REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF CENTRAL
MONDAY FEBRUARY 8, 1999
CENTRAL TOWN HALL - 7:00 P. M.
105 WERNER STREET
CENTRAL, S. C. 29630

PRESENT: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilpersons: Edward Reynolds; Frank Chaka; Bobby Busha; Keith Martin; Harry Holladay; Joe Head. Central Heritage Society representatives Beverly Cureton and Anne Sheriff; Recreation Director Tom Cloer; Administrator Herbert Thompson; Clerk Grace Towe.

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P. M.

Invocation by Administrator Herbert Thompson.

Minutes of the January 11, 1999 meeting were presented. Motion by Edward Reynolds, seconded by Frank Chaka to dispense with the full reading of the minutes and adopt as corrected in work session. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session: (30 Minutes)

Beverly Cureton, President of the Central Heritage Society expressed her appreciation for all that the town had done for the Heritage Society. Ms. Cureton introduced Ms. Anne Sheriff, Curator of the Central History Museum. Ms. Cureton presented documents where Central is advertised highly through magazines and other publications, such as books that are available, with not only the Heritage Society, but the Town as well, being advertised. Ms. Cureton expressed her interest in a visitor's center in the Town. Ms. Cureton reminded Council that the Holcombe Foundation does fund the museum but that money cannot be used for any other purpose, such as utilities. The Heritage Society does not have much funds and they are very interested in a brochure to promote the Society and the Town. The cost is approximately $2,000 and Ms. Cureton asked Council for some help with this project. Mr. Herbert Thompson relayed to Council that the money we receive in accomodations tax could only be used for tourism and the society does promote tourism. Mayor Thompson informed Ms. Cureton and Ms. Sheriff that their request would be considered, but since it is not on the agenda for this meeting, at the appropriate time it could be placed on the agenda and action taken.

Receipt and Disposition of Petitions: None.

Report from Council Committees:

Proposed Assistance Policy for Recreation Department. Tom Cloer and Keith Martin. Mr. Cloer explained the actions taken when a needy person comes to participate in the program but does not have the funds to do so. The cost is taken into consideration and fairness to all is implemented. Discount for several children was discussed, many of these who live below poverty level. This information was presented to inform Council of the services and prices of the recreation program and Mr. Cloer advised Council that he would put the information in a more understandable form for consideration at a later date.

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Keith Martin - Recreation - Mr. Martin advised Council that the Board of Directors of the new Recreation Facility had met and reached an agreement with all three parties, Central-Clemson-YMCA, and gave each Councilman and Mayor Thompson a copy of the agreement. The agreement contained the element that no one entity Central, Clemson or the YMCA would have exclusive rights to the facility and would need to work together to carry out the best use of the facility.
Mr. Martin gave an update on the membership drive. Mr. Martin discussed replacing the "RAIDER" logo with the "TIGER" logo which had already been taken care of.

Proposed Municipal Electric Service Agreement with Duke Power. Mayor Stan Thompson and Administator Herbert Thompson. Herbert Thompson advised Council that he would advise staying with Duke Power in lieu of finding another provider for electricity. Mr. Thompson advised that for the next Council meeting he would introduce an ordinance to go with the service agreement and have it ready for the signatures needed. The agreement would be for a three year period.

Edward Reynolds - Public Safety - Mr. Reynolds reported that the fire department had been relatively quiet last month. No report on police action.

Frank Chaka - Finance - Mr. Chaka gave the financial report and noted that the budget would need to be amended because of the activity for the new recreation facility.

Joe Head - Water & Sewer - Mr. Head reported that the new 18 Mile wastewater plant is on schedule.

Harry Holladay - Planning - Mr. Holladay again discussed the parking on the store side of the town reference cars being parked all day. The opposite side of the street is available for parking. This to be discussed at the next work session. Accomodations tax was again discussed and Mayor Thompson called for a motion to put this item on the agenda for this session. Harry Holladay made a motion to this efffect and the motion was seconded by Keith Martin. The vote was unanimous.
Harry Holladay made a motion to allot the Heritage Society $500.00 from the accomodations tax money to be used in the printing of the brochure discusssed by Ms. Beverly Cureton earlier in the public session. This motion was seconded by Keith Martin and after discussion the vote was unanimous.

Bobby Busha - Streets & Sanitation - Mr. Busha again discussed the need of a traffic light at the Watkins Street entrance into Main Street. This has been found to be a hazardous condition when cars are parked at

the businesses. Chief Joe Gibbs is working with the highway department to do another traffic study at that location.
Mr. Busha discussed the ditch that Robert Griffin had talked to him about that sends water across his property. Discussion only.

Consideration of Ordinances in possession of Council:

ORDINANCE #1-99-EL to amend Section 6-2 Article D The Municipal Clerk shall certify all candidates to the Municipal Election Commission sixty (60) days prior to the election. Motion by Joe Head, seconded by Keith Martin to adopt on first reading. The vote was unanimous.

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

A. Administrator's Report:

Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that Mr. Johnny Duncan had not responde reference the Rural Fire Contract.

Mr. Thompson gave an update on the old school reporting that he had met with roofers from Greensboro, N. C. and they seemed to think it would be more feasible to tear the roof off and put a new one on rathe than try to patch the current roof. Mr. Thompon has not heard the decision on this operation.

B. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Thompson urged Council to be thinking about a "Volunteer of the Year" award. Several names were submitted but no action taken on the matter. Mayor Thompson suggested that a printed ballot be available for next work session so that a recipient can be named by secret ballot.
Mayor Thompson reported that he and Herbert Thompson had been invited to take part in the Palmetto Forum which is three one day meetings in Columbia for municipalities to come together and discuss common interests. Motion by Joe Head, seconded by Edward Reynolds to add this item to the agenda for action. The vote was unanimous.
Motion by Joe Head, seconded by Edward Reynolds to join the Palmetto Forum and pay the $125.00 fee. The vote was unanimous.
Mayor Thompson announced that the February 22 Pickens County Municipa meeting would be held in Clemson at city hall.

No further business, motion by Frank Chaka, seconded by Bobby Busha to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted;

Grace S. Towe

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Clerk
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