

Regular Council Meeting  
January 10, 1994  
Central Town Hall, 105 Werner St. Central, S. C.

Present: Mayor Alton B. Cumbie, III; Councilpersons: Stan Thompson;  
Frank Chaka; Lou Robinson; "Doc" Evatt; Harry Holladay.  
Administrator Herbert Thompson; Citizens: David Donald;  
Randy Hayes; Loretta Hayes. Clerk: Grace Towe.

Mayor Cumbie called the meeting to order.

Invocation by "Doc" Evatt.

Minutes of the December 13, 1993 meeting were presented. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by "Doc" Evatt to accept with corrections. Vote was unanimous.

Public Session (30 minutes) No input.

Report from Council Committees:

Stan Thompson - Mr. Thompson reported that he had met with Chief Cantrell and that he had received three applications for the vacant position in the police department. The applications had been scanned and the most qualified had been selected but had not been made official as to hiring this person. The experience of the officer was the prime concern of the Chief.

Frank Chaka - Mr. Chaka presented the financial report with favorable conditions and noted that we had been fortunate not to have had to borrow money this time of year. Mayor Cumbie asked about the fees in the fire department revenues and it was noted that this is rural fire fees. Also, the legal fees were questioned and Mr. Herb Thompson explained that some of these dated back to June and were just now being billed. It was noted that the budget is on target at 25%.

Lou Robinson - Ms. Robinson reported that the letter from Steve Pellisier would be discussed and Mayor Cumbie went over the contents of the letter. The issues in the letter are to be addressed later.

"Doc" Evatt - No report.

Harry Holladay - Mr. Holladay reported that Herbert Thompson, John Wade and himself had met to discuss the fees for use of the gym. It was understood that the fees could be in the form of in-kind services and Mr. Thompson discussed some of the services that had been rendered so far and it was agreed that in-kind services would be acceptable. Better communication needs to exist between Ms. Rauton and John Wade's office. Herbert Thompson discussed the sewer tape machine that the town uses. He stated that it had broken at one time injuring James Henderson and he felt it unsafe to use because of the force that has to be put on it for the long distance that it has to be pushed at time. He also stated that he had used Clemson's machine at times and with the problems that we have with the sewer lines it would be feasible to acquire a pressure machine when funds are available. A demonstration for a water jet machine is in the making and it is advisable that this machine be obtained. This is not a budgetary item and would be a capital expense and he will have the facts and figures for the next work session. He also stated that the work on the water line on Old Shirley Road should begin some time this week.

Mr. Stan Thompson advised that if we have to use the current machine before a new one can be obtained special precautions be used to protect the user by using not only safety glasses but some type of shield that would give more protection than the glasses.

Mr. Harry Holladay discussed the need of some replacement of water and sewer lines on Brock St. Mayor Cumbie suggested that Herbert, Thad and Earl get together and discuss what is feasible and decide on a work schedule for this work.

#### Resolutions and Policies:

Resolution #1-94 - Mayor Cumbie read the resolution concerning support to work with the Task Force for Regional Recreation. Motion by Lou Robinson, second by Harry Holladay to accept. The vote was unanimous.

Resolution #2-94 \_ Mayor Cumbie read the resolution concerning the death of Mr. Clarence Phillips, Councilman making it necessary to call for a Special Nonpartisan Election to fill this unexpired term. Motion by Stan Thompson, second by "Doc" Evatt to accept. The vote was unanimous.

#### Consideration of Ordinances in possession of Council:

Ordinance #94-01-17 to provide for a Special Nonpartisan Election. Motion by Lou Robinson, second by "Doc" Evatt to accept. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Cumbie called for a Special called meeting on Monday, January 17, 1993 to have second reading on this ordinance. This to be at 6:30 P. M.

#### Report from Mayor and Administrator:

Stan Thompson reminded Council that Mr. Clarence Phillips had served as Mayor Pro-tem and Mayor Cumbie noted that it was necessary at this time to elect a Mayor Pro-tem and consider Mr. Harry Holladays suggestion that we go ahead and consider some type memorial for Mr. Phillips. Mayor Cumbie asked Ms. Loretta Hayes to get with Bill Carson and finish some of the details on the plan for the entrance to the walking track which they consider a good tribute to Mr. Phillips. Some landmark near the entrance to the walking track. Some details to be worked out and brought to the next work session. Again, the issue of Mayor Pro-tem was brought to the Council. Mayor Cumbie opened the floor for nomination of Mayor Pro-tem Harry Holladay nominated Stan Thompson. Mr. Thompson stated that he had intended if Mr. "Doc" Evatt would allow him to do so, to nominate "Doc" as Mayor Pro-tem. Mr. Evatt relinquished. Lou Robinson made a motion to accept Stan Thompson as Mayor Pro-tem by acclamation. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Herb Thompson discussed a proposal to hire a part time Economic Development Downtown Manager and a part time Fire Safety Inspector Zoning Enforcement person. Mr. Thompson discussed the number of hours and the salary that could be allowed. The savings over the salary of a full time planner would be substantial. COG would be able to give support in these programs that concern economic development.

Stan Thompson asked that before adding someone to the payroll specific job descriptions be in place. Mayor Cumbie informed council that the S. C. Downtown Development Association has specific job description for the Downtown Manager. Herbert Thompson will get with Richardson Davidson for specifics for Fire Safety Inspector/Zoning Enforcement person.

Lou Robinson suggested that these new persons work with the volunteer groups and meet with Council so that everyone will know what their duties are and there would be no questions left unanswered.

Mr. Randy Hayes inquired as to whether the salary of the Downtown Manager would include the use of his personal vehicle for his duties around town. Mr. Herbert Thompson informed council that this would be discussed when the salary was discussed with the individual. This person will work closely with Pickens County Codes Enforcement and eventually might be able to work independently.

Motion by Lou Robinson, second by Frank Chaka for Herbert Thompson to advertise for the above positions. Vote was unanimous.

Stan Thompson urged Herbert Thompson to have the job description available when a person ask for an application. Ms. Lou Robinson noted that this will possibly be criteria for the announcement. The job descriptions should be available for next work meeting.

Herbert Thompson discussed the town computer situation noting that it has outlived its 286 capabilities and problems are developing which slows the work load. He is proposing that we go to a dedicated file server because of Novell not allowing another system to coordinate with it. This information is alerting council that soon some changes will have to be made in our system. The cost of the new system would be approximately \$4,899.75. Mayor Cumbie and Herbert Thompson to get information needed that would best serve our requirements

Mayor's Report:

The Governor's Office is hosting a State Economic Allies Meeting on Tuesday afternoon, January 18, 1994 and on Wednesday January 19, 1994 and since Mayor Cumbie will be in Columbia on other business at that time he will be able to attend this important meeting and if there is a cost for the meeting he asks that the town bear that expense. There will be no lodging cost since he will be there anyway.

Vacancy on Planning Commission - Mayor Cumbie appointed Mr. Randy Hayes to serve Tom Oxendine's unexpired term. This will be until September 30, 1996.

Berry Street closure was again discussed. To be looked into as to court procedures and costs.

No further business, Mayor Cumbie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Grace S. Towe  
Clerk  
1-10-94