

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P. M. May 8, 1995
Central Town Hall
Central, S. C.

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilpersons: James Teal; Joe Head; Bobby Busha; Edward Reynolds; Harry Holladay; Frank Chaka; Administrator Herbert Thompson; Clerk Grace Towe; Citizens (Sign in sheets attached).

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order.

Invocation by James Teal.

Mr. Teal was asked to serve as Mayor-protem until Mr. Holladay arrived. Minutes of the April 10, 1995 meeting were presented as corrected. Motion by Joe Head, second by Frank Chaka to accept. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thompson recognized Mr. Frank Chaka and expressed his appreciation for his service and dedication in Europe, having been there on VE Day. The company that Frank worked for in Europe made the surrender document between the USA and Japan. He came from Connecticut to help operate the Pratt-Read Company, serving as purchasing agent for the company. He coached the Mites ball team for some time, has served on Central Town Council for four terms and is now serving in his fifth term. Mayor Thompson again commended Frank for a job well done.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Roxanne Chase, 200 College St. Ms. Chase expressed her desire to see CRA go forward with cooperation from all concerned. Skills needed to complete projects are very necessary, along with a leader to coordinate projects and see that they are carried through. For this reason she feels that a Downtown Manager is the best solution to this issue

Rick Hane, 104 Chelsea Court, Six Mile and former resident of Central, now involved with the Ride for Raptors associated with the Central Railroad Festival. He stated that having been involved with the Railroad Festival for the last seven years he has seen volunteers wearing out, the same ones doing the work year after year. The event needs a coordinator, such as the Downtown Manager and it is his desire that this position would continue to be funded.

Myrna McKee was recognized. She owns a business at 104 Madden Bridge Road. She expressed her interest in the town going forward in a positive manner so that property can maintain its value and CRA can be a factor in this operation. Commitment is needed from all concerned for our town to go forward.

Carol Klein- 212 Fond-du-lac Drive. Ms. Klein reported that her aging mother had relayed to her that the town looks better than she had ever seen it. CRA is not totally responsible for the improvements in town but the organization has brought attention to the town to produce pride in our community.

Dr. Robert Nash, 630 College Street, a resident in the Central community since 1957. Dr. Nash reported that he had seen many changes come about in

those years. He commended Council for their efforts in dressing up the town the last two years. The relationship between the town and Southern Wesleyan University is one to be proud of. The University is in the process of recruiting some new faculty members and the appearance of our community is a big factor in their deciding to locate in this area. Dr. Nash expressed his desire to see the University students involved in the town and all to participate so that the University can feel a part of the town and likewise the town a part of the university. Anything that can be done in the budget to continue this process of togetherness would be of benefit to the entire community.

Dan Phillips, 704 Brock Street. Mr. Phillips expressed his desire to see the Mt. Zion Cemetery as well kept as the ball fields. He noted that it is the obligation of the town to keep the cemetery in good shape.

RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS: None

REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Chairman of Planning Commission- Some of the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance were discussed but no action taken as a public hearing will need to be held before changes can be made.

Edward Reynolds - Public Safety - Mr. Reynolds reported that the fire and police departments had been quiet and a seminar had been held at Southern Wesleyan University. The seminar went well with many participants.

Frank Chaka - Finance - Mr. Chaka reported that the budget was within bounds and a good job is being done.

James Teal - Recreation - Nothing new in the recreation department. Still waiting on the final drawing on the gym. He reminded everyone about the Spring Fling on May 20, 1995.

Joe Head - Water and Sewer - No report.

Harry Holladay - Planning - No report.

Bobby Busha - Streets and Sanitation - Mr. Busha reported that he had talked with Mr. Frank Manley about the grown up lot on Aiken Street. Mr. Charlie Perry is the owner of the lot and it should be in good shape in the future.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES IN POSSESSION OF COUNCIL:

- A. First reading of Ordinance #95-06-12 G & UF General Fund and Utility Fund Budget for the Town of Central for the F. Y. E. June 30, 1996. Mayor Thompson read the ordinance and stated that each department would need to be voted on individually. Council feels this is in the best interest of the town.

Administrative Department was discussed. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Bobby Busha to accept. The vote was unanimous.

Municipal Court - Motion by Frank Chaka, second by James Teal to accept. The vote was unanimous.

Police Department - Motion by Bobby Busha, second by Edward Reynolds to

accept. The vote was unanimous.

Fire Department - Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Joe Head to accept. The vote was six for. Edward Reynolds abstained citing a possible conflict of interest since he is Assistant Fire Chief. He excused himself from Council chambers.

Streets and Sanitation - Motion by Harry Holladay, second by James Teal to accept. Mr. Joe Head excused himself from Council chambers citing a possible conflict of interest due to family owned property. The vote was six for (Mr. Head abstained). Mayor Thompson explained that money had been appropriated in the budget for the severe drainage problem with water coming down Werner Street and on through Headtown.

Planning and Zoning - Mayor Thompson stated that this department has heretofore contained some funding for CRA. The budget as stated does provide some funding for CRA. The funding for the Downtown Project Managers position if this budget is adopted would carry that position only until the end of September, 1995 as originally contracted with CRA. Motion by Harry Holladay, second by Frank Chaka to accept. Mayor Thompson at this time passed the gavel to the Mayor Protem and requested that he recognize the Mayor for the purpose of proposing a motion to amend. Mayor Protem Harry Holladay recognized Mayor Thompson and he made a motion to amend this proposed budget whereby the town would provide the CRA with 75% of funds it was budgeted for in fiscal year 1994-95. This motion was seconded by Joe Head. Mayor Thompson expressed his appreciation for those who had turned out to speak for this issue and noted that none had spoken against the issue. Mayor Protem Holladay called for the vote. It was noted that 75% of the previous year's budget would be \$14,644.00. A roll call vote was necessary. Ed Reynolds, Nay; Frank Chaka, Nay; James Teal, Nay; Joe Head, Aye; Harry Holladay, Nay; Bobby Busha, Nay; Stan Thompson, Aye. This action brought the issue back to the original motion to adopt the budget as presented. Mayor Thompson called for the vote on the original motion. Mayor Thompson asked the clerk to call the roll. Edward Reynolds, Aye; Frank Chaka, Aye; James Teal, Aye; Joe Head, Nay; Harry Holladay, Aye; Bobby Busha, Aye; Mayor Stan Thompson, Nay.

Community Services - Mr. Herbert Thompson stated the contract for maintenance on the cemetery had been increased to cutting twice a month during grass cutting time or when needed. Edward Reynolds asked to be excused from voting on this matter citing a conflict of interest. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Harry Holladay to accept the motion. The vote was six for (Mr. Reynolds abstained).

Recreation Department (does not include United Way money). Motion by James Teal, second by Joe Head to accept. The vote was unanimous.

Enterprise Fund - Water Department - Motion by Joe Head, second by Edward Reynolds to accept. Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that the inspection of the water tank had been done and it will be another five years before painting and inside work will have to be done. Revenue is already being set aside for this type work. After discussion the vote was unanimous.

Sewer Department - Motion by Joe Head, second by Bobby Busha to accept. The vote was unanimous.

50 Fund Recreation: First reading of Ordinance #95-06-12 Recreation Fund

Budget for the Town of Central for F.Y.E. June 30, 1996. Motion by James Teal, second by Harry Holladay to accept. The vote was unanimous.

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that recycling is going well. We are beginning to get product income for cardboard. This will pay for the driver's salary and the insurance on the truck. Within another year we should begin receiving product income for curbside recycling. This will allow two salaries to be paid from this income which puts us on the right track.

Mr. Thompson discussed changing town's election to increase voter turnout. He is in the process of redoing the town's election ordinance. Now is a good time to change as citizens are concerned as to why council runs for a four year term and the mayor has to run every two years. Most cities are four year terms for mayor. Motion by Joe Head, second by Ed Reynolds for Mr. Herbert Thompson to draft an ordinance and have ready by next session. This will coincide with the statewide general election. Also include in this ordinance provisions for the mayor to be elected for a four year term instead of two. The Code book will need to be changed as the new ordinance will become the code. This is a draft only. This will include changing our election date from the second Tuesday in September to the statewide general election date. After discussion the vote was six for (Mayor Thompson abstained).

PROPOSED CHANGES TO ZONING ORDINANCE, SECTION 709 HOME OCCUPATION:

Proposed changes by Council presented to Planning Commission for information evidently had been acted on but Council tabled the issue due to lack of Public Hearing before being acted on by the Planning Commission. This will be considered at next session.

DANFORTH AWARD AT DANIEL HIGH SCHOOL: Motion by Joe Head, second by Edward Reynolds to donate \$250.00 for this award. The vote was unanimous.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Pickens County Municipal Association meeting on May 22, 1995 at Dr. Webb's place. Need head count before Friday, May 12, 1995.

Employee review form for the Town Administrator. Mayor Thompson requested that Mr. Harry Holladay, Mr. James Teal and himself make up a subcommittee to deal with this matter.

Again, the Home Occupation for Hypnotherapy at a residence on Madden Bridge Road was tabled for clarification reference Public Hearing.

No further business motion by Frank Chaka, second by Edward Reynolds to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted:

Grace S. Lowe
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Clerk

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