

April 11, 1994
6:15 P. M. Council Meeting
Town of Central
105 Werner St., Central, S. C.

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Present: Mayor Alton B. Cumbie, III; Councilmembers: Stan Thompson; Lou Robinson; "Doc" Evatt; Harry Holladay; Councilman Frank Chaka; Richard Griffin, COG; Alesia Gramblin, Zoning Administrator; Robby Moody, Planning intern; Administrator Herbert Thompson; Planning Commission members: Nancy Holladay, Catherine Bell; Wanda Benson; Attorney Lindsey Graham; David Donald; Loretta Arnold Hayes; Carroll M. Coates, Jr; Kermit Allen; Carl L. Roberts; Russell D. Harris; Randy Hayes; Jesse Cranford, Jr.

Mayor Cumbie called the meeting to order.

Invocation by "Doc" Evatt.

Mayor Cumbie entertained a motion to go into executive session with Planning Commission to receive a legal briefing from Town Attorney reference Zoning Ordinance. This motion made by Lou Robinson, second by Stan Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Cumbie explained to audience that we are not in executive session to take any action. Discussion only and any action would have to be taken in regular session. Executive session ended at 7:10 P. M. Mayor Cumbie announced to regular session that zoning compliance issues had been discussed and regular session would continue.

The oath of office was administered by Grace S. Towe, Clerk to Mr. Dan Phillips. After administration Mayor Cumbie welcomed Mr. Phillips as a member of Council. Mayor Cumbie appointed Mr. Phillips to serve as Chairman of the Water and Sewer Committee.

Mayor Cumbie asked Kermit Allen, Russell Harris and Carl Roberts to come forward to be recognized for their work in the upgrading of the Community Park. This was done by a resolution to each of these employees. Robby Moody, intern in the Planning office was recognized by resolution for his work for almost a year in this position. Tracy McGee to be given her resolution later as she could not attend this session. Mayor Cumbie expressed his appreciation for the work the interns had done for the town. Robby expressed his appreciation for the privilege of getting the experience in his field by working with the town.

Mayor Cumbie opened the public session portion of the meeting. There was no input for the public session.

Minutes of the March 14, 1994 were presented. Motion by Frank Chaka to accept the minutes as corrected. This motion was seconded by Lou Robinson. The vote was unanimous.

Report from Council Committees:

Stan Thompson - Mr. Thompson asked to revert from custom for a comment to our newest member, Mr. Dan Phillips. He welcomed Mr. Phillips and assured him of his support and was reminded how helpful Council was to him when he was first seated. He told Mr. Phillips how much his father, Mr. Clarence Phillips had helped him over the years and again welcomed him to the Council. Mr. Thompson presented the position description for the Police and Fire Department. The description has been gone over and gotten to the stages that are ready for presentation to Council. This position will be about 20 hours per week for a Zoning Enforcement and Fire Safety and promotion of Fire Prevention. Stan Thompson presented a motion to create this position with duties as described and it is for the town only, not the fire district. After discussion Lou Robinson seconded

the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Frank Chaka - Mr. Chaka presented the financial statement with favorable conditions staying under budget.

Lou Robinson - Ms. Robinson thanked the Planning Commission for their attendance at the meeting and expressed her appreciation for the way they had put on the three public sessions held recently. The Planning Commission meets every fourth Tuesday of the month. Ms. Robinson stated that Mr. Paul Chastain had resigned from the Planning Commission and she recommended Mr. Jesse Cranford, Jr. to serve in this capacity. Mr. Cranford had submitted his resume when the position was advertised. Mayor Cumbie at this appointed Mr. Cranford to this position. Ms. Robinson requested a copy of the updated zoning notebook to be given Mr. Cranford. Ms. Robinson requested a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. David Donald and the Merchants Guild for their effort in providing the egg hunt for the area children. She recognized the work day that CRA had at the old school. It was hard work but the effort was worth it when the day was done and the improvement was noticed. She again commended the town crew for their help in this project. Ms. Thompson reported that the trees obtained from the Grant agreement with the Forestry Commission. The trees are good size and should make a big difference in a short time. She encouraged all interested to come to the Planning meetings to keep informed as to what is going on with the zoning.

The Bar-B-Que is still on for May 14, 1994 at Cannon Park from 4 til 8 P. M. Loretta Hayes reported that they will be selling tickets for the Bar-B-Que soon. The CRA still is pursuing the park area at NationsBank, but there is much red tape to go through since the bank is still concerned with the liability and this is in the process of working out with the bank. CRA is working in conjunction with Central Wesleyan College in selling tickets for their production of "My Fair Lady". When CRA sells tickets the organization will receive 50% of the proceeds. Ms. Lou Robinson reported that CRA will be interviewing some applicants for the Downtown Project Manager.

"Doc" Evatt - Mr. Evatt inquired if all the 1993 paving had been done which consisted of Amanda Circle and portions of the cemetery. Mayor Cumbie reported that 1/2 of the cost of paving this had been donated by a couple from Norris. The Town agreed to pay 1/2 the cost of paving the cemetery and this was not included in our allotment of paving. This is in addition to the allotment. Total cost of paving of cemetery is around \$6,000 of which the couple will be rendering a check for 1/2 of this cost. Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that along with Amanda Circle in the allotment, Davis Street and Chestnut Court were also included. Mr. Evatt inquired if there had been any progress on the road into White Oak Project. No progress has been made on this issue.

Harry Holladay - Mr. Holladay welcomed Dan Phillips to the Council, noting that Council had been very patient with him and others as they came onto the staff. He advised Mr. Phillips to ask questions and to always vote his convictions, even though at times he may have to stand alone.

Mr. Holladay reported that he had met with the Regional Recreation Task Force a few days ago and they had laid some ground rules and the meetings were conflicting with other schedules. "Doc" Evatt has agreed to serve on this committee and Mr. Holladay is to check with Tom Cloer as to when the next meeting will be held. Monday night are especially conflicting with Central and Clemson meetings.

Dan Phillips - No report.

Receipt and disposition of Petitions - None

Consideration of Ordinances in possession of Council - None

Resolutions and Policies: These had been taken care of at beginning of session.

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

Mr. Herbert Thompson reported on the cost to replace fence at maintenance lot. This would be about \$16.00 a foot and with 235 feet to install the cost would be \$3,760.00 plus another \$150.00 to do the gate. This is for the side facing Wood Street and the side facing Gaines Street. Slats in the fence would be \$3.00 a foot for a total of \$705.00. This would be the town's cost to put a solid type fence. Ms. Lou Robinson asked why the other sides would not have to be done. She stated that as the ordinance reads now the entire maintenance lot would have to be fenced. Mr. Thompson stated that the \$3,760.00 would have to be doubled for cost. Mayor Cumbie stated that the Planning Commission could review these issues at their next meeting.

Mr. Thompson discussed the irrigation meter issue. He inquired if Council wished to discuss this issue in work session or refer it to Mr. Phillip's committee. Mr. Thompson reported that he had studied some other city's policies and made some adjustments in the policy for irrigation meters. The only change from the current policy is going from \$100.00 to \$150.00 for the tap if it is on the customers own 3/4 service line. If there has to be a new tap made it would be \$300.00. Also, the monthly minimum will change from \$1.70 per thousand charged now.

Mayor Cumbie called for a motion to accept the new policy as presented. Frank Chaka made a motion to adopt the new policy. This was seconded by Lou Robinson. After discussion the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that Dan Evatt had gotten a call from a Long Island Fire Department. They have a 75 ft. Seagraves fire truck they will donate to the Town of Central if we will go get it. With a ladder truck based on the ISO points needed to get a 4 rating, this would put the Town into a 4. The fire department will be discussing this matter tonight and if the truck meets all the inspection requirements of ISO it would be a good deal. This truck does not carry any water nor hose it is only a ladder truck, a 1962 model with very few miles on it. However it could be eaten away by the salt. Mr. Chaka advised that all these vehicles are undercoated in that area. If the truck should pass all the inspections of ISO, within a period of six months the #4 rating could possibly be in effect which would be a saving of about \$50.00 on the citizens insurance. Also, the outside rates should change for the better. Herbert Thompson briefed council on the status of recycling. Much has been taken out of the landfill. The total tonnage for all seven municipalities is 1,528.12 tons removed in 1993. The towns of Central, Liberty, Six Mile, Norris and Pickens had a personnel cost of \$19,526.37 for 1993. Fuel and maintenance cost was \$2,180.63. This is less than \$2200.00 that we have in recycling. This totals to .4760 cost per home per month. This is in comparison to the \$2.75 that commercial people wanted to charge. This is reasonably in line with the other towns. The total personnel cost for the seven cities was \$119,000 and fuel cost was \$7,016.00 for an average of 81 cents per household in the county with approximately 13,000 households. With the good statistics the Town of Central could handle 75% participation in the program. Mr. Stan Thompson inquired as to when we might be able to expand and handle more types of plastics. Mr. Herb Thompson noted that when we first began this program the county was not ready to handle all the materials picked up. The county has purchased a bailer and will be able to handle all the materials and they do have a market for the items. Mr. Herb Thompson has talked with the Election Commission and the town attorney concerning the

repealing of our Ordinance #6-2 of the town code. This states that all candidates must have 5% of the registered voters to sign the candidates petitions. The only part of the ordinance to be deleted would be the requirement of the 5% of registered voters to sign the petition. The repeal would have to go to Washington, D. C. to the voters rights section of our government to be approved 60 days before an election. This item will be discussed in the next work session. This item would have to be passed by ordinance with two readings. Mr. Stan Thompson noted that since the item was not on the agenda to hold it over until next work session and if needs be a special meeting could be called for the passing of the ordinance. It was concensus of Council to hold this over.

Mayor's Report;

Mayor Cumbie shared the tentative newsletter for the next issue. Some other items would be needed to complete the newsletter. He went over the items already recorded. The newsletter to be published every two months will be a benefit in keeping the citizens informed as to what is taking place in the town.

Mayor Cumbie again informed council about the paving and upgrade of the cemetery. The couple that donated 1/2 of the paving fee also will pay for 1/2 of signs to the entrance way. Small trees along the drive will add to the beauty of the property. Some better receptacles are needed for the area. Mayor noted that there is a volunteer to plant the barrels on Main Street if the barrels are made available. This issue can be discussed in work session. A trust fund needs to be set up for the portion of funds donated to the Trust. Other funds can be used for the improvement of the cemetery. The main idea for the trust fund is to build it so that eventually the town will not have to dip into the general fund for the upkeep of the cemetery. Mayor Cumbie had met with Dr. David Spittal, president of Central Wesleyan College, a very dynamic individual and will be good for our community. Dr. Spittal is looking at expanding CWC and the future looks promising for the school. The current buildings are now being upgraded. Dr. Spittal is very interested in the cooperation of the community and school.

Old Central Elementary School has been upgraded by some painting of windows and the work that CRA has completed. The termite problem has been taken care and the bee problem has been eradicated.

Mayor Cumbie commended Rick Hane for the Raptor Society's bike ride that takes place during the Railroad Festival. It has grown to be one of the three top events of its kind in America and is expected to be bigger and better this year.

The Black Methodist (State BMCR) will hold its conference in Central on April 22, 1994 and Mayor Cumbie asks that the town participate as much as possible since this is their annual conference. Mayor Cumbie will present them a proclamation on Friday night and ask that Council back them as much as possible.

Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that on Monday April 25, 1994 the Pickens County Municipal Association would meet at Clemson City Hall.

No further business, Mayor Cumbie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Lowe, CMC

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