February 4, 1952

Town of Central

South Carolina

MINUTES **********

At the regular monthly meeting of the Town Council held on Monday night February 4, 1952 at 7:00 P. M. the following were present: G. M. Perry, Mayor; W. A. Gaines, Chief of Police: Councilmembers; J. W. Wallace, Jr., C. F. James and Calvin Rampey; aso present at this meeting was J. H. Chapman, Chairman of the Water Commission.

Mr. Chapman was asked to discuss his business. The intake of the water system at 18mile creek was discussed and they now have an Engineer here from Greenville. They are looking over our intake and trying to find what kind of bottom is there. As it looks now we will have to put a dam of steel sheet pile across the creek and wooden pile on the sides. It is estimated to cost around $8,000. The only way the Commission of Public Works can do this work and also get someone to operate the Filter Plant is to increase the water rate. The Commission is going to have to hire someone to help the Supt. Someone that knows all about the work and making tests and also the upkeep of the Plant. The rates on water now are the same as they were in 1936 when the plant was started and materials and labor have increased so much since then. Under the P. W. A. Agreement, the original purchaserer, specified that rates can be increased to be sufficient at all times to take care of all expenses, bonds and interest. The new water rate will be 20% increase over the old rate. And 5% extra per thousand for those living out of town.

There is too much work at the Filter Plant for one man to do and keep up all the outside work, and to hire another man requires more money. We will have to put on a man full time; The present salary of the Supt. is $50.00 per week and when we hire another man this salary will have to be cut.

Now we have no tapping fee and all other towns charge from 50 to 60 dollars. Out of Town tapping is much higher than in town. Proper for $20. tapping fee in town and $30. out of town.

Another thing that we just want to say is the Mill paying a flat rate of $.25 per thousand pays in about 70 or 75 dollars a month more than they would at the regular rate the house payer owns but they rate will be increased to $.30 per thousand. Wesleyan College rate will be .30 per thousand plus 5% a thousand for being out of town. February 15th reading will be new rate.

The above was agreed upon by the coucil.

Streets were discussed and J. W. W. says that the new street light have been given. Changed the one from the corner at Rev. Lattimore to the side. New one in front of Pearl Mize and on the corner at Woodrow Suttles.
Council adjourned.

G. M. Perry, Mayor

Sara S. James, Clerk