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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 11, 1996
105 Werner Street
Central, S. C. 29630

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilmen: Edward Reynolds; Frank Chaka; James Teal; Joe Head; Harry Holladay; (Bobby Busha out sick); Joe Gibbs; Greg Oliver, The Messenger. Administrator Herbert Thompson out on Town business; Clerk Grace Towe.

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P. M.

Invocation by James Teal.

Minutes of the February 12, 1996 meeting were presented. These had been reviewed and adjusted in work session. Motion by Frank Chaka to accept. The motion was seconded by James Teal. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes of the Special Called Council Meeting of February 26, 1996 were presented. Motion by James Teal, second by Frank Chaka to accept. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC SESSION: (30 minutes) Joe Gibbs expressed his appreciation to Council for hiring him as the new Police Chief and assured Council of his full cooperation.

RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION PETITIONS:

Mayor Thompson presented the DEDICATION AGREEMENT request from Reba Newton, General Manager of Hardees of Central, South Carolina, giving the Central Police Department jurisdiction over the roads and parking areas at Hardees place of business. After discussion motion by Joe Head, seconded by Harry Holladay to accept the request. The vote was unanimous.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Edward Reynolds - Public Safety - Mr. Reynolds reported that the Fire Department had a class over the weekend. Central Rescue also participated in this class. Mr. Reynolds reported that a few weeks prior a class was held that consisted of school bus extrication. Mayor Thompson commended the fire department for their efforts in training that make the department efficient.

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

James Teal - Recreation - Mr. Teal reported that the land for the multi-purpose building at the corner of Tarrant and Pepper Streets had been surveyed and deeded to the town. The project is looking good and seems to be going forward. Tom Cloer has prepared a five year plan for the recreation department budget and James Teal will present it to the county at their next meeting.

Joe Head - Water and Sewer - Mr. Head reported that a lift station generator was being looked into for the Hamilton Place project.

Harry Holladay - Planning - Mr. Holladay inquired as to what was going to be put on the graded lot on Copperfield Drive. It was reported that

a muffler shop and car wash was to be on the property.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES IN POSSESSION OF COUNCIL:

First reading of Ordinance #96-0-4 to regulate traffic at Hardees property. Motion by Edward Reynolds, second by Joe Head to accept. The vote was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION OF POLICIES IN POSSESSION OF COUNCIL:

Mayor Thompson presented Policy #96-3-11 "POLICY COMMUNITY SERVICE". After discussion motion by Edward Reynolds, seconded by Joe Head to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Herbert Thompson was out of town attending a conference on Solid Waste. Mayor Thompson presented information regarding Daniel Area Schools that had been given by Dr. Herbert Cooper. After discussion it was consensus of Council to do nothing until asked to do something by an individual or organization. Then each would have to do whatever they wished on an individual basis, not as a body.

Corrected short and long range goals were presented as corrected and passed on as information.

Mayor Thompson announced that the next meeting to consider the "Pay as you Throw" Solid Waste disposal system would be Thursday, March 14, 1996 at 6:00 P. M. in the auditorium of the Pickens County Administrative Annex.

Trash truck overloading was discussed. Research had been done as to what it would cost to correct this problem. It was found that a pusher axle could be added to the truck for approximately $5,000.00 to solve this problem. After discussion motion by Joe Head, second by Frank Chaka to authorize Mr. Herbert Thompson to go ahead with this project. The vote was unanimous.

Request from the Heritage Society regarding excessive utility costs was presented by Mayor Thompson. Their request was for $500.00 from the Accomodations Tax revenue. Mayor Thompson stated that traditionally the $500.00 from Accomodations Tax revenue had been budgeted as seed money for the Railroad Festival. He noted that $3,000.00 had been budgeted for community rehab projects for use by the Revitalization Association. Since there have been no requests from the association, Mayor Thompson recommended that the $500.00 request from the Heritage Society be extracted from this $3,000.00 budgeted amount. After discussion motion by Joe Head second by Edward Reynolds to proceed with this request. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Harry Holladay inquired as to the possibility of the Heritage Society vacating the old jail since they have acquired the Morgan House for the Society. Mayor Thompson suggested that Mr. Herbert Thompson get with Ms. Beverly Cureton as to the society's intention for use

of the old jail. Mayor Thompson made clear that the $500.00 appropriation was a one time item and not an ongoing appropriation.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Thompson reminded Council that the Railroad Festival Committee would be meeting again on March 19, 1996 at 7:00 P. M. in Council chambers.

At this time it will be decided what the dates will be for the 1996 festival which may or may not be Labor Day Weekend. There seems to be some sentiment for trying a new date. Any input that can be given will be appreciated.

Hamilton Place Lift Station - Not a lot of additional information. Mr. Herbert Thompson is looking for a generator, not necessarily a new one if he can find a reasonably priced used one.

Mayor Thompson appointed N. G. Madden to the Board of Adjustments to fill the unexpired term of Bill Carson. Mr. Madden's term would expire September 30, 1997. Motion by Joe Head, second by Frank Chaka to make this appointment. The vote was unanimous.

Two Poll Managers for the November 1996 Election were discussed. Mr. Herbert Thompson will contact some citizens to see if they are willing to serve in this capacity in November. He will report at the next work session.

Newsletter material asked for by Mayor Thompson. The letter will be printed after enough interest has been shown which should be soon.

Mayor Thompson announced that a retirement party for Chief Frank Cantrell who is retiring in April will be held at Holiday Inn in Clemson on April 11, 1996 at 7:00 P. M.

Miscellaneous business not included in any of the preceding items. Mr. Harry Holladay asked how the groundbreaking went at the Senior Center. Mayor Thompson reported it went well despite the wet and cold weather. Many of the older citizens attended.

Motion to adjourn by Ed Reynolds, seconded by Frank Chaka. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Towe

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Clerk
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