Town of Central
Regular Town Council Meeting
Town of Central – 7:00 P. M. April 10, 2000
105 Werner St. Central, S. C. 29630

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilpersons: Edward Reynolds; Frank Chaka; Keith Martin; Joe Head; Harry Holladay; Bobby Busha. Police Chief Joe Gibbs. Administrator Herbert Thompson; Lions Club members Doyle Elrod and David Jensen. Clerk Grace Towe.

Mayor Stan Thompson called the regular Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 P. M.

Invocation by Harry Holladay.

Minutes of the March 13, 2000 Town Council meeting were presented. Motion by Frank Chaka and seconded by Joe Head to dispense with the full reading of the minutes and adopt as corrected in work session on March 6, 2000. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session:

Mayor Thompson recognized Mr. Doyle Elrod and Mr. David Jensen of the Central Lions Club for the presentation of a resolution for the club. Other Lions Club members present were Herbert Thompson and Harry Holladay and the group met at the front where Mayor Thompson, also a member of the Lions Club, read the resolution and presented the document to Mr. Doyle Elrod who has the most longevity with the group to be shared with the Club when they meet again. Mayor Thompson gave some reasons for the presentation of the resolution. First of all the club deserves this recognition and Lions Club International which represents Lions Clubs all over the world had suggested that towns, municipalities and cities throughout the world do something special to recognize the clubs within their boundaries to thank them for the work they have done in assisting disadvantaged citizens. Mr. Doyle Elrod accepted the resolution and thanked the town for their support over the years. Mayor Thompson declared that this resolution would become a permanent record in the minutes of the Town of Central assembled this 10th day of April, 2000.

Receipt and Disposition of Petitions: None.

Report From Council Committies:

Mayor Thompson advised Council that a Home Occupation for B. Suzzane Medders had been approved by the Planning Commission and that Council would need to make a final decision on this item. Motion by Harry Holladay and seconded by Joe Head to approve this Home Occupation Permit. The vote was unanimous.

Frank Chaka – Finance - Mr. Chaka gave the financial report and noted the finances are

staying within budget. It was noted that the TIF funds from the county would be forth-coming within a few days as a payment will be due in May on the recreation facility.

Keith Martin – Recreation – Mr. Martin brought Council up to date on the activities of the recreation department. Mr. Martin emphasized the importance of the joint recreation meeting for Clemson and Central scheduled for April 17, 2000. This is reference the YMCA involvment with the two entities.

Joe Head – Water and Sewer - Mr. Head referred his two items, one the water rate increase and the other the update on the wastewater plant, for Mr. Herbert Thompson to elaborate on in his report. Mr. Thompson reported that the Pickens County Public Service Commission had been granted a 30 day extension on the project and they should begin pumping water back into the facility this week.

Harry Holladay – Planning – Mr. Holladay again alluded to the noise ordinance in the City and how it needs to be enforced since at time the noise is unbearable. Chief Gibbs noted that some information such as persistent times and description of vehicle would be needed to apprehend the offenders.

Bobby Busha – Streets and Sanitation – Mr. Busha reported a pickup truck on his street three to four times a week with gutted muffler and topping the hill to raise excessive noise. It usually happens around 3 to 4 o'clock each time.

Item 5 on the agenda was deleted as the Mt. Zion Methodist Church had not produced the material needed to discuss this matter.

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Herbert Thompson passed out documents that each councilman would need to study before the joint meeting with Clemson on the 17th of April, 2000 reference YMCA. Mr. Thompson reported that he had not received anything in writing from Easley-Central Water District reference a water rate increase. According to the contract Central should receive a notice at least 90 days prior to any increase. The Town attorney, Chris Olson is looking into the contract.

Administrator Herbert Thompson discussed the Code Enforcement Officer fee that is being paid to the County. Mr. Thompson noted that Sgt. Bill Stephens was appointed to be the Code Enforcement/Investigator and that the county fee is double pay for the same position. Mr. Thompson requested council's permission to write a letter to Pickens County advising them that we no longer need their services as zoning inspections, only building codes inspections as called for in the contract, since our own personnel can perform this function. Motion by Edward Reynolds and seconded by Keith Martin for Mr. Thompson to write this letter. The vote was unanimous..

Mayor's Report:
Mayor Thompson discussed the D. W. Daniel award contribution. Motion by Frank Chaka and seconded by Bobby Busha to grant the $250.00 contribution as has been done in the past. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of adding Good Friday to the town's paid holidays. Motion was made by Edward Reynolds and seconded by Harry Holladay to grant this holiday. The vote was unanimous.

Proposed new town hall. Mayor Thompson recommended that Council go ahead and set the wheel in motion for a new town hall since approval has has been given for land purchase and the longer we wait the higher construction cost will be. Mayor Thompson called for a motion to include authorization for the administrator to move ahead post haste for selection of a design firm. Motion was made by Keith Martin and seconded by Harry Holladay and Mayor Thompson called for discussion. Mr. Joe Head noted that all the location possibilities had not been considered. After discussion of options a vote was taken. The vote was six (6) for and one against. Mr. Joe Head was against the motion.

Mayor Thompson called for a motion to go into executive session for discussion of a personnel matter and a contractural matter. Motion by Bobby Busha and seconded by Joe Head to go into executive session. The vote was unanimous.

After executive session Mayor Thompson recalled regular session and announced that during executive session the administrator's annual performance was evaluated and he was given an outstanding evaluation which was discussed with him. Mayor Thompson called for a motion to allow the maximum raise called for in the budget for Mr. Thompson. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Herbert Thompson thanked Council for the opportunity of working for the town and their help to him when needed and noted that some hard roads are ahead for the town but they can be worked through with everyone's help.

Mayor Thompson called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Edward Reynolds and seconded by Joe Head to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

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