

Regular Council Meeting  
February 12, 1996  
Central Town Hall  
105 Werner Street  
Central, S. C.

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilmen: Edward Reynolds; Frank Chaka;  
(James Teal absent with sick wife) Joe Head; Harry Holladay;  
Bobby Busha; Greg Oliver, The Messenger; Dr. Herbert Cooper;  
Herbert Thompson, Administrator; Clerk Grace Towe.  
Tom Cleeer, Recreation Director; Robert "RoHo" Herron; Margaret  
Herron; Kelly Herron; Josh Herron.

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order.

Invocation by Harry Holladay.

Mayor Thompson recognized Robert Herron and presented him with a resolution honoring him as Volunteer of the Year for 1995 and recognizing his approximately 15 years of volunteer service with the Central Recreation Department. "RoHo" expressed his appreciation for this honor and Mayor Thompson reminded him that his name had been placed on the permanent plaque in the front office of Town Hall.

Minutes of the January 8, 1996 meeting were presented. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Joe Head to accept as corrected in work session. The vote was unanimous.

RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS: None

REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Frank Chaka - Finance Mr. Chaka gave the financial report with favorable operations.

Joe Head - Water and Sewer - Mr. Head reported that expansion of the maintenance lot was discussed at the retreat and he hopes to see this transpire. He reported that the engineers had been working on the Hamilton Place lift station and Herbert Thompson would be updating Council on this issue.

Harry Holladay - No report.

Mayor Thompson discussed the Railroad Festival for this year and noted that he would try and get the Festival Committee to get active if the festival is to be held again this year. So far he has not been able to get his phone calls returned from potential vendors.

Bobby Busha - Streets and Sanitation. Mr. Busha again reminded Council of the ongoing problem on Watkins Street. The drinking and loud talking has moved from one house to another but continues to exist. It is hoped that the road from James Circle will transpire in the near future.

Edward Reynolds - Public Safety - Mr. Reynolds reminded each one to keep a watch for grass fires since the weather is getting so dry. He reported that our new Police Officer, Dennis Garde was still in the training

process and would soon be put on his own.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Herbert Thompson presented the current pay Grade chart to Council and desire to upgrade the current scale. Some positions need to be combined and the pay scale revised to cover these positions. After discussion motion by Frank Chaka, second by Edward Reynolds to adopt the pay Grade revision. The vote was unanimous.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Thompson requested that each Council member be thinking about some article to go into the next newsletter. It would be advisable to get with department heads to get information for the letter.

Mayor Thompson reminded Council of the March 18, 1996 date for the Elected Officials Institute at COB at 5:30.

Mayor Thompson reported that the Planning Retreat this past weekend proved to be a productive session and he thanked Mr. Herbert Thompson for his efforts in planning the retreat which was well attended. Long and short range goals were discussed with priority items being highlighted. Mayor Thompson requested that the prioritized goal list be given back to Mr. Herbert Thompson within one week with each Council member's preference on the goals.

No miscellaneous business.

Mayor Thompson called for a motion to return to the Public Session of the agenda so that members of the public could be recognized. Motion by Edward Reynolds, second by Joe Head to go back to Public Session. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. Herbert Cooper, member of the Pickens County School Board was recognized. Dr. Cooper gave some information by way of handouts and after discussion of his desire to see the Daniel Area formed into a district of its own, the information was accepted as such.

No further business motion by Edward Reynolds, second by Bobby Busha to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted:

*Grace S. Lowe*

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Clerk to Council  
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