REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 9, 1994
Central Town Hall

Present: Mayor Alton B. Cumbie, III; Councilpersons: Frank Chaka; Lou Robinson; "Doc" Evatt; Harry Holladay; Dan Phillips; Administrator Herbert Thompson; Ed Painter; Randy Hayes; Lorett Hayes; Mr. Tim Hackett (British guest of Harry Holladay); Grace Towe, Clerk. (Stan Thompson away with daughter) Bill Swain, Northland Cable TV

Mayor Cumbie called the meeting to order.
Invocation by "Doc" Evatt;
Minutes of the April 11, 1994 were presented. Ms. Robinson pointed out to Council that the bottom of the front page should read "the position will be 20 hours per week." On page 3 "the monthly minimun would not change, the "will" was deleted". After corrections motion by Frank Chaka, second by Lou Robinson to approve. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session_ Mr. Harry Holladay recognized Mr. Tim Hackett from Didcot, England and showed a picture that Mr. Hackett had brought to the Holladay family and noted that correspondence had been made between the Mayors of Central and Didcot and Mayor Cumbie reported that some books had been received from Didcot. Mayor Cumbie stated that he intended to do some follow-up on the Sister City relationship and Mr. Hackett stated that he would relay the Town of Central's sentiments personally on his return to England.
Randy Hayes, 519 Gaines Street was recognized. He stated that he had mentioned in previous meetings the condition of the sidewalks throughout the town . He stated that he would like to reenforce that concern and specifically pointed out Georgia Street and noted that the sidewalk was mostly grass over the high and low spots which create a very dangerous situation. He also brought out the condition of the sidewalk on Church Street. Mr. Hayes brought to the attention of Council that people were parking on Hwy 93 observing ball games and this is putting the vehicle out into the lane of traffic and could result in injury. He requested some signs to be placed making this a no parking zone or the officer could possibly ask people not to park there. The signs would not be a good idea for the thoroughfare as it would be unsightly. Concensus of council to let the officers control the situation.
Mayor Cumbie stated that Mike Galloway is looking at the distribution of the C Funds and there is a possiblity that some funds could be distributed to the town for use in upgrading the sidewalks in town.
The delegation will decide how the funding would be spent but the sidewalks would be a possibilty.

Report from Council Committees:
Frank Chaka - Mr. Chaka gave the financial report which should be at 58%. Revenues stand at 67.88 % and the expenditures are at 56.03%. He questioned telephone and office supplies. This is in Municipal Court department and Mr. Herbert Thompson explained that because of many of the unexpected form changes this brings the court office supplies over budget. The telephone is being looked at and some reappropriation will need to be done.
Lou Robinson - Planning Commission report. She reported that at the time of the last Planning Commission meeting there were 11 or 12 businesses in town that had a problem with external storage. There were some good

suggestions as to alternatives that could be put into place and Ms. Alesia Gramblin had been asked to come and look at individual businesses and give one on one advice as to what could be done to help in this problem. Portable signs was again brought up. The sign in front of Mr. Knickerbocker was reported to be put out in the daytime and carried in at night. Alesia Gramblin has written the business concerning this matter. The real estate sign at Elin's Elf was the sign cited in violation, not the for sale sign. The 2' off the right-of-way was a main issue in the Elin's Elf matter. Ms. McKee was very upset over the letter she had received. Richard Griffin of COG and Wanda Benson of the Planning Commission will meet to help resolve these matters by going with Alesia Gramblin to these individual businesses. A work session will be held to discuss the issues at hand.

Mayor Cumbie reported that a church was going into the building that once was Clemson Landscape Nursery and according to the 93 Corridor Ordinance there are areas that will need to be addressed, one being new construction and one, building rehabilitation, building remodeling and asking for a zoning change. Change of use or change of occupancy would require the specifications to be adhered to. Mayor Cumbie asked to go on record that he had asked Alesia Gramblin to send a letter to the church group that at the present time based on the information our Building Inspector has he considers no remodeling needs to be done. Mayor Cumbie noted that all the church can do is take chairs inside and meet. No walls can be erected but fire specifications would have to be adhered to. Ms. Lou Robinson stated that in General Commercial zoning she was under the impression that paved parking would be a requirement, but according to Richard Davidson, Building Inspector there was no requirement of any paving to be done, but Mayor Cumbie noted that this was not the intent of the ordiance. Randy Hayes encouraged Council members to come to the Planning Commission meetings and give all the help they can to young committies. He noted that the Council's knowledge of past operations would greatly benefit the Commission in decisions that they must make. The background knowledge to go along with the written word would be of utmost importance to the Commission.

Ms. Robinson recognized Ms. Lorett Hayes, Chairman of Central Revitalization Association. She reported that they had hired a Downtown Manager/ Economic Development person. Wendy Marshall comes to us after six years of working with the City of Liberty and has a great deal of experience. She has worked with the S. C. Downtown Development Association and she knows where the town needs to be going and her direction should be of benefit to the town. Ms. Hayes reminded Council of the Bar-B-Que at Cannon Park to benefit CRA. Ms. Hayes reported that she is still talking weekly with the bank reference the community area between the bank and Helping Hands and they are awaiting a lease from Southern Railway concerning the viewing station proposed

"Doc" Evatt - No report.

Harry Holladay - Mr. Holladay reported that he had observed parking on both sides of Wood Street during ball games. He requested again that we encourage parking on the vacant lot, though the town does not own the property. He noted that a sign should be placed on the property to encourage off street parking for the 8 or 10 car overflow from the lot inside the fence which is usually full. Safety for the children should be of utmost importance and the officers should enforce parking regulations and encourage parking on the vacant lot. Mr. Holladay discussed Edwards Jr. High School's parking problem involving carrying children to school and picking them up in the afternoon. He encouraged Council to write to Mr. Mike Galloway and reinforce the need of a right hand turn

lane coming from Six Mile and a left hand turn lane coming from Central to Edwards. The traffic congestion is unreal and accidents luckily are few. This situation becomes worse during rainy weather when more parents pick up their children. It is understood that this was to be done three years prior before the opening of school. This issue needs to be seriously addressed by our Council and the people at Edwards. Mayor Cumbie stated that surveys had been made but to his knowledge no official action had been taken to correct this situation. Administrator Herbert Thompson stated that he would contact Rep. Claude Marchbanks on Tuesday and ask him to look into this matter. Ms. Lou Robinson reported that she had observed the police officers out of their vehicles walking around in the park. "Doc" Evatt reported that he had also observed this action. Dan Phillips - Mr. Phillips reported that lightning had struck the south treatment plant on Sunday morning and knocked out all of the power and this has been taken care of. Also, Northland Cable Television cut a water line on Brock Street and this was taken care of.

RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS;
None

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES IN POSSESSION OF COUNCIL;

A. Ordinance #94-5-9-E to amend Section 6-2 of the Town Code, that requires all candidates for Mayor and or Town Council seats to have five percent 5% of the registered voters of Central to sign the candidate's petition. Mayor Cumbie presented the draft ordinance and suggested that the fees be left out so that in the future a new ordinance would not have to be obtained. Fees could be addressed in a resolution which would require only one reading. This would delete in A the first two sentences. Mayor Cumbie read the ordinance and after discussion, motion by Frank Chaka, second by "Doc" Evatt to adopt on first reading. The vote was unanimous.
Mayor Cumbie called a meeting for May 16, 1994 for the second reading on said ordinance #94-5-9-E. Mr. Herbert Thompson stated that this ordinance would have to go to the Justice Department in Washington, D. C. for their approval and should it not meet their approval we would revert to the origional ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS AND POLICIES: None.

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR;
Herbert Thompson discussed building a sidewalk to Bolick Field Walking Track. He stated that in lieu of building with cross ties and other forms of material it would be better and neater to use concrete. This would prevent accidents when cross ties become wet and slick. It would also be more effective in keeping the grass cut around this area. This type walk would also be more handicap accessible because steps would not be involved.

Mayor's Report:
Mayor Cumbie stated that the preliminary report from the consultants on 18 Mile Creek embayment area are in. Frank Taylor is waiting for the final results from this study and then a meeting could be called for the 18 Mile Creek Discharge Committee. This is in the near future. It looks like the requirements that were agreed on as the interim limits with DHEC would probably be substantial and be sufficient rather than going to the 855 limits that were feared initially.

The Engineering Selection Committee - Pickens County is working with CWC and the Town of Central in fulfilling their requirements in putting in a lift station at CWC. When the lagoon at CWC is decommissioned the CWC has agreed to install the lift station and this would be of service to other areas around the college. The capacity would be there for Earle Estates and CWC faculty. The county will pick up their share of this installment. Mayor Cumbie noted that Mr. Dan Phillips would most likely want to be involved in this project.
Mayor Cumbie asked that all of Council who could to walk over to the old school building and look at the possibilities of use for the rooms there.
Herbert Thompson stated that he was in the process of preparing the budget for next year and the way it looks now we will be able to maintain a balanced budget without a tax increase for the next year.
Mayor Cumbie discussed local option sales tax and noted the need for educating the people and doing what is needed to get this on the ballot. There are some positives and some negatives and we will have to work hard at educating the public on the issues. Mayor Cumbie noted that this would be placed on the agenda for the May 16, 1994 meeting when more information would be available.
Ms. Lou Robinson inquired concerning the houses on Berry Street. Herbert Thompson informed Council that the deed has not been received by the Town. Ms. Robinson reminded Council of the Municipal picnic at Dr. Webb's retreat and Friday would be the deadline for informing Herbert or Grace of the intention to attend.

No further business Mayor Cumbie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Grace S. Towe, CMC

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Clerk
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