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REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P. M. FEBRUARY 13, 1995
CENTRAL TOWN HALL
105 WERNER ST. CENTRAL, S.C.

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilmen: Edward Reynolds; Frank Chaka; James Teal; Joe Head; H. R. Holladay, Jr.; Bobby Busha; Administrator Herbert Thompson; Greg Oliver, The Messenger; Jesse Cranford, Jr. Planning; Chief Frank Cantrell; Lou Robinson; Randy Hayes; Downtown Manager Wendy Marshall; Clerk Grace Towe.

Mayor Thompson called the February 13, 1995 meeting to order.

Invocation by James Teal.

Minutes of the January 9, 1995 meeting were presented with some corrections. Page 2 Line 7 quiet should be "quite". Page 3 Needless to say should read "Mr. Donald said that he" and page 4, 4th line down strike the "s" on refunds. After corrections motion by Frank Chaka, second by Bobby Busha to accept. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Lou Robinson, 213 Mill Avenue was recognized. She thanked Mayor Thompson, Joe Head, and Ed Reynolds who had met with CRA trying to clear up the comments that were made at the last public session time here. She stated that Mayor Thompson did an outstanding job conducting that meeting and again she thanked him and all who took part in the meeting. She thanked Wendy Marshall for her patience throughout the situation and Ms. Robinson stated that she was grateful that it is all cleared up.

Wendy Marshall was recognized and she introduced Walt Ray, a 5th year landscape arrchitect student at Clemson Universtiy. Wendy stated that he has been very instrumental in the downtown program and hopes to develop a master plan for the streets in the downtown area. Ms. Marshall thanked the town crew for their work on the benches noting that they had been repaired and painted. It is an added attraction to our streets.

Randy Hayes, 519 Gaines Street was recognized. He stated that his concern was to come later on the agenda when the increase in water and sewer rates are discussed. Mr. Hayes questioned the 5 cents per thousand proposed to be passed on by the town and asked how much was levied by Easley-Central Water District. It was noted that the 5 cents per thousand was levied by the water district.

Frank Chaka asked Wendy Marshall how things were shaping up with the land for the rock station. Wendy stated that things really had not changed and was on hold and this is good until the master plan can be completed. She stated that the land had increased in cost because of the survey.

RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS. None

REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Harry Holladay - Mr. Holladay defered to Ms. Wendy Marshall for a report from the design committee. Reference rock station and old school. It is

better to hold off for a while on these. The design committee is made up of a group of very talented individuals and they are rendering a service of value to the town. Wendy Marshall suggested delaying any action on the rock station until Walt Ray has completed his work and is able to advise on this issue.
Walt will be able to advise on renovations of the old school. With this expertise the work should be made more feasable for each phase. Mayor Thompson stated that no concrete decisions had been made for beginning work on the old school, but recommendations and help are appreciated.
Jesse Cranford was recognized and reported that since Cathy Bell had resigned from the Planning Commission a new member should be sought as soon as possible. He reported that the commission would have to start from scratch on the zoning ordinance if the ordinances are to be enforced According to the new Comprehensive Planning Act of May, 1994 we have until May, 1999. Mr. Cranford has signed up to go to the seminar in March which should help get the zoning in compliance with state requirements.

Ed Reynolds - Mr. Reynolds reported on the COPS grant and advised that some information had been in the papers about this grant and he asked Chief Frank Cantrell to elaborate on it. Chief Cantrell explained that another officer would be a big advantage for our small town so that they can interact with the public as has been needed for the past 15 years or so. Getting people involved helps the police department in that crimes are reported and the information many times will help solve crimes and keep the crime rate down. By learning of crime promptly, the officers can do something about what has happened. The amount of the grant alloted to the Town of Central amounts to $50,571.00 over a three year period. This does require a $5,000 a year match. The final word from the federal government has not been released on this type grant but should be soon. If this money can be secured it will relieve Chief Cantrell to do more research and possibly be used as a police detective.

Councilman Reynolds reported that a class had been held at the Fire Department over the weekend with very good participation. This was training in wildfire fighting. Also a class on Hazardous Materials was conducted at Clemson University on Sunday and Central was well represented at this class. Mayor Thompson stated that our volunteer firemen are very conscientious about getting all the training they can as it is offered to them and they are to be commended for it.

Frank Chaka - Financial report. Mr. Chaka reported that the budget should be at 33 and 1/3 percent and the finances so far are in line. Mr. Chaka stated that the pigeon problem was back at the old school building and this could present a health hazard if not cleaned up. This problem was discussed and Herb Thompson noted that it would be taken care of.

James Teal - Recreation. Mr. Teal reported that a grant was still being pursued in hopes of getting the money for a gym. Mayor Thompson stated that three people had volunteered to serve on the committee for this project. These were James Teal, Harry Holladay and Bobby Busha. These to serve with Council members from Clemson to initiate some discussions about this recreation facility. At this time Herbert Thompson reminded those who were to attend the Municipal Winter Meeting in Columbia of the time to leave, this to be 6:00 A. M. to arrive in Columbia by 9:30 A. M. and participate in seminars most of the day, then the County Delegation will be carried out to dinner Wednesday night to be co-hosted with the City

of Clemson and the City of Easley. This will be a good time for interaction and discussion of various topics concerning the towns.

Joe Head - Mr. Head made a motion that Central consider alternative water suppliers either as a primary or secondary source. Frank Chaka made a second to this motion. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Head stated that he would not be able to attend the retreat at SWU on the 18th of February. He stated that his vacation time would not allow for all activities.

Harry Holladay - Mr. Holladay reported that the County Municipal Meeting for the next session would be at Norris, February 27, 1995 and on March 27, 1995 our town will be host to the association. Plans are to use the NationsBank meeting room for this meeting.

Bobby Busha - Mr. Busha stated that he had received several phone calls from residents concerning a leaf machine. Herbert Thompson reported that the cost of a leaf machine including a truck was beyond our means and the machines do not pick up leaves when they are wet. Mr. Thompson stated that in the retreat they would be talking about a machine that would be used for brush and other debris. Mayor Thompson reminded Council that we do pick up leaves for those who bag them and place them near the curb.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES IN POSSESSION OF COUNCIL:

A. First reading of Ordinance #95-13-03 W & S to raise water rates 5 cents per 1,000 gallons of water used. (Easley-Central Water District has raised rates to the Town)

Mayor Thompson read the ordinance. Motion by James Teal, second by Edward Reynolds to accept on first reading. The vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #95-01 Lease Purchase Agreement for sewer machine. Mr. Herb Thompson discussed a 36 month lease at 6.07% interest at Southern National Leasing Corp. A resolution will be needed authorizing Mr. Herbert Thompson to sign this lease with Southern National Leasing Corp. in the amount of $19,000.00. After discussion motion by Joe Head, second by Edward Reynolds to proceed with this project. The vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Herbert Thompson reminded Council of the Planning Retreat on February 18, 1995 at S. W. U. at 8:30 A. M. until 4:00 P. M. The newspapers have been advised. There will be coffee and donuts for the morning session. Lunch will be served at noon in the school cafeteria, each paying for his meal.

Request for "C" funds. Mr. Thompson reported that he had written a letter to Mr. Galloway asking that the sidewalk project on Maw Bridge Road be funded, stating that the town would get the right of ways secured for this project. He also requested "C" fund money for Main Street downtown area. Any monies obtained could be set aside and accumulate to be used for the downtown project.

The date to accept bids to sell various pieces of old equipment has been advertised for March 8, 1995. Interest rates for a sewer machine have already been discussed. Mr. Thompson stated that Mr. Melvin Brooks is in

the process of dividing some land that he owns off White Oak Circle behind the S. C. Regional Housing Project. A road has been added to the plat and he carried the plat to the County for approval and our Zoning Official told him he would have to have further information before the county could approve the project. He now has nine lots divided but more work has to be done before the zoning officials can approve it.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Thompson again reminded Council to be prompt for the retreat and ready to start at 8:30 A. M. The agenda will be tight since all the department heads have been asked to attend and each has been given a specific time to report. Mayor Thompson asked that we be ready to develop plans, prioritize and get something done.
"C" fund update has already been discussed in work session. Mayor Thompson stated his appreciation for Mr. Galloway coming last week to share on the "C" Fund monies.
Mayor Thompson stated that we have a tremendous resource right here in our community, that being Southern Wesleyan University. He stated that not much has been done in the past in the way of making the students at the school feel welcome to Central and feel a part of the community. He stated that Clemson University for some years has had a welcome back event in August when the fall semester has started up. He suggested that at the start of the next school year we do something to welcome SWU students back to the area. His idea at this time would be to send out a letter to all the Central merchants suggesting that this might be a worth while way to welcome the students and at the same time enhance their business. For some period of time they could offer to the students some kind of discount on their products. A welcome back parade was suggested and several ways mentioned that could make the students feel welcome and feel that they are a part of the town.

Mr. Jesse Cranford, Jr. stated that Labor Day Weekend, the Railroad Festival parade would be held and another parade this close together would not be advisable. Mr. James Teal suggested that something be done in conjunction with the Railroad Festival to make the students welcome if they are here at this time. Mayor Thompson will talk with some of the merchants individually to get their input into this project.

Mr. Herbert Thompson requested that Council go into executive session for discussion of a legal matter. Motion by James Teal, second by Harry Holladay to go into executive for discussion of a legal matter. The vote was unanimous. After executive session, Mayor Thompson called the Council back into regular session announcing that no decisions were made and no votes taken in executive session.

Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Edward Reynolds to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Towe

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Clerk
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