Regular Council Meeting
Central Town Hall
March 14, 1994

Present: Mayor Alton B. Cumbie; Councilpersons: Stan Thompson; Frank Chaka; Lou Robinson; "Doc" Evatt; Harry Holladay. Administrator Herbert Thompson; Clerk Grace Towe; David Donald; Edwin Painter; Cathy Bell; Randy Hayes; Lorett Hayes; Robby Moody; Carroll Coates.

Mayor Cumbie called the regular meeting to order.
Invocation by Harry Holladay.
Minutes of the February 14, 1994 meeting were presented. After correction of some typographical errors and correction on page two to read building codes instead of ordinances, motion by Frank Chaka, second by Stan Thompson to accept. The vote was unanimous.
Public Session was suspended until further in the meeting. At this time Mayor Cumbie introduced Mr. Tom Hendricks, County Administrator. Mr. Hendricks discussed three items of concern, the first being the County Complex on Highway 93. The first phase of the building will be an EMS, Rescue and Magistrates quarters. The Magistrate located in Clemson Shopping Center will relocate to this building. Groundbreaking should be sometime in April and at the same time the access road should be cut. Completion should be spring of 1995. This work will not be contracted. County workers will be used to construct this building. Another building to go on the county property will be for Seniors Unlimited. This phase is working with an architect in Greenville for the design of that building. They have some funding and have had success in obtaining grants for their projects. The architecture for the Seniors building must match the EMS, Rescue, Magistrate building architecture, this being Williamsburg Colonial, brick with white columns. This architecture will also be used in the future library to be built at this location. The library phase of the project will materialize when the county funds the project, possibly within this year's budget. The size of the library is still a controversy.
Mr. Hendricks at this time discussed the 18 Mile Creek Sewer Project. Some time in April County Council is anticipating signing a design contract for the first phase of the 18 Mile Creek Sewer Project. About ten months is needed to design the first plan and about this time next year, 1995 is being anticipated for the groundbreaking for the Liberty treatment facility. The connection of the Central Wesleyan lagoon was discussed as a priority since the person who was in charge of the lagoon is retiring. Signing over of the facilities should begin in late May or early June, 1994. Mr. Hendricks reported that he had given County Council a briefing the first Monday in March concerning the county's Subtitle D landfill. The initial cost to go alone in the county would be 3.3 million dollars. This would be initial getting ready to accept solid waste. County Council started setting funds aside in 1990 and the cash is in the bank to pay for that so that will be no problem. The day that the Subtitle D landfill is put into operation, the cost per ton is $46.00 per ton. The initial 3.3 million dollars will last Pickens County, at the rate we are going now 4.5 years. The next step in that operation would cost 3.7 million dollars. Easley Landfil will last a total of 8 years and by 1998 Pickens County will have to purchase either another site or start looking at alternative methods for disposing of our solid waste. Mr. Hendricks discussed the tri-county effort

between Pickens, Oconee and Anderson counties going in together for resource recovery park. After careful consideration they have looked at the ethenol process, composting which have some good options but the most viable process is mixing sewer sludge and solid waste together and it goes through a huge process, then five weeks later you have a composition that is basically one one one top soil. That will convert 70 % of our waste strength, that is after we do any recycling that we can. Glass and aluminum that can be run through this process could be shipped and used as an income source. Also, this would save a hauling cost of getting this to the proper destination. By early April Pickens County will make a decision whether to go alone or go with the tri county operation. Mr. Hendricks stated that the process of taking care of 70% of the matter still leaves 30% that would have to go into a Subtitle D landfill at a cost of approximately 46 to 47 dollars a ton. There are some long range benefits by not having 100% of the solid waste going into a Subtitle D landfill. Mr. Hendricks noted that some time in the future we will spend a lot of money digging up the landfills that we already have because of the ground water problems that are now and will occur. In the long term there are lot of benefits by going through the process that is now being looked at. When the decision as to what to do is made we just want to make sure that we are not supporting another county because we have the money to go by ourselves. Also, make sure that whatever we choose works, and not wait four years to find out that it did not work. A lot of careful consideration is going into this decision. Regardless of what way we go the solid waste cost to citizens of Pickens County will double in the next two and one half years. He noted that Central is in good shape by looking forward a few years ago to the aspect of what was coming in the line of waste treatment and disposal. Sooner or later each entity will have to pay its own way and Central is in good shape with this.

At this time Ms. Lou Robinson asked Mr. Hendricks if we as citizens would benefit by asking County Council to expedite the building of the library. Mr. Hendricks stated that we could use our own descretion but that County Council had some tough decisions to make this year. The library cost will be 900 to 950 thousand dollars, this to include furniture and fixtures, computers and necessary items. This is to become a regional facility for Clemson, Central and Six Mile. Mayor Cumbie reminded Mr. Hendricks of the 93 Corridor regulations and Mr. Hendricks assured Mayor Cumbie that these regulations would be adhered to. Mr. Stan Thompson asked Mr. Hendricks about the current EMS/Rescue station with the possibility of the Town using this for a Police Station. Mr. Thompson noted that some modifications would be needed for this facility and asked if the town would be expected to take care of these changes. Mr. Hendricks related that the County would assist in any way that they can. Mr. Hendricks noted that the deed would have to be searched to make sure that it could be used by the town, but this should be no problem. Mr. Harry Holladay again asked Mr. Hendricks if the county could go alone on the recovery system and Mr. Hendricks stated that going alone on the landfill was what had been discussed earlier. The recovery process would need more trash than Pickens County produces. Ms. Lou Robinson asked if the Pickens County Advisory Committee had influenced the actions of County Council in these matters and Mr. Hendricks stated that the council had very much done what the committee had advised them to do. Mayor Cumbie asked Mr. Hendricks how far along we are on the recycling centers in the county. With the towns going to curbside recycling the county had to stop building recycling stations and go to a bailing

facility. This allows for much more feasible operations. Construction has begun on the Five Forks Station south of Liberty and south of Easley and as soon as the grading is done for this the grading on the station on Chastain Road will begin. When these stations are complete it will close all of the sites in the southern part of the county. Ms. Lou Robinson asked if there had been an increase in the amount of litter on the roadside because of the removal of the so many green boxes and Mr. Hendricks noted that people who would litter would litter. Mr. Hendricks stated that the weekend prisoners who once picked up the litter were no longer available for this. At one time these prisoners picked up the state highways in the county and now the state will have to clean up its own roads. The county picks up county roads only and the state will need to clean its own.

Randy Hayes, 519 Gaines Street asked Mr. Hendricks if the Seniors Unlimited had the same responsibilities as the other agencies in Pickens County. Mr. Hendricks stated that the county partially funds Seniors Unlimited but that they are a state and almost quasi federal agency, but the land belongs to Pickens County and they want to build on it they will build the way the county wants them to build. Mr. Hayes asked if the green boxes would be disappearing in 1994. Mr. Hendricks stated that it was in the making for all the green boxes in this area to be gone by this summer because of the people living around these areas having to put up with the odor and mess they cause. Mr. Harry Holladay again brought up the 18 Mile Creek project stating that some citizens had perceived that because of DHEC's mandate their water bill had doubled and wondered why they could not go back to their old rates since we had such a good report on 18 Mile Creek. Mayor Cumbie reported that the stream portion of the study is real good but the embayment area is still to be completed and it is not likely that DHEC will relax their preliminary wasteload allocations which brings us from the 30 BOD level to a 10 BOD level and it is necessary for us to have advance teatment under the best circumstances. The limits that DHEC had given prior had such limited growth potential and now this opens up the long term growth for the entire area. Mr. Tom Hendricks stated that as of today we put 5500 pounds of solids in that stream and there is no way that DHEC will ever allow us to have half that much. The state and federal government mandates will will require nearly one fourth of the county's budget, but some of the regulations do not make sense but they will not back off so that those plants will not have to be built. The 18 Mile Creek study did much to save dollars in the long run and our portion of the bill for the study was well worth the effort. Mr. Hendricks stated that the state and federal government placed the fault on the county and municipalities. Mr. Hendricks stated that if the state would give us all of our Aid To Subdivisions (money that has been taken from Pickens County) where they take about 30% off the top and give about 70% back and call it aid, then funding would not be a problem and property taxes could be reduced by about 6 mills. The vehicle license situation was discussed and this will mean a shortfall for the county and municipalities. Robby Moody asked why the library would cost so much more than EMS/Rescue/Magistrate. Mr. Hendricks stated the county labor would build the station and save a great deal of dollars. The EMS/Rescue portion will cost approximately $80,000 to $85,000 and the Magistrates office will be another $40,000. Combined efforts in the county and municipalities have saved dollars on the local level. This keeps the town taxes at a minimum. "Doc" Evatt asked Mr. Hendricks if this did not result from the 1990 projection and the setting aside of funds especially funds for the landfill. Mr.

Hendricks stated this was so.
Ms. Cathy Bell expressed her concern that the new library would take into consideration the cleaning out of the musty smelling books so that the new facility could work to the maximum with the area residents.

Report from Council Committees:
Mayor Cumbie again opened the public session for any comment from citizens and Mr. Randy Hayes discussed planting of the trees at the fence line on Bolick Field. The fence and trees were discussed at length and no action was taken. Mr. Harry Holladay suggested that this be worked out at the next work session.

Report from Council Committees:
Stan Thompson - Mr. Thompson stated that he and several others had gone over to the EMS/Rescue station to observe the condition of the building and see what would be needed if the police station should materialize there. Mr. Thompson suggested that we go ahead and get some cost estimates since the new EMS station is proposed to be completed next spring. It was concensus of council for Chief Cantrell to start on some floor plans and Herbert Thompson to go ahead with some cost estimates. "Doc" Evatt asked what the arrangements were for the building, such as rent, buy, or gift. Mr. Stan Thompson stated that it was his understanding that the county would give the town use of the building. Herbert Thompson stated that there were some stipulations in the deed that would have to be adhered to.
Mr. Stan Thompson discussed the job description of the new position in the Fire Department. He had asked the fire department to review the proposal and he had not had a chance to study the position. Stan recommended that this item be held over for next work session when all have had a chance to get familiar with the document.

Frank Chaka - Mr. Chaka gave the financial report with favorable conditions.

Lou Robinson - Ms. Robinson announced that Mr. Paul Chastain had turned in his resignation from the Planning Commission effective today. Some time in the near future another member will be appointed to this position. Ms. Robinson expressed her disappointment at the turnout for the session that was held, but despite the small number attending it was a good meeting. She thanked those who attended especially the Merchants Guild. Ms. Cathy Bell asked that we all encourage business owners to attend these planning sessions as all could benefit from them. Ms. Robinson stated that the sessions are not only for the public in general. Zoning is to be adhered to and everyone needs to be getting ready to start abiding by the ordinances.
Lorett Hayes gave an update on CRA. She noted that the station platform was being held up awaiting the lease option from the railroad company. She stated that they are awaiting the NationsBank reply on the park area planned there. She announced that a clean up session was planned for Saturday March 19, 1994 at the old school grounds. She presented a drawing for the proposed upgrading of this facility. Some painting would be done, some new curbs installed, remove and relocate new marble post to be used as roping off for the planting areas. The stumps will be removed. Signs will be relocated.
Lorett Hayes stated that several applications had been received for the Downtown Development position and they would be meeting soon to go over these applications.

Receipt and disposition of Petitions - None

Consideration of Ordinances in possession of Council - None

Resolutions and Policies - None

Report from Mayor and Administrator:
Herbert Thompson discussed the outcome of the Boan property tax relief bill. He had gotten an update on the DHEC water fees. Some reduction had been made for the 1995 fees. We still owe about $10,000 for this year but hopefully the litigation going on will help in this area. A class action suit is placed against DHEC for relief of this unfair billing. Mayor Cumbie stated that these mandates gave no warning and are placing a hardship on small towns. Mayor Cumbie stated that our tax millage had not increased in ten years though we have added a sanitation fee.

Mayor's report:
Mayor Cumbie asked that for work session he receive a report from Planning, Public Safety, and Recreation for Town news letter. He stated the letter is to be published every two months and will provide a place for this information to get out to the citizens. Each two months three departments will be featured in the newsletter.
Lou Robinson inquired as to Attorney Kay Barrett's decision on the closing of Berry Street. This was discussed and the property on Berry Street is in the making of being acquired.
Lou Robinson again asked what had been decided about the trees and fence. Mayor Cumbie said that we had not decided and Stan Thompson made a motion to put this aside until next work session. Motion seconded by Harry Holladay. Lou Robinson expressed her concern as to what this will do to the rest of the grant and asked Herbert Thompson to look into this so that the grant will not be in jeopardy. Herbert Thompson asked if the trees could be placed on the centerfield bank. Mayor Cumbie asked that all the information be provided as to exactly where the trees would be and also thefence. After discussion the vote was unanimous to carry to the next work session when information will be available for decisions to be made on the trees in the park. A special called meeting would need to be called if it is found that the grant is in jeopardy.

No further business Mayor Cumbie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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