

Town of Central

CENTRAL, S. C.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Aug. 22, 1973

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Mayor H.R. Holladay. Those Present: Messrs. Fowler, O'Dell, Cumbie, Kennemore, Hopkins, Chief Duncan, John Head & Mr. Gleaton from the Planning Committee.

Mr. Gleaton took the floor and reminded the council that a public meeting will be held next Tuesday (Aug. 28) at 7:30 at the Town Hall for the purpose of trying to pass the zoning ordinance for Central.

The Mayor then briefly brought up the matter of renewing an ad for the town in various papers. The Council voted not to renew any of these as we receive no actual benefit from them.

The Mayor then mentioned he had several complaints from residents regarding the odor in Brock Wood area. The Mayor then asked John Head if these Emloff tanks had been discontinued and pumped out. Mr. Head said they had not been in use for 2 mos. and he had not had them pumped out as of yet. Mr. Head stated that he had asked Terry Const. for bids to do this, but has not had reply. The matter of the fence around Mr. Dunn's property was briefly discussed (South Sewer Plant area). John stated that the fence had not been put up because they were not exactly sure where the property lines were. Mr. Cumbie then stated that we contact Mr. James Spearman in Easley having him come down and stake the property so that we can proceed with the fence work.

Mrs. Rob Nalley then took the floor to present an argument regarding sewer connection to her property. She wanted the town to connect the sewer to her property and did not want to pay the tap on fee. Mrs. Nalley stated that she knew of several people around her that had tapped on themselves without permission from the town and that was what she wanted to do. After discussion among the councilmen they tried to explain to Mrs. Nalley that our ordinance forbid such practice and that we could not grant her permission to tap on without the fee being paid. She left the meeting stating she would be in touch on the matter. Mrs. Nalley had stated that she was wanting to put a couple of trailers on her property possibly. The council suggested that Mrs. Nalley consider the possible zoning laws coming into effect, in which case she would not be able to put but on trailer on her property and it would have to be underpinned and made a permanent structure. Mrs. Nalley did not seem impressed with this situation.

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After Mrs. Nalley had left, the council discussed the matter of Mr. & Mrs. Woody moving next to Mr. Hunter. The council referred back to the offer we had made to the Woodys which stated a fee of \$1,000 for material and labor and we would bring them into the city limits. A discussion with Mr. Head to inform the Woodys to put up the water and sewer deposit and we would start the work. An agreement should be drawn up for the remainder of the fee and signed by the town and Mr. & Mrs. Woody. Mr. Fowler made the motion to proceed with this job and it was seconded by Mr. Cumbie.

Also it was felt by the council that all those in violation of the sewer connection ordinance mentioned by Mrs. Nalley should be prosecuted. We checked the ordinance and it stated that a fine of \$100.00 per day could be assessed against violators. Those noted as violators are:

- Mr. Ramsey Rollins
- Mr. Morris Newton
- Mr. Brock (for Powell House)
- Mr. Claude Thomas

The council then moved to the matter of the new policeman. Chief Duncan stated that he strongly felt we should raise the new policeman to the same salary that all the other patrolmen are making. He stated that there would be no hard feelings as they were thankful to get the needed man with his training and they were happy to be paid the same. Motion was made by Mr. Kennemore to increase the pay from the date of hire to the same as all others - \$136.60. Motion was seconded by Mr. Cumbie.

Before leaving the meeting, John Head made a request to the council for a metal detector to locate the meter boxes. He had received a quote from Cities Supply Co. of \$169.00. ✖ It is battery operated. Motion was made by O'Dell to advertise this purchase from Revenue Sharing Funds and proceed with the purchase. Seconded by Mr. Cumbie.

Chief Duncan and Mr. Head then left the meeting.

The Mayor then brought up the matter of the Revenue Sharing funds. He stated that he would like to see possibly 2 salaries come from this money. Asked if others had requests that needed to be considered at that time. Several mentioned were:

- \$1,000 of test equipment for sewer plants
- \$500.00 for fence around the Dunn property (South Plant)
- ✖ \$529.55 Monroe Electric Calculator for office
- \$2,000 for equipment shed
- \$2,000 for asphaltting equipm shed area
- \$? for stock-piling of water supplies.

✖ These two items were reported & seen in the "messenger" 8/28/73.

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Dr. O'Dell then asked the Mayor the status of the delinquent taxes. The Mayor stated that all were in the hands of Atty. Wm. Acker, but that nothing had been done on them. It was reminded to the Mayor and Council that the new taxes will go out Oct. 1 and we should try to get action on these delinquent ones.

O'Dell asked the status of the dog-catcher. Mayor stated that we was on stand-by status and not actually working now.

Mr. Cumbie then brought up the matter of the cemetery lots. Stated that he did not like to handle this matter for the town and would like to see a City Manager to take care of all these little things for the Town. Mr. Cumbie stated that Mr. Evans Bice has a lot balance due of \$30.00 but that he had paid only \$20 and said he had receipts showing his balance of \$20 due. He had initially purchased this lot in 1964 and has taken this long to pay it off. The Council agreed to give him a deed for the lot in full and clear the matter up. Mr. Cumbie stated that the Town is loosing money on the cemetery lots because he feels there are many who have not paid for lots used.

Mr. O'Dell then asked about the matter of payment to Central Concrete. The mayor felt we should hold off until the park is completed, but the council felt we should go ahead and pay the portion of the bill that is from the town supplies.

Chief Duncan then returned to the meeting for a special request. He stated that the policemen are working 48 hrs a week 3 weeks of the month and 1.40 hr. week. Asked permission from the council to change their schedules to work 2 40 hr. weeks, and 2 48 hr weeks, still maintaining someone on duty around the clock. Mr. Fowler made the motion to accept the change in schedule and Dr. O'Dell seconded the motion.

The Mayor then called an executive council and all but councilmen were dismissed.:

Note: discussed at the executive council was the matter of Kenneth Kennemore leaving the street dept. and the possibility of offering him more money to stay. Also discussed was the raise situation for all employees.

HR Holliday
Mayor

Respectfully Submitted

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