

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 14, 1993 Central Town Hall

Present: Mayor Alton S. Cumbie, III; Mayor Protem Clarence Phillips; Stan Thompson; Frank Chaka; Lou Robinson; "Doc" Evatt; Harry Holladay; Administrator Herbert Thompson; Planner Robbie Moody; Planner; Troy Porter; Lonis Burroughs; Ben Burroughs; Mark Patrick; Grace Towe, Clerk.

At 7:00 P. M. Mayor Protem Clarence Phillips called the meeting to order.

Invocation by "Doc" Evatt.

Motion by Lou Robinson, second by Stan Thompson to go into executive session for interviews of three prospects for the position of Town Planner. During executive session Mayor Cumbie came in and Mayor Pro tem Phillips turned the gavel over to Mayor Cumbie. No vote was taken on a Planner. Discussion only.

Mayor Cumbie opened the public session period and there was no input. Minutes of the May 3, 1993 were presented. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Clarence Phillips to accept. Vote was unanimous.

This was a special called meeting.

Minutes of the regular Council meeting of May 10, 1993 were presented and motion by "Doc" Evatt, second by Lou Robinson to accept. The vote was unanimous.

## REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Stan Thompson - Mr. Thompson discussed progress on the Rural Fire District entering into an agreement with Clemson University for some property to erect a substation in the vicinity of Daniel High School. Members of our Police Department staff conducted a Women's Safety Seminar on May 17, 1993 at Central Elementary School with about 30 people in attendance. A good turnout and a worthwhile thing for our department to do. Mr. Thompson reported that Office Jim Cook had become a certified instructor for automatic handguns as well as more traditional revolvers. Overall police personnel is doing a good job.

Frank Chaka - Mr. Chaka gave the financial report. He noted that the budget should be at 66 2/3% now and we staying under budget so far. Mayor Cumbie called for questions on the budget and there were none.

Lou Robinson - Ms. Robinson reported that there had been advertisement for those interested in serving on the Planning Commission and reported that Alesia Gramblin had looked into the family occupancy portion of the town Code. She related that the old elementary school was being pursued with an application to be placed on the National Register, but some concern had developed over the kind of roof that the building has. Ms. Robinson made a motion to go ahead and hire a Town Planner. This motion was seconded by Frank Chaka. Mayor Cumbie called for discussion and hearing none called for the vote. There were five yes and 2 no. At this time Mayor Cumbie polled the Council: Stan Thompson, yes; Frank Chaka, yes; Lou Robinson, yes; "Doc" Evatt, no; Harry Holladay, yes; Clarence Phillips, no; Mayor Cumbie, yes.

"Doc" Evatt - asked to go on record as not being against hiring a Town Planner, but the timing was not proper since the garbage fee had just been added to the citizens and the Ordinance passed to add \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons of water to be added as payment to the county for the 18 Mile Sewer Project. This is working a hardship on many of our citizens. Mr. Evatt inquired as to when Hwy 93 might get the topping. It was noted that the Highway Department's fiscal year ends July 1 and

it is hoped that the work can be done by then. Sidewalks on Church Street and Maw Bridge Road were discussed and Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that Maw Bridge Road sidewalk would most likely be a patch job and he had given the right of way person the signed map and it is hoped that the project would be started any day.

Harry Holladay - Mr. Holladay reported that the Recreation Advisory Committee would meet June 22, 1993 and that the last meeting they held was very informative and those asked to serve on this committee were willing to participate. The Day Camp was discussed and it was noted that Tom Cloer was our director and two people from SHARE would be working on this program with no cost to the town.

Clarence Phillips - Mr. Phillips reported that he and Mr. Herb Thompson had gone over some figures hoping to find some relief on the sewer charges to help alleviate that \$1.75 per 1,000 charge that has to be added. Mr. Phillips asked to say something about the Planner. He thinks that this is not the time for hiring a planner with all the extra burdens placed on people with the garbage fee and extra sewer charge. He felt there could be a more opportune time.

RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS: None

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES ALREADY IN POSSESSION OF COUNCIL:

Ordinance to add \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons of water used to each citizen's sewer bill. This to be in escrow to construct a new sewer plant (18 Mile Creek Project)

FIRST READING of this Ordinance. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Harry Holladay to accept on first reading of Ordinance 93-07-01 S. After discussion by Mr. Stan Thompson as to the mandate by the state for this project and the town not having a choice, the vote was unanimous. Mr. Herb Thompson noted that we can adjust our sewer rates and the next ordinance will be that instead of the \$5.50 minimum, we can reduce the minimum to \$3.50 and then add the \$1.75 twice to it per 1,000. This will net a \$7.00 charge for the minimum sewer bill of 2,000 gallons. Once past the minimum it will be \$1.50 or \$1.55 plus a \$1.75 charge for each 1,000 gallons that goes through the meter. The \$1.75 is the charge set aside for the county. The figures are tentative and will be panned down. The bills will go out August 1st for this new charge. Council discussed the mandate from the county and inquired if we could not wait until the fiscal year is in effect to instigate the charge. Mr. Herb Thompson advised that it would be up to council to make this decision but if needs be we would try and absorb this, but it is his recommendation that we go with July 1, 1993 for the charges of \$3.50 sewer rate, plus the added charges for a minimum of \$7.00. Mayor Cumbie asked if it could be made retroactive. No action to be taken at this time since an ordinance has to be drawn up for these charges. Ms. Robinson noted that two readings would be required and for the bills to go out with the new charges would be needing more time and Mr. Herb Thompson noted that we would need a special called meeting to enact this ordinance. Mr. Chaka recommended that the next work session be held a little earlier to include a called session and complete at the regular meeting in July. Mr. Herb Thompson reported that Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hughes, Mr. Chaka, Mayor Cumbie had worked on the figures and that he would carry the figures to the town Auditor the next day and see what his opinion is. Mr. Harry Holladay asked that the minutes reflect that this has been a 3 year study and the and the rates have been cut almost in half from the initial charges. It is not as though this has just started. Mayor Cumbie explained the studies done in the 18 Mile Creek Project and how they currently effect the

project and have agreed with the City of Liberty and Pickens County to work together to provide waste treatment for our cities and areas. After discussion of ordinance contents, council voted unanimous to accept.

RESOLUTIONS AND POLICIES: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Request for Handicapped Access Ramps- Mr. Herb Thompson has been in contact with Mr. Gary Thompson, S. C. Highway Department and he assures town that he will help get these ramps in. The sidewalks at K. T. Martin's property on Main Street crossing over near Bolick Field will benefit as to getting off and back on the sidewalks for the handicapped. Another place is Watkins Street. Five places overall will benefit by the access ramps. Mr. Herb Thompson agreed to help in the construction of these ramps by renting a saw to cut curb. Highway Department would form and cement the areas to conform with project. Mr. Thompson reported that he had been working with the City of Clemson to have our yard debris recycled with the new Landfill Act that went into effect the first of this month. You cannot mix any yard trimmings with household garbage. Will try and work with Clemson to have it ground to make chips, a cost study will be made and the other option will be to carry it all the way to the landfill at Easley. All items must be separated. Metal cannot go to the landfill, neither can it go to Clemson. Will have to be careful as to what is picked up. Limbs five inches in diameter and 4 or 5 feet in length is the maximum to carry to Clemson for grinding. A flyer will be made to hang on each citizen's door to explain all the requirements for pick ups. This will require return trips to get items that cannot be ground so that they can be transported to the landfill.

Mr. Thompson reported that our engineers are looking for ways to isolate Central Textiles from our sewer system. A manhole on Aiken Street that can cross the creek and tie into the sewer line that runs behind College Street and this would isolate the plant and they would have their separate way of getting the waste into the system.

Ol School - Mr. Herb Thompson has been in contact with the State History and Archives Department. They sent letter back to the architectural firm and did not like the idea of the roof. The architects said we would patch the roof and seal it, but the Archives Department did not like this idea. They indicated that the portion of the roof that is leaking should be removed and new tin put up and reseal the area. This stipulation was required before the money can be secured for the grant. Mr. Thompson has submitted bills for the grant to get our 75% back. It has to be included in the plans, but the actual work does not have to be done now.

Robbie Moody was recognized to give his report from the Planning Department. He brought council up to date on staff support, writing of letters, notification of revision of by laws. Research of Bed and Breakfast classification to be included in the zoning ordinance if the council desires to include. Mayor Cumbie expressed his appreciation to Robbie and his staff for the fine job they have done this summer. New zoning ordinance in looseleaf form was distributed to each council person.

Mr. Herb Thompson advised that he had sent letter to the homeowners on Berry Street as to whether they were for or against the closing of Berry Street to through traffic. This was sent by certified mail and advised that three public hearing would have to be held on this issue. Mayor Cumbie advised that according to the citizens on Berry Street

they were much in favor of the closing. "Doc' Evatt asked how the traffic using Berry Street would be directed if the street closed. It was noted that it would be advertised as public hearing to close Berry Street. Mr. Herb Thompson advised Robbie that we would need to get with our town attorney as to how to draw up a legal advertisement.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Cumbie had not report other than recommending that we do something special for Dan Evatt for all his efforts in the rural fire district of which the citizens will soon reap benefits. A plaque would be in order and ask Mr. Evatt to attend the next council meeting for presentation. Mr. Stan Thompson advised that when we start recognizing one person in particular, someone was going to be left out and noted that many contributed to the work with the ISO status. Mayor Cumbie asked if Mr. Thompson felt that the recognition should go to the Fire Department as a whole. Mr. Thompson advised that Dan Evatt did do the major work and in addition to recognizing Mr. Evatt, a general resolution of appreciation be given the fire department as a whole. Mayor Cumbie agreed to talk with Fire Chief John Head as to what kind of recognition would be appropriate. Mr. Stan Thompson brought to council's attention the letter from a citizen concerning the recreation fees for inside and outside participants being the same. Letter of thanks for expressing her concern and advising of proper fees to be issued from the office. Mayor Cumbie advised that the programs that the town provides does give a break on fees. The programs that Cleason and Central share in charge the same fee. After discussion of the fees Harry Holladay discussed the sign at the traffic light and the need to possibly put one near the caboose. Need to have some way of communicating with the public. Mayor Cumbie advised that we are waiting on the Revitalization Committee to come up with a suggestion that would fit into the total revitalization program.

No further business, Mayor Cumbie adjourned council.

*Grace S. Lowe*  
Grace S. Lowe, CMC  
Clerk

June 14, 1993