February 14, 1994
Regular Council Meeting
Central Town Hall 7:00 P. M.

Present: Mayor Alton B. Cumbie, III; Councilpersons: Stan Thompson; Frank Chaka; Lou Robinson; "Doc" Evatt; Harry Holladay; Administrator Herbert Thompson; Elizabeth Phillips; Dan Phillips; Miriam Butler; Charles Cooper Butler; Susan Lee Butler; Lynn O'Dell;

Mayor Cumbie called the meeting to order.
Invocation by Harry Holladay.
Minutes of the January 10, 1994 meeting were presented. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Stan Thompson to accept. Vote was unanimous.
Mayor Cumbie asked if there was any input for public session and there was none at this time and Mayor Cumbie stated that he would open the session again later in the meeting.
REPORT FROM COMMITTEES:
Lou Robinson - Resolution to hire a part time Economic Development/ Downtown Manager. Motion by Lou Robinson, second by Frank Chaka to go ahead with the resolution as had been discussed in the work session. This job would be for 20 hours per week and the responsibilites of guiding and directing would be given to CRA and the Town would pay for the actual salary. A job description has been sent out to all board members and the board will meet on Tuesday, February 15, 1994 to review the description and make any necessary changes and to finalize the document.
Frank Chaka - Mr. Chaka gave the financial report with favorable conditions. Update of computer system was discussed. Mayor Cumbie gave an update on the 286 system and the need to update to a 486 system. Herbert Thompson noted that updating the computer syster had been discussed in work session and how it would handle the up to date software and would eliminate the down time and computer failures that we are now experiencing because of down time. After discussion motion by Frank Chaka, second by "Doc" Evatt to purchase the 486 computer system. Harry Holladay asked about the longevity of the 486 system. Mr. Herbert Thompson stated that the 486 should last approximately 6 or 7 years in comparison to the 286 that has lasted about 4 years. Lou Robinson asked how long it would take to change the system over. Mr. Thompson stated one day at the most and this would upgrade the entire computer system. After discussion the vote was unanimous.

RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS: None

CONSIDERATION OF ORDIANCES IN POSSESSION OF COUNCIL: None

RESOLUTIONS AND POLICIES:

A. Resolution recognizing the services rendered by the late Council-man Clarence C. Phillips, Jr. #3-94.
At this time Mayor Cumbie asked Mr. Phillips family to assemble at the entrance to the Council chambers and he read the resolution to the family. Mayor Cumbie addressed the family with a reminder that Clarence served on the Council for almost ten years and expressed his appreciation for his services and cooperation with the Mayor and Council through the years. Mayor Cumbie stated to Ms. Phillips and the family that a permanent memorial was in

the making for Mr. Phillips, this to be near the caboose area and the walking track. A plaque with appropriate wording would be placed at the entrance to the walking track. This memorial is expected to be completed within the next few months.
Motion by "Doc" Evatt, second by Stan Thompson to adopt this resolution. Vote was unanimous.

B. Resolution addressing retiree coverage for health insurance. Mayor Cumbie read the resolution and after discussion motion by Stan Thompson, second by Lou Robinson to adopt. Vote was unanimous. Resolution #R-06-94

C. Resolution to allow the old jail to be used as a museum. Mayor Cumbie read the resolution. #R-05-94.
Motion by Lou Robinson, second by Frank Chaka to adopt this resolution. Mr. Stan Thompson inquired as to the updating to conform to our present zoning. Mr. Herbert Thompson stated that it would have to be made handicap accessible and the wiring would have to be redone and the heat would have to be considered. Ms. Lou Robinson stated that the place would need a dehumidifier. The restroom facilities was discussed and a sewer line will need to be installed after a right-of-way is obtained. Herbert Thompson reported that in case a sewer line cannot be installed a one unit lift station could be installed to lift sewer back into the line. He noted that the town has much equipment and supplies stored in the building and provision will have to be made to remove this. Stan Thompson inquired if the town would be responsible for the upgrade of this building. Herbert Thompson reported that he had agreed to asphalt the front from the sidewalk to the highway. The Heritage Society is committed to the upgrade and it was noted that most of the work would be done by volunteers. Mayor Cumbie stated that the normal upkeep of the building would be the town's responsibility and any special request would have to come back before Council to be approved. "Doc" Evatt stated that they had requested that the town pay the heat bill and Mayor Cumbie stated this was normal . After discussion Mayor Cumbie called for a vote and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Cumbie asked the Committies for any further input.
Stan Thompson - None
Frank Chaka - None
Lou Robinson - Ms. Robinson informed council of some important dates concerning the Planning Commission and noted that Wanda Benson was the new Chairman of the Planning Commission. March 8, 1994 will be the first session. She urged Council to help get the word out and get all the citizins that can to come and learn all they can about the building codes. She noted that other sessions would be March 24 and March 29, 1994 at 7:00 P. M. at the Central Elementary cafeteria. Methods of advertising were discussed. The Merchants Guild was commended for the good work they are doing with concerns to new businesses.
David Donald stated that some interesting notions were being considered for informing the public of the new business and their benefits to the town.
"Doc" Evatt - None
Harry Holladay - Mr. Holladay asked concerning the unsightly place on Church Street Extension. Herbert Thompson reported that

he had turned this over to the Pickens County Litter Officer to be investigated. The 1993 paving contract was inquired about. Herbert Thompson reported that the paving would be done before July 1, 1994 and is left up to the contractor as to when he can put it down. Herbert stated that he had submitted the 1994 request to the county. "Doc" Evatt noted that the street to be paved had been discussed.

Pickens County Annex was inquired about. Herbert reported that the building should start some time in March depending on the weather. Which portion of the annex to be built first is not known at this time. It was suggested that Mr. Tom Hendricks be asked to come to one of the town meetings, possibly the next regular session and give an update and overview of the plans for the annex.
Herbert Thompson discussed the entrance to the White Oak Apartments. Bad weather has hampered the work but the assurance has been given that the work will begin soon. County has been busy moving into their new quarters and then the ice storm. All must be considered.
Update on Central Station Apartments, a 4.4 million dollar project. Herbert Thompson reported that he had received a thank you note from the gentleman that was lining the project up and was grateful for the information from the town that had helped to get the HUD information in line. The project would create approximately $35,000 tax dollars.
Herbert discussed the DHEC fees and most of the neighboring towns are being listed as plantiffs in a suit to protest these fees since they are so unreasonable. After discussion motion by Frank Chaka, second by Stan Thompson to be listed as a plantiff. Herbert noted that we are being discriminated against because we are a small user. After discussion the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Cumbie asked to take into consideration what the legislators had to report on the DHEC fee issue and the pending intentions that the delegation has if they are to address the issue. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Stan Thompson to proceed with the action. The vote was unanimous.
Mayor Cumbie noted that an 18 Mile Creek meeting would be held at COG on Thursday March 3, 1994 at 9:00 A. M. concerning the "Stream Study". Pickens County Development Partnership is scheduled to meet March 1, 1994 at 7:00 P. M. at Liberty High School. This is a tentative date.

No further business Mayor Cumbie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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