

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
7:45 P. M. JUNE 13, 1994  
CENTRAL TOWN HALL  
105 WERNER STREET, CENTRAL, S. C.

Present: Mayor Alton E. Cumbie, III; Stan Thompson; Frank Chaka; Lou Robinson; "Doc" Evatt; Harry Holladay; Dan Phillips; Herbert Thompson, Administrator; Grace Lowe, Clerk; Planning Commission Members; Nancy Holladay; Randy Hayes; Jesse Cranford, Jr. Carroll Coates; Wendy Marshall; Richard Griffin; Hal Garrett; David Donald; George Messick; Steve Pelissier.

Mayor Cumbie dispensed with the invocation. Minutes of the May 9, 1994 meeting were presented. After some typo errors were corrected motion by Frank Chaka, second by Dan Phillips to accept the minutes of the regular Council meeting and the Special Called meeting of May 9, 1994. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Irene Eison, Chairperson of Advisory Board of DSS in Pickens was recognized. She asked for Council's endorsement of the South Carolina Families for Kids, the public-private partnership between the Department of Social Services and the United Way of South Carolina which is to improve services for foster and adoptive children. This is a community based service with diverse involvement of our citizens, families and children throughout our community and will greatly enhance South Carolina child welfare planning and facilitate better services for our foster and adoptive children in South Carolina. She asked for the Mayor and Council's support so that more grant money could be obtained for this program. Motion by Stan Thompson, second by "Doc" Evatt to take this matter up in the Resolutions and Policies portion of the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

CRA report. Mayor Cumbie introduced Wendy Marshall, Downtown Manager for the Central Revitalization Association. Wendy stated that in the week that she had been on the job she had been inundated with several projects. She stated that Loretta Hayes had successfully negotiated an agreement with NationsBank and CRA to install a park between the bank and Helping Hands, Inc. The bank will be donating \$9,000 toward the project and the rest of the funds obtained through fund raising by CRA. Wendy reported that the Central High School had been placed on the National Register and a bronze plaque is on order along with a certificate. The bronze plaque will be placed on the outside and the certificate can be placed at Town Hall. She expressed that a ceremony should be planned and the logical time would be July 30, 1994 when the school has its five year high school reunion. She expressed her appreciation for all the work that went into the beautification of the entrance to the old school. CRA did wall paper and some painting and the intentions are to carry this motif throughout the whole entry way. Wendy stated that she had been in contact with the people at the National Register and they are very excited about Central applying for other projects that they feel would qualify for the National Register. There is possibly up to fifteen more projects that would qualify. The Historic Society has been very excited about working on this project. They are trying to obtain a student from Clemson University to help in this endeavor.

Promotions: Wendy stated that they had scheduled a meeting with the Merchants Guild to begin coordinating some promotions, ideally a promotions calander for next year, but this year to begin with the Christmas promotions. She stated that all the entities should become involved, such as churches, businesses and the town, also Central Wesleyan College. This kind of project should work well in the community with everyone involved.

Open House: June 23, 1994 has been set by CRA to introduce Wendy Marshall and all the new projects that are under way by CRA. Quite a list of folks have been invited and approximately 800 citizens will receive the newsletter and many dignitaries throughout Pickens County have been invited, both in government positions as well as industrial. These people will be asked to help with ideas on different projects in the future.

Stan Thompson stated that he appreciated all the input from the businessman in the joint session prior to the regular session and it is understandable that some feel the way they do concerning outside storage of vehicles in particular. Planning member Nancy Holladay stated that as long as one can prove that a car came from the dealer, even though it has no tag on it, this would be considered in compliance. "Doc" Evatt stated that the inspection sticker would have to be in place. Steve Pelissier stated that proper documentation that it was a dealers car would be sufficient. Nancy Holladay stated that unless there was a complaint as to whether it was a car to be repaired or just a parked car there would be no problem at all with abiding by the ordinance. Steve Pelissier suggested that when a car is brought on to the premises a report could be filled out to show the owner of the car and the dealer number. This would give the codes enforcement officer the information they need. Harry Holladay stated that the masonry block fence on Gaines Street is an eyesore. He stated that he would not wish to see the enforcement of the fence code bring more of the same type fence. We would not want to make a step backward from the progress that has been made so far. We need to look at this and make sure it is not allowed again. He stated that several areas in town have two and three parked cars and if these could be removed it would greatly enhance the looks of the area.

Dan Phillips stated that he had a problem with fences where police go by to patrol and would not be able to have good visibility to the premises. Also, the fire department access to the premises would be a critical factor in determining the type of fence in the external storage. Frank Chaka stated that the Southern Building Code would take care of this factor. This discussion was held after Lou Robinson made a motion to adopt on First Reading Ordinance #94-11-07-Z and the motion seconded by Harry Holladay. No more discussion Mayor Cumbie called for the vote. The vote was unanimous.

First reading of Ordinance #94-11-07 C.D.S. to amend the Town of Central S. C. 93 Corridor Development Standard. Motion by Lou Robinson, second by Frank Chaka. The vote was unanimous.

First reading of Ordinance #94-11-07-E to provide for a nonpartisan Municipal election. Motion by Lou Robinson, second by Stan Thompson to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

#### Resolutions and Policies:

- A. Agreement between CRA and Town of Central. Motion by Frank

Chaka, second by Dan Phillips to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

B. Policy to amend Town of Central Personnel Manual Policy Number 3-5. Mayor Cumbie read the policy. After discussion motion by Frank Chaka, second by "Doc" Evatt to accept. The vote was unanimous. The statement of 14 days in the policy was changed to read 7 days.

C. Resolution previously presented by Ms. Irene Simon:

Resolution supporting S. C. Families for Kids. Motion by Stan Thompson second by Harry Holladay to accept. The vote was unanimous.

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

Mayor Cumbie asked for input from any one of Councilpersons:

1. Stan Thompson- Budget question, will wait for work sheets.
2. Frank Chaka - Gave financial report, staying below budget.
3. Lou Robinson - In process of pouring the side walk around the caboose aread down to the walking track. Should be able to have the dedication. She noted that much work needs to be done at the Old Central School before the dedication to improve the scenery which to give encouragement to county council members to get the new facilities for the Seniors and Library built as soon as possible.
4. "Doc" Evatt - None
5. Harry Holladay - Mr. Holladay stated that a Recreation meeting had been called for June 21, 1994 at 7:00 p. m. Mayor Cumbie expressed concern over some drainage problems on the walking track. Mr. Holladay stated that some signs need to be placed asking people not to warm up on walking track, if not this year the signs need to be in place by next year.
6. Dan Phillips - None

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

Administrator's report:

1. Budget work sheets:  
Mr. Herbert Thompson informed Council that since the work session was held he had received notice from the health insurance company that insurance had increased by 4.7 % per employee. This adds approximately \$1,000.00 to the items already budgeted for health insurance. Mr. Thompson stated that he had budgeted some money for the old EMS building as considerable renovation will be needed. He stated that the police car, if all goes well, should last another two years. He discussed Clemson University, City of Clemson and Town of Central, joint Animal Control. In discussion stages only.
2. Rest room at Central Community Park--Mr. Thompson stated that the rest rooms had been repaired and are operational. He informed Council that he had gotten a price from the City of Clemson on spraying for mosquitoes. The price is \$44.00 per hour.

This would furnish a driver and truck. This should be done once every three weeks. It should require 3 to 4 hours per spraying. It would begin around 9:00 p. m. till possibly midnight. Will need to let citizens know when this will occur. It was concensus of Council to go ahead with this spraying operation.

Mayor's report:

15 Mile Creek update. The latest report shows that the embayment area does not have a significant problem and this will allow for more potential growth. Mayor Cumbie expressed concern for help in restoring the old school building by volunteering a few hours to paint, etc. The building has some good potential for future use.

Executive Session requested by Administrator Herbert Thompson to brief Council on property at the rock station at the corner of Main & Church St. "Doc" Evatt asked if the letter from PRT had been overlooked that had been sent in regards to inspection of the park. Mr. Evatt read the letter complimenting the town on the condition of the parks. When the LWCF sign is replaced PRT would appreciate being notified. This letter was signed Billy D. Westmoreland.

Motion by Dan Phillips, second by Harry Holladay to go into executive session. Vote was unanimous.

After executive session Mayor Cumbie reconvened regular session and announced that in executive session the matter of the rock station property was discussed and that a letter be sent from the Mayor to Norfolk-Southern Railroad persons to invite them to come to the Town of Central to discuss this matter and several other matters or pending projects for railroad approval.

No further business, motion by Frank Chaka, second by "Doc" Evatt to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

*Grace S. Lowe*

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Clerk  
June 13, 1994