexation. Motion was made by Keith Martin and seconded by Edward Reynolds to accept on first reading. The vote was unanimous.

Report from Council Committees:

Edward Reynolds - Public Safety - Mr. Reynolds reported that the fire department had been relatively quiet with only a few minor incidents. Mr. Reynolds reminded Council that a Fire Prevention Day would be held at the new recreation department on October 6, 1999. Tom Cloer is now in the planning stages of the event. Chief Gibbs reported that his department is getting geared up for the beginning of the new school year. Mayor Thompson stated that as we know we are in a drought situation and the community's water is getting scarce and inquired of Mr. Herbert Thompson what shape the water supply is in and if it is being monitored closely. Mr. Herbert Thompson stated that at this time we have an ample supply of water and the tank is filling each night and to be able to start the day with a full tank allows for no concern at this time.

Frank Chaka - Finance - Mr. Chaka had not arrived at this time and Mr. Herbert reported that finances are in line.

Keith Martin - Recreation - Mr. Martin reported that in the prior week a sporting event had been held for the seniors. Also, the awards banquet had been held the prior week and it went well and Tom Cloer will anticipate having this event again next year. He reported that Mr. Allen Sitterle, Head Coach at Daniel High School had come to the Community Park and Bolick Field and put on a football camp for the kids who had signed up for football this year and asked that Mr. Herbert Thompson properly thank Coach Sitterle for this gracious act on his part. A thank you letter should be sufficient. Mr. Martin stated that he had been selected for a committee to reevaluate Oconee Memorial Hospital's involvement in the new recreation facility since one year is all they entered into when the facility opened. Mr. Martin stated that the logo on the new ball

field had been changed from Raiders to Tigers and the scoreboard has this logo and people seem very enthusiastic about the change. Mr. Martin reported that the speeding in his neighborhood had subsided and thanked Chief Gibbs for the action on his part. Mayor Thompson expressed his thanks for all the effort that went into the Senior Adult Program and the banquet that was held on Friday night. The program was well planned and had a fairly good turnout with a delicious meal catered by the Central Station Cafe. His commendation went to Mr. Tom Cloer and Mr. Kevin Pratt. Mayor Thompson request Mr. Martin to have an update on the number of memberships by next Council meeting. Administrator Herbert Thompson reported that he would have Mr. Steve Campbell at the next meeting to give a report on the facility.

Joe Head - Water and Sewer - In Mr. Head's absence, Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that the town would start engineering a sewer line that seems to have low spot in it and does not flow freely. Also, the engineers are going to be working on out CAD mapping system. Mr. Thompson reported that some more manhole repair would be forthcoming.

Harry Holladay - Planning - Mr. Holladay absent.

Bobby Busha - Streets and Sanitation - Mr. Busha reported that at the intersection of Werner Street and Dan Evatt's trailer park is a hole and Mr. Thompson stated that the Highway Department had already taken care of this matter.

Mayor Thompson discussed the potential sidewalk down Maw Bridge Road and stated it is looking more like a possibility and Mr. Herbert Thompson stated that he would have to look into the cost and ascertain how much "C" Funds dollars are available.

Consideration of Ordinance in Possession of Council:

A. Second reading of Ordinance #7-12-99E and ordinance to provide for the transfer of authority for conducting Municipal Elections to the Registrations and Election Commission for Pickens County to change the election dates from even numbered years to odd numbered years. Mayor Thompson called for a motion to dispense with the full reading of this ordinance and adopt on second reading. Motion was made by Edward Reynolds and seconded by Keith Martin. Mayor Thompson called for discussion. Mayor Thompson stated that he is voting against this ordinance that Council had voted in favor at the last meeting. Mayor Thompson was on vacation at that time. Mayor Thompson stated his reasons for being in opposition. Number one he reminded Council that this ordinance would extend everyone's term for a year and stated that personally he did not relish having his term extended another year. Secondly, ever since we turned over our sewer plants to the county, Mayor Thompson stated that he had been a little reserved about turning over any more of the operations of the Town of Central to Pickens County. Mayor Thompson stated that we all had some second thoughts about the sewer arrangements and it is his contention that we need to stop somewhere and this is his thinking on the issue.

Mayor Thompson called for the vote to adopt on second reading. The vote was three in favor and one against. (Mayor Thompson voted against the ordinance.

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

A. Administrator's Report:

1. Mr. Herbert Thompson discussed the upgrading of the court systems for the Y2K. He stated that it is necessary since the state has changed for our system to work it must be upgraded and he will be looking into this issue. The funds would come from the court funds to upgrade the court system and the police department. The computer will generate a jury list in lieu of hand picking jurors. The list will come from the state. The proposals from various companies will be forthcoming. Mr. Herbert Thompson assured Council that this material will be up and working for the Y2K.

2. Mr. Thompson reported that participation from the Municipal Association Achievement Award had given the town second place, with the new recreation facility having an impact on the decision. A certificate of participation was awarded to the town.

3. Mr. Thompson reported that he had contracted with the City of Clemson to spray for mosquitoes and to date have sprayed twice and will be spraying each week. It takes approximately three hours each night to cover the area.

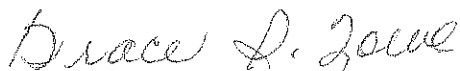
4. Mr. Thompson reported that the auditor has completed his in house work and would be presenting the final audit soon.

B. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Thompson reported that at the end of September to commission terms would be expiring, this Mr. Chris Bowman on the Planning Commission and Mr. Tom Oxending on the Board of Zoning Appeals. He asked Council to be thinking about this as to whether to reappoint or recommend a change. Mayor Thompson asked Council to mark their September calander, the fourth Tuesday of the month which will resume the Pickens County Municipal meetings, which will be September 27 and the location will be announced.

No further business Mayor Thompson called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Edward Reynolds and seconded by Bobby Busha to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted;



Grace S. Towe
Clerk