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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday March 10, 1997
Central Town Hall
105 Werner Street
Central, S. C. 29630

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Edward Reynolds; Frank Chaka; James Teal; Joe Head; Harry Holladay; Bobby Busha; Lanford L. Jorgensen, NHC; Chief Joe Gibbs; Ed Painter, Chairman Railroad Festival; Reeve Hastings, Habitat for Humanity; Administrator Herbert Thompson; Clerk Grace Towe.

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order.

Invocation by James Teal.

Minutes of the February 10, 1997 meeting were presented as corrected in work session. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Joe Head to accept. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC SESSION: Mr. Lanford Jorgensen with Neighborhood Housing Corporation was introduced by Mayor Thompson. Mr. Jorgensen presented his desire to build affordable houses in this area for low to moderate income families. He discussed how his organization would help the individual obtain the necessary materials to obtain a loan, then he would build the house for them. After Mr. Jorgensen concluded his presentation, Mayor Thompson expressed his appreciation and informed Mr. Jorgensen that Council could only accept this as information at this time.

Ed Painter, 208 Gaines Street was recognized. Mr. Painter reported that he is serving as Chairman of the Central Railroad Festival this year and expressed his desire for some of the accomodations tax dollars to be used for the advertising and marketing of the Railroad Festival this year. He reported that the roof was leaking over the rooms where the Model Railroad material is set up in the old school building and that it was their desire to obtain the two rooms vacated by the Seniors Unlimited group after moving into their new facility. Mayor Thompson assured Mr. Painter that this would be considered.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Frank Chaka - Finance - Mr. Chaka presented the financial report with favorable results.

James Teal - Recreation - Mr. Teal reported that the Pickens County Recreation Committee is working on a manual, Standard Operating Procedures for guidance for the committee. He reported that monies from the 1 mill dollars allowed by County Council should be carried to the next year and two new departments have been added, Crosswell and Rice's Creek and this will necessitate their portion of the funds before requests from towns can be considered. He reported that baseball practice is ready to start and the programs are growing. The storage building is in and ready for installation. Spring Fling will be held at Nettles Park this year and Mayor Thompson and Mayor Abernathy will throw the first ball to kick off

baseball season.

Joe Head - Water and Sewer - Water leakage is down this month. Herbert Thompson is looking into the cost of doing a study to determine the cause of this concern.

Harry Holladay - Planning - No report.

Bobby Busha - Streets and Sanitation - Problems with the garbage truck were discussed and Mr. Herbert Thompson relayed to Council that the responsibility was the Sanitation Department's and they needed to carry the truck to Pickens and get it repaired. The pay scale was discussed as information only.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES IN POSSESSION OF COUNCIL:

A. First reading of Ordinance #97-03-02 to Adopt Rules of Order for Council. After corrections of some spelling errors, motion by Joe Head, second by Frank Chaka to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

B. First reading of Ordinance #97-03-03 to amend the Official Zoning Map form RM16 to R-12. This is requested by Habitat for Humanity for a house on Horton Street and College Street. After discussion, motion by Frank Chaka, second by Edward Reynolds to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR:

A. Administrator's Report:
   a. Signs for entrance into town are being pursued.

   b. Dr. Spittal at Southern Wesleyan University is interested in meeting with Council in reference to some annexations.

   c. Clemson will be selling their bonds for the recreation building on March 18 and will close April 3, 1997. This will be the sale of approximately $750,000 in bonds. We must sell bonds also, but the money is not available due to Cross Creek apartments not generating enough dollars the first year. Mr. Thompson requested that Council allow him to take $200,000 from investments to fill this gap. Mr. Thompson reported that the attorney would be sending out RFP's and would be starting on these in May. Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that he was holding off until June or July before having to issue any bonds. In July, 1997 it is hopeful that a Series A bond for 1/2 of $700,000 will be issued and hopefully in January, 1998 he can issue a Series B bond for the other half.

Mr. Herbert Thompson presented an amendment to the original agreement with the Clemson YMCA portion of the indoor recreation facility. After discussion motion by Edward Reynolds, second by Joe Head to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that the town has been approved to join the S C Municipal Insurance Program and all of the town's insurance including Workers Compensation is with the organization and will net a sizeable savings in the cost of insurance to the town.

B. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Thompson discussed the Volunteer of the Year Award Statement which reads as follows:

"The Volunteer of the Year Award will be prsented to one or more individuals who have consistently and freely given of themselves for the betterment of Central. Recipients of the award will be selected by the Mayor and Town Council. Recommendations from town residents will be considered."

After discussion motion by Frank Chaka, second by Joe Head to adopt this statement. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thompson reminded Council that the filing of their Statement of Economic Interest is due to the state by April 15.

The D. W. Daniel Danforth Award was discussed. Mayor Thompson informed Council that the Danforth Award has been dissolved but Daniel is interested in renaming this award the D. W. Daniel Award for School and Community Excellence. Motion by Edward Reynolds, second by Joe Head to contribute $250.00 to this award. The vote was unanimous.

Request for Accomodations Tax for the Railroad Festival was again discussed. After discussion, motion by Frank Chaka, second by Bobby Busha to give $500.00 to this cause. The vote was unanimous.

Model Railroad Club's request for two front rooms in the old school. Discussion of power bill and concensus of council for the club to pay 50% of the power bill. After discussion motion by Edward Reynolds, second by Jame Teal to accept this proposal. The vote was unanimous.

Executive Session: Motion by James Teal, second by Frank Chaka to go into executive session for discussion of a personnel matter. The vote was unanimous. After executive session, Mayor Thompson recalled regular session and announced that Administrator Herbert Thompson had presented a request for authorization from Council to hire an additional clerical person for the town staff, to be a fulltime partime person without benefits. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Joe Head to accept. The vote was unanimous.

No further business, motion by Edward Reynolds, second by the other five members of council to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted;

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