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Regular Town Council Meeting
June 12, 1995, Central Town Hall
105 Werner St., Central, S. C.

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilmen: Harry Holladay; Joe Head; Edward Reynolds; Bobby Busha; Frank Chaka; (James Teal out of Town). Herbert Thompson, Administrator, Grace Towe, Clerk.

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order.
Invocation by Harry Holladay.
Minutes of the May 1, 1995 Special Called Meeting were presented. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Bobby Busha to accept. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes of the May 8, 1995 Regular Council Meeting were presented as corrected in work session. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Joe Head to accept. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Randy Hayes, 519 Gaines Street and business at 111 W. Main Street was recognized. He expressed his appreciation for the recycling efforts last year but indicated that some improvements need to be made. The boxes need to be broken down and weighted so the wind will not blow and cause unsightly areas.

Libba Carson, 804 Gaines Street was recognized. She passed out documents to Council with names of different individuals serving on the CRA and related committees showing the variety of professional people serving in different capacities. She expressed her desire for the continuance of a Downtown Manager to coordinate all the organizations and those willing to serve.

Beverly Cureton, 426 Patterson Street was recognized. Ms. Cureton expressed her concern for the motive behind Council's voting not to fund a Downtown Manager beyond September, 1995. She feels it is for personal reasons. She stated that there are projects now on paper that need some financial assistance and someone to guide these projects to completion. The organizations need someone to guide in obtaining grants and stated that volunteers can only do so much. The organization needs someone to go to Columbia to meetings and to talk with bankers and help organize certain projects and put these volunteers to work. She stated that what the organization needs most is the support of Town Council and asked that Council give the issue much thought before totally voting not to fund for the future. She asked Council to vote yes on CRA and make them accountable for their actions at least for one more year.

Councilman Frank Chaka addressed a misconception that CRA had been cut from the budget. Mr. Chaka stated that CRA funding had not been cut. It is still being funded, the same amount as last year along with the amount from Tourism from the State to be included in the support of CRA. It is a misconception that CRA has been cut from the budget. Ms. Cureton indicated it was additional money they were concerned about.
Mayor Thompson applauded Ms. Cureton and the Heritage Society for their efforts at the Morgan House. He stated it was a pleasure to go through the house last Thursday evening.

Mayor Thompson stated that it is the desire to get the town logo in place for the stationary and other documents. It has been some time since this project was initiated.

Dean Moore, 107 Cawtabah Drive, Clemson, S. C. was recognized. He is Vice President for Development at Southern Wesleyan University. Mr. Moore stated his reason for being here is to ask for a partnership between the Town of Central and the University so that we can work together to further our cause. He stated that at present there are 400 students on campus. The goal of the university is to have 2,000 students in five years or by the year 2000. There are now 700 Leap Students and by the year 2000 it is anticipated that there will be 2,000 and this is an impact of 4,000 students on the economy. The university tries to encourage the students to spend their funds in the community but the university and town must work together to get the information to provide the necessary businesses so that the students can shop in town. It is his desire to build as a team and see the necessary growth to support the economic impact of the future. There will be a definite need for new housing for the future. This will be Central that people are looking at.
Mayor Thompson expressed his desire to work with the University on future issues and growth.

RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS: None

REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTIES:

Edward Reynolds - Mr. Reynolds stated that the fire department had been busy lately but all had gone well. The police department has been doing a good job. He stated that our new police officer, Mark Durham had come here from the City of Liberty and is doing a superb job.

Frank Chaka - Mr. Chaka gave the financial report and stated that all is within budget.

Jame Teal - Mr. Teal was out of town.

Joe Head - Mr. Head stated that his issues were on record from the last meeting.

Harry Holladay - Mr. Holladay asked when Pickens County would be accepting all paper. Mr. Herbert Thompson stated that we recycle all newspaper now, but no magazines. Herbert Thompson stated that approximately 48% of the residents now participate in the recycling program and collection of office paper will soon begin and the University will be one of the largest contributors to this. This phase should begin sometime in July. The rebate from Pickens County for the month of May for cardboard was approximately $3200.00 and this pays the salary for the cardboard truck driver and the county will pick up the tab for truck maintenance and fuel. So far this year funds from cardboard recycling has paid for the insurance and other expense of the cardboard truck. Mr. Harry Holladay requested that Central Elementary School be considered in the pick up of office paper which should amount to a sizeable amount. Mayor Thompson reminded Council of the Railroad Festival Committee meeting and the importance of being involved. The committee meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 P. M. in the Planning and Development Office. Mayor Thompson stated that help was much needed for this event.

Bobby Busha - Mr. Busha stated that things had been relatively quiet in the Streets and Sanitation Department. An update on Kermit Allen, who had been hit with a car as he was on the grass cutting tractor, was given by Mayor Thompson and Mr. Herbert Thompson stated that Mr. Allen had returned to work on this date, June 12, 1995.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES IN POSSESSION OF COUNCIL:

Mayor Thompson reported that due to some recent developments in a letter which had been received from Pickens County Planning and Development Commission, that with Council's consent the agenda be modified to deal with item number 7, B #3 to deal with this letter so that the impact on the budget can be discussed. In essense the letter states that the County is having to cut back on services that have been provided to municipalities and would only provide zoning compliance for new construction, issuance for building permits and inspections. They no longer will provide services for signs that are not part of new construction, anything having to do with junk cars, condemnable homes, fire, life, safety and aiding in inspections on existing buildings. This is a rather significant change for our Town to have to consider. This generates the question as to what we are going to do about zoning enforcement. Some rewording has been done in the last few months in the zoning ordinance. Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that he had been in touch with the City of Pickens and the City of Liberty who are in the same shape as we are concerning zoning enforcement. Those cities prefer to go in with Central and do zoning together similar to what has been done in recycling. This way the expenses of the zoning enforcement position could be shared among the towns. Mr. Herbert Thompson stated this presents problems in that no one knows at what time or day the enforcer would be needed in either town. Mr. Herbert Thompson stated that he had been in touch with Mr. Tom Ponder who advised that under the Southern Building Code the municipalities would still have to have a building official. Anyone who does any building will still have to go to the Administration Building in Pickens to get the permit. Mr. Herbert Thompson asked Mr. Ponder if there was a possibility that we could share office space in the administrative building and with the issues at hand there is much to be worked on before any decision could be made, but if all will work together, such as with recycling, the effort could work. Mayor Thompson came up with six possible considerations (1)Combine Pickens, Liberty and Central for one zoning official for all three towns, (2) Central to hire zoning enforcement official, (3) Assign zoning enforcement to Police Department, (4) Full time person in fire department, (5) Animal Control person, possible with Clemson and Universtiy to help finance, (6) Downtown Project Manager and Zoning Enforcement person combined to report to the Town Administrator. It was concensus of Council to discuss further at a work session. Herbert Thompson to arrange this meeting possibly to include Liberty and Pickens. Budget may be passed on second reading and later amended to include necessary adjustments.

6. A. Second reading of Ordinance #95-06-12 G&UF Budget for the Town of Central for F. Y. E. June 30, 1996.
10 Fund:
4120 Administration - Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Edward Reynolds to adopt. Vote was unanimous.
4160 Municipal Court - Motion by Bobby Busha, second by Joe Head to adopt. Vote was unanimous.
4310 Police - Motion by Harry Holladay, second by Joe Head to adopt.

Vote was unanimous.

4340 Fire - Motion by Harry Holladay, second by Frank Chaka to adopt. Edward Reynolds abstained, possible conflict of interest since he is Assistant Fire Chief. Mayor and four Council approved. Mr. Herbert Thompson reported to Council that this budget consisted of a paid fireman $19,841.00 and a rural fire honorarium and X-rays for firemen of $1800.00. If this budget is adopted tonight it hinges on the Rural Fire Budget which has not been approved and if Council approves and Rural Fire does not the $19,841.00 will have to come out. The budget would have to be amended in July.

4510 Streets & Sanitation - Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Bobby Busha to adopt. Joe Head abstained due to possible conflict of interest concerning family owned property. Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that in this budget is appropriated approximately $15,000.00 to take care of storm drains on Werner Street and $7,000.00 for tractor for brush pick up and the tractor can be used to clear sewer right of ways. This will give the tractor dual use. After discussion Mayor and four Councilmen approved.

4910 Planning and Zoning - Motion by Harry Holladay, second by Frank Chaka to adopt. At this time Mayor Thompson passed the gavel to Mayor Pro tem Harry Holladay to be recognized to propose an amendment to this motion. His motion was to amend the budget for this department at least at the same level as last year for CRA to include a Downtown Manager's position to report to the Town Administrator and that some of this funding would be needed for the zoning enforcement person's activities. This motion was seconded by Joe Head. Frank Chaka inquired as to whether this person would be under contract or would the Town pay the salary with benefits. Mr. Chaka asked that this issue be tabled so that these decisions could be worked out. Harry Holladay asked that the vote on the amendment to the motion be cast. He then stated that it was his desire to wait till the special work session so that it could be better determined what Council desires to do. Mr. Holladay called for a vote on the amendment to the motion. The vote was two for the amendment and four against. A show of hands showed Harry Holladay, Bobby Busha, Edward Reynolds, Frank Chaka voting nay and Mayor Thompson and Joe Head voting yea. Mr. Holladay returned the gavel to Mayor Thompson for the original motion to adopt Department 4910 as presented. A motion with a second was already on the floor a show of hands to record the vote was called for. Voting yes was Harry Holladay, Bobby Busha, Edward Reynolds, and Frank Chaka. Voting no was Mayor Thompson and Joe Head.

4930 Community Services - Mayor Thompson called for a vote and Mr. Edward Reynolds excused himself from the room due to a possible conflict of interest in that he maintains the cemetery. A motion was made by Harry Holladay, second by Bobby Busha to adopt as presented. The vote was five for since Mr. Reynolds abstained.

6100 Recreation - Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Edward Reynolds to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

Enterprise Fund:

7120 - Water Department. Motion by Edward Reynolds, second by Joe Head to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

7130 - Sewer Department - Motion by Joe Head, second by Frank Chaka. The vote was unanimous.
This concluded the adoption of Ordinance #95-06-12 on second reading.

Second reading of Ordinance #95-07-12 REC budget for the Town of Central for F. Y. E. June 30, 1996.

After discussion of the 50 fund, motion by Harry Holladay, second by by Bobby Busha to accept. The vote was unanimous.

FIRST READING of Ordinance #95-07-10E to change election date from the first Tuesday in September in each even numbered year, to the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in each even numbered year to promote voter turnout. Motion by Edward Reynolds, second by Frank Chaka to accept. The vote was unanimous.

FIRST READING OF Ordinance #95-07-10 QUA; Qualifying newly elected officers (Mayor or Council) and newly elected officers (Mayor or Council) shall take office at the 1st Regular Meeting in January of the next year. After discussion motion by Joe Head, second by Bobby Busha to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

FIRST READING OF Ordinance #95-07-10 FG the Mayor shall be elected for a four (4) year term. Motion by Harry Holladay, second by Joe Head to adopt. Vote was five for (Mayor Thompson abstained since this involves the Mayor's position).

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator's Report:

1. Central Textiles Sewer Service - Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that he had been to Central Textiles with the engineers and some of the people from Pickens County who do our sewer use and pretreatment ordinance, and checked their discharge points. Central Textile alleges they are only dishcarging 30 or 40 percent of their water that they purchase from the town. Our engineers are looking into this and are requesting more information on how they determine that this amount is discharged. The pretreatment ordinance allows for them to prove where they are coming from so that we can monitor their discharge point. The engineers reports should be forthcoming and this should show necessary information.

Land Use Plan - Mr. Thompson stated that he did not know where the Planning Commission was on the issue, but it is a very important part of dealing with our Zoning Ordinance. This will have to be readopted by the year 1996 or 1999 and will need to be ready for readoption.

The Omnibus Transportation Employee Test Act of 1991 requires alcohol and drug testing for employees with CDL (Commercial Drivers License). This is a mandate to require employees with CDL licnese to be tested for drugs and alcohol. This would be a random drug and alcohol test to be conducted once each six months. Several issues relate to this Act. Mr. Thompson stated that an alcohol and drug program would be in place prior to January 1, 1996. Firemen are exempt from this program.
Mr. Herbert Thompson gave an update on the 18 Mile Creek Sewer Project and stated that the new sewer plant would amount to approximately 5,000,000

dollars.

Mayor's Report:

Railroad Festival was discussed. It was concensus of Council to provide at least the level of support as has been provided in previous years, such as Police Chief to be responsible for acquiring the necessary authorization to close the roads; providing the electrical supply; providing insurance to cover liability (Mr. Herbert Thompson stated that anyone attending the festival was automatically covered under the town's Tort Liability Policy).; employees to help get the stage down and pick up the garbage during festival days. Motion by Edward Reynolds, second by Joe Head to provide the services listed. The vote was unanimous.

Appointment of Mr. John Youngblood to serve on the Planning Commission. His term to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Randy Hayes who resigned. This term expires September 30, 1996. Motion by Edward Reynolds, second by Harry Holladay to appoint Mr. Youngblood to this position. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thompson discussed the work session for the July 3, 1995 session. After discussion of different conflicts motion by Edward Reynolds, second by Harry Holladay to convene on July 10, 1995 at 6:30 P. M. for the work session, then start the regular Council Meeting at 7:00 P. M. as usual. The vote was unanimous.

Motion by Harry Holladay, second by Edward Reynolds to go into executive session to discuss a contractural agreement. The vote was unanimous.

After executive session, Mayor Thompson reconvened regular session and announced that no action was taken in executive session and called for adjournment. Motion by Edward Reynolds, second by Bobby Busha to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Towe

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Clerk
05/12/95