

Regular Council Meeting
March 8, 1993
Central Town Hall

Present: Mayor Alton B. Cumbie, III; Councilpersons Clarence Phillips
Harry Holladay; "Doc" Evatt; Lou Robinson; Frank Chaka;
Stan Thompson; Citizens David Donald; Loretta Hayes;
John Keasler; Ed Painter; Clerk Grace Towe.

Mayor Cumbie called the meeting to order.

Invocation by "Doc" Evatt.

Minutes of the February 1, 1993 were presented. After correction to read "communications and public relations to better communicate with citizens, especially seniors and business owners", motion by Lou Robinson, second by "Doc" Evatt to accept as corrected. Vote was unanimous.

Public Sessions:

David Donald was recognized as President of the Merchants Guild which has 18 members. He indicated that the Guild was interested in starting a Welcome Wagon and would like to obtain the names of new people coming into town. Hopefully this could be done as people apply for water and through business licenses. This would be a way to show newcomers that we are interested in them.

Loretta Hayes was recognized as Chairman of CRA and recommended that a Town Planner be hired. Then Loretta spoke as a citizen of town and requested that the farm animals near her home be removed and town ordinance enforced. These are chickens and rabbits in pens and the odor is atrocious at times. She was informed that this matter would be turned over to the zoning administrator and Herbert Thompson would get the information to the proper official.

John Keasler was given the floor and he inquired if the police department could operate more feasibly using smaller compact vehicles. After discussion of this issue, Stan Thompson related that our most feasible vehicles had been obtained through state purchasing.

Harry Holladay requested that the town look into some place for teenagers to gather. To work with the Ministerial Association would be a good start. He asked that we go on record as opposing all poker machines and if this is not done that we send a letter of support for the proposed \$500 per machine for municipalities.

Receipt and disposition of Petitions:

Mayor Cumbie presented the petition from Woodrow Sexton requesting annexation into the Town of Central. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Clarence Phillips to accept the petition. Vote was unanimous.

Report from Council Committees:

Stan Thompson-Mr. Thompson requested that a statement in the January, 1993 minutes be revised to read: "Be so costly to pursue a #4 rating that it should be addressed over a long term period."

Frank Chaka-Mr. Chaka gave the financial report and noted that the budget was in good shape. The miscellaneous income was questioned and

Herb Thompson reported that this was due to the insurance payment for the police car that was wrecked.

Lou Robinson- Ms. Robinson reported that next Tuesday evening at 7:00 P. M. at NationsBank the first of a series of 3 meetings would be held allowing citizens involvement in what is going on in town and council would need to be present to support this effort. She also reported that the Railroad Festival had agreed to go under promotion of CRA with Marian Evatt as Chairman. Ms. Evatt wishes to produce a newsletter. Carol Klein and Mayor Cumbie have agreed to coordinate the festival this year. It was noted that CRA and Railroad Festival were working for the same goal so that the festival would be enhanced by coordinating the two. Ms. Robinson reported that a compromise had been reached with Elin's Elf. A block fence and shrub would be erected and some outside storage would be within this area. April 30, 1993 is deadline for fence but extra time would be allowed for rain days. Bed and Breakfast was discussed. Discussion only.

"Doc" Evatt- Mr. Evatt asked for an update on the request from the highway department concerning possibility of traffic light at Main and Watkins Street. Mr. Herb Thompson to request reply from highway department in writing as to their intentions. He also brought to council's attention the eye sore coming into town caused by the scrap cross ties left by the railway, also the junked and wrecked cars are sore eye. He reported that the water line installers need to dress up the area before they leave it. No final payment should be made until this is done to town's satisfaction. Coming into town on Hwy 18 is a big pile of dirt that is unsightly. It was noted that this is not in the town limits, but Mr. Evatt related that the road was and that something needs to be done about this scene.

Harry Holladay- Mr. Holladay noted that a place for teenagers to meet had already been discussed, but that Recreation Director Tom Cloer should begin looking into the possibility of coordinating this effort with the ministerial association. Mr. Holladay again spoke in favor of banning poker machines or regulate number of machines and support the \$500 fee for each machine. Mr. Herbert Thompson to draft a letter with room for council signatures to this effect.

Clarence Phillips- Mr. Phillips reported that the 8" water line was almost complete, but grass and leveling needs to be done. He brought to council's attention that the Garden Club was interested again this year in planting flowers in the barrels on Main Street but would need some assistance from the town. It was consensus of council to buy the plants as we have in the past.

Consideration of Ordinances already in possession Council:

- A. Second reading of Ordinance #93-08-03SP to repeal Article #VII of the Town Code. The Sewer Use and Pretreatment Ordinance that was adopted May 11, 1992. Motion by Clarence Phillips, second by Lou Robinson to accept. Vote was unanimous.
- B. First reading of Ordinance #15-204-93-04-12 to accept William Woodrow Sexton into the Town of Central. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Lou Robinson to accept. Vote was unanimous.

Resolutions and Policies:

- A. Resolution to appoint a member from Council to represent the Town of Central on the Water Issue Group of the Pickens County Development Partnership. Mayor Cumbie presented the resolution and after discussion, motion by Clarence Phillips, second by "Doc" Evatt to accept. Vote was unanimous.

Administrator's Report:

Recreation Report: Mr. Herb Thompson reported that the Little League program was to begin soon. The baseball program has approximately 53 youth participating. Aerobics is to start this Thursday and we have 17 teachers to participate. He reported that Tom Cloer had begun working on the summer programs. A new basketball camp is being coordinated with Central Wesleyan College but will be done with separation of church and state which will come from not being associated with any church.

Mr. Thompson reported that the water tank had been inspected and that it would be another 2 to 3 years before it would need to be scraped and painted inside and out. Central and Clemson would share in this expense.

Mr. Thompson reported on the winter meeting of the S. C. Municipal Association and noted that much emphasis was placed on the Fair Labor Standards Act, Americans with Disabilities Act and noted that we have no phone for handicapped persons to use. Also, the Hepatitis B shots are being given and the Policy and Procedures Manual is in line.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Cumbie recognized Ed Painter with his request for 2 rooms in the Old School Building. Mr. Painter noted that the Railway Display would enhance the historical image of the town's endeavors. Mayor Cumbie said that we would need to know more specifics as to cost involved, such as lighting, air conditioning, heating system, and several other unknown factors. When concrete figures can be presented to council, then some considerations could be looked into. Tom Cloer, Herbert Thompson and Mayor Cumbie to look into a grant to help upgrade these rooms in the Old School Building. No commitment could be given at this time. Mayor Cumbie stated that he had already appointed Clarence Phillips to represent the Town of Central on the Water Issue Group of the Pickens County Development Partnership.

A town Planner was discussed. Motion by Harry Holladay, second by Lou Robinson to advertise for resumes with the intention of hiring a planner and to work on specific job description for planner to be in place by first of June, 1993 or thereabout. After discussion Mayor Cumbie polled council: Stan Thompson, no; Frank Chaka, no; Lou Robinson, yes; Clarence Phillips, no; Harry Holladay, yes; "Doc" Evatt, no; Mayor Cumbie, yes; The motion was defeated by a 4 no, 3 yes vote.

Stan Thompson made a counter motion to advertise asking for resumes with no commitment to hire a planner. The resumes would give a pool to choose from in the event council desired to hire a planner. Frank Chaka seconded this motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Cubie presented ordinance #93-03-08 levying a \$3.00 Sanitation fee on each household in Central. This was first reading and motion by Stan Thompson, second by Frank Chaka to accept. Vote was unanimous.

No further business, Mayor Cubie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Grace S. Towe
Clerk
3/08/93