

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P. M. July 8, 1996
Central Town Hall
105 Werner St., Central, S. C.

Present: Mayor Pro-tem Harry Holladay; (Mayor Stan Thompson on vacation); James Teal; Bobby Busha; Joe Head; Edward Reynolds; Administrator Herbert Thompson; Police Chief Joe Gibbs; Clerk Grace Towe. Brent Maura; Louis Sardinias; Bonnie Augustino; Al Cumbie; Karen Pruitt-Head; Al Cumbie; Greg Oliver, The Messenger.

Mayor Pro-tem Harry Holladay called the meeting to order.
Invocation by James Teal.

Minutes of the June 10, 1996 meeting were presented as corrected. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by James Teal to accept. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Mr. Brent Maura, 217 W. Main Street was recognized. He discussed the application requesting the sale of beer, wine and minibottles for on premise consumption. There was some discrepancy in the measurements of distance from the church across the street from the building. The original measurement has been 189 feet and a new measurement had turned out to be 300 ft. There was some concern about the difference and how it came about. Mr. Maura expressed his concern that with the new fact of 300 feet from the church that Council would reconsider their stand and not protest the license to sell beer, wine and minibottles for on premise consumption. He did note to Council that it was important to have a good working relationship with the Town so that a full service restaurant including alcoholic beverages consistent with an Italian restaurant be able to operate. He asked that if Council could determine that the restaurant is within the legal parameters of the 300 feet requirement that they not oppose the license.

Mr. Louis Sardinias was recognized. He stated that he would be operating the restaurant. He gave an overview of his restaurant activities and noted that a professional atmosphere would be maintained on the premises and would make the city proud to have obtained a restaurant of this type which would employ approximately 30 people and would have ample parking space.

Bonnie Augustino was recognized and related that a professional place of business would be maintained at the restaurant and that employment and parking should be ample for the business.

Al Cumbie was recognized and stated that he had been a pro business person all his adult life and looks at this opportunity for the Town of Central to obtain a restaurant of this type and the necessity of being able to maintain the Italian full service restaurant would include the sale of alcoholic beverages. He encouraged Council to reconsider the protest of the license for this business so that the town can see growth as needed.

Karen Pruitt was recognized. Ms. Pruitt stated that she was a new business person in the town having moved her law office from Anderson. Her desire is to see the town grow and have an atmosphere that will draw good business to the town. Ms. Pruitt encouraged Council to reconsider the alcohol issue and not protest the license for the Italian restaurant.

RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS: None.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Ed Reynolds - Public Safety. Mr. Reynolds reported that the Police Department is relatively quiet and that Chief Gibbs has been busy with new policies. Police Chief Joe Gibbs stated that Ken Kirby, the new officer from Walhalla is working out well.

Frank Chaka - Finance - Mr. Chaka gave the financial report with some items such as fire insurance running above budget. Mr. Herbert Thompson will audit these transactions.

James Teal - Recreation - Mr. Teal reported that he still had not had a meeting with the County Recreation Committee but our Recreation Department is going well.

Joe Head - Water & Sewer - Mr. Head reported that the beer, wine and mini bottle license should be looked at carefully with reference to the town protesting, stating that the protest should be left up to the church. Mr. Head made a motion, seconded by Frank Chaka to rescind the original motion to protest the license which included sending Chief Gibbs to Columbia for the protest. Also, this included the number of feet from the church. After discussion, the vote was five in favor and one against. (Mr. Harry Holladay was against the motion). Mr. Herbert Thompson stated that he needed some more time to do research on the sewer impact ordinance. This to be studied at the next work session.

Bobby Busha - Street and Sanitation - Mr. Busha called Council's attention to the problem of storage of recreation equipment.

Harry Holladay - Planning - Mr. Holladay agreed that the storage area needs to be considered.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES IN POSSESSION OF COUNCIL:

First reading of Ordinance #96-12-07 CEM Prices of Cemetery Lots. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Bobby Busha to accept the ordinance calling for cemetery funds to be placed in the general fund. The vote was unanimous.

First reading of Policy #96-08-07PD to amend the Police Department Policy and Procedures Manual. Motion by Joe Head, second by Edward Reynolds to accept. The vote was unanimous.

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Herbert Thompson discussed tax increment financing for the Recreation Department stating that we have ample acreage. He will meet some time this week with our attorneys to go over the agreement with the City of Clemson along with the YMCA that has agreed in principal to join. This will need detailed paper work .

There being no further business, motion by James Teal, second by Joe Head to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Grace S. Towe
Clerk to Council
07/08/96