

Town of Central

CENTRAL, S. C.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

March 20 1973

MINUTES

Those Present: Kennemore, Hopkins, O'Dell, Thompson, Fowler, John Head, Holladay, Mrs. Williams, guests from Central Improvement Club and Messenger newsman. Also present was Mr. Krish, who resides in house next to Duckett Funeral Home, Gassaway St.

The Mayor brought the meeting to order and Mr. John Head introduced Mr. Krish to the Councilmen. Mr. Krish took the floor to present his complaint against his March 1 water billing. He stated that he was billed for 35,000 gallons of water over a 3 wk. period of use. He felt the water meter "went crazy" and he was sure he did not possibly use that much water. He admitted that he found a leak, but that it was corrected and that even the leak could not have accounted for the 35,000 gallons used. Mr. Head stated to the council that they had checked and rechecked the meter and that the meter seemed to be reading accurately each time check. Therefore, as far as he knows, the 35,000 gallons did pass through the meter. He also stated that Mr. Krish had requested that he replace the meter and that he had done so. Mr. Hopkins stated that he felt the leak found could in fact have accounted for the large reading and he had found this to be true in the past when he was reading meters for the Town. Mr. Krish stated that he felt he used an average of 7,000 over a 3 wk. billing period and asked that the council adjust his last bill. Dr. O'Dell made the motion that we adjust his bill to 7,000 gallons used, and it was seconded by Mr. Fowler. Mr. Krish thanked the council and left.

The Mayor then presented the bill from Mr. Beeson for engineering services rendered in laying the pipe line on the 88 District. The bill was in the amount of \$295.30. The councilmen and the mayor both felt that it was a previous understanding that we were not to have to pay for any service as this. The Mayor advised the council that the bill would be held until he contacted Mr. Beeson and brought the matter up again at another meeting. Mr. Fowler seconded this motion and all were in agreement.

The Mayor then brought the matter of burning leaves in the City Limits before Council. Many residents had requested permission to burn leaves from Mr. Head and the Mayor wanted a ruling on this. Mrs. Williams stated that the Town does have an active ordinance that it is not permitted within city limits. The council felt that since we had the ordinance we should stick with it. Therefore, Mr. Head was advised that those requesting this permission should be told no according to the ordinance. The council felt we should stand by this rule because of safety and pollution regulations.

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Dr. O'Dell asked Mr. Head if we had the semi-trailer in our possession. Mr. Head stated that it was ready to be picked up but that we had not done so as yet. Dr. O'Dell is holding the billing on this and advised that Mr. Head should notify Mrs. Williams when it has been picked up and is satisfactory so that she can pay the invoice in the amount of \$1,548.20.

It was stated that we need to purchase two hitches for the Town trucks so that we would be able to pull the trailer and it cannot be picked up until these are purchased. The estimated price given by Mr. Head would be \$50 for each hitch. Mr. Fowler made motion to follow through; O'Dell seconded.

The Mayor then stated to the Council that Mr. Head had not passed his Sewerage Plant exam for his Class A license. The Mayor brought out the fact that Mr. Head had gone to Columbia to check on the results and that the man there has failed him on a technicality and that when Mr. Head brought back the rest to his professor at Tri-County-Tec, the professor there felt sure John had passed the exam. Mr. Head will have to retake the exam in May.

The Mayor briefly mentioned the Brock Street Situation and that they would be meeting with the Highway people again this coming week. Mr. Cumbie was to be present to give a report, but he did not attend.

The Mayor informed the Council that we had paid our March 1 payment from the Surcharge Account and that he felt we would be able to meet all payments until possibly 1976.

Dr. O'Dell inquired if we would continue buying our water from East Clemson now that Clemson was going to sell their water. All councilmen felt we would continue with East Clemson, since Clemson's water will be used mainly for pressure .

The Mayor then brought the matter of electing a new member to the Planning Committee to replace the member that resided outside the city limits. All members must be within the city limits. The new nomination was Mr. Hal Garrett. Motion was made by Mr. Thompson; seconded by Mr. Fowler. The members are:

Griffin - 1 yr. term; Carson - 2 yr. term; Brock - 3 yr. term; Bolick - 4 yr. term; and Mr. Garrett - 4 yr. term.

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The Mayor then brought before the Council the matter of the Dog Problem. It was felt we should try to get a dog-catcher for the Town, and that Policeman Cannon felt he could get a reliable man from Seneca to accept the job. The Council felt we would have to build a holding pen for the animals giving owners time to claim them. No motion was made on this matter, but should be considered for action at a future date.

Mr. Thompson then presented to the Council the information on the UHF Radio System - City Government Communications System.

Mr. Thompson stated that we had been cleared for a channel for City Government. He also stated that he made recommendation that we purchase the G.E. communications system previously presented to council at previous meeting, costing \$3,915.20. This system gave us 15-20 mi coverage and with the bigger antenna we would be able to go as far as 20-25 mi. Mr. Thompson also recommended that the Resque Squad be allowed to hook onto our system at their own cost of \$1,285.00. They would use our transmitter.

Dr. O'Dell then inquired about the status of sharing with Clemson. Mr. Thompson did not know all the details, but felt we should have our own system for several reasons. Eventually the Town will have paid firemen and the fire department would then be able to join our system along with the resque Squad.

Mr. Fowler made the motion that we go ahead and accept the channel cleared for us and also purchase the G.E. initial package discussed. Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion. All were in agreement. Motion also for Resque Squad joining was seconded.

The matter of lighting the softball field was mentioned by the Mayor. He asked that something be considered on this. Along with the plans for building a new police station. The application for funds for this building has to be submitted in 10 days.

Mr. Mack Crane of the Central Improvement Club then took the floor and presented several matters to the Council.

1. Requested that Town pay for the insurance policy as previously done in past years.
2. Requested permission to use basement of old school bldg. for teen recreation center. Had obtained permission from Trustees.
3. Need place to practice for softball - park area not finished.
4. Requested Town ~~to~~ contact Southern Railway about use of their building for storage of athletic equip.
5. Requested that Town help the Improvement Club as soon as possible by hiring a Director, since there are only about 6 regular members that are carrying the load and it cannot go on.
6. Requested permission to put on a Fair to raise money.

The Council made the following motions on the requests:

1. Town would pay insurance policy.
2. Town would contact Southern Railroad.
3. Felt we would wait until Fall about the Teen Recreation Center.
4. Approved Fair.
5. Stated that a Director is in the near future.

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The Improvement Club concluded their portion. Dr. O'Dell stated that he had matters that would require Executive Council.

All guests, Mrs. Williams and News media were dismissed.

H. R. Holladay
MAYOR

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn E. Williams
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Town Clerk & Treas.

Executive Council notes:

Mrs. Williams' salary increase after 3 mos. review was approved. Increase effective April 1, 1973 to \$2.90/hr.

Council approved rehiring Mrs. Hughes for summer months to cover vacation of Miss Smallwood & Mrs. Williams

Matter of back & current taxes discussed. Mayor to contact Attorney Ficker regarding collection of this \$6,000.00 outstanding debt. due us?

Matter of a collection or depository box suggested by Mrs. Williams for convenience of water customers, was approved.

Matter of Eliminating working 2 Sats. on a month was postponed until Council saw how 88 District effected workload.