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Town of Central
Regular Town Council Meeting 6:30 P. M.
Monday, September 11, 2000
Central Town Hall – 105 Werner Street
Central, S. C. 29630

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilpersons: Frank Chaka; Keith Martin; Joe Head; Harry Holladay; Bobby Busha; Edward Reynolds. Administrator Herbert Thompson; Daily Messenger representative Harold Lee; Clerk Grace Towe.

Mayor Stan Thompson called the regular Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 P. M.

Invocation by Harry Holladay.

Mayor Thompson requested Council's consent to add an item to the agenda, that being a brief executive session to discuss personnel in the Planning Department, specifically possible reappointments to the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. Motion by Frank Chaka and seconded by Keith Martin to add this item to the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes of the August 14, 2000 Town Council meeting were presented as corrected. After discussion, a motion was made by Bobby Busha and seconded by Joe Head to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session: No input.

Report from Council Committees:

A. Mayor Thompson announced the Mr. Dan McLeod with McNair Law Firm was not able to attend the meeting tonight but that we do have second reading on the General Obligation Bond Ordinance # 9-11-00GOB which will finance a portion of the new Town Hall. After discussion Mayor Thompson called for a motion to dispense with the full reading of the ordinance and adopt on second reading. Motion by Frank Chaka and seconded by Keith Martin to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

   Mayor Thompson recognized Mr. Mark Payne, the Town's auditor, to present the financial statements and independent auditor's report. Mr. Payne went over the year's operation and called for any question from Council. It was noted that the Town ended FY99-00 in the black.

   Frank Chaka – Finance – Mr. Chaka reported that the finances are running under budget.

Keith Martin – Recreation – Mr. Martin reported that work had been ongoing at the Community Park building. Heating and air conditioning, a new ceiling, new windows and vinyl siding have been installed; other improvements are scheduled for the future. Playground equipment has been delivered and should be installed in the near future. He reported that Super Saturday was a big success and Senior Sports Classics had started and appears to be an interesting event.

Joe Head – Water and Sewer – No report.

Harry Holladay – Planning – No report

Bobby Busha – Streets and Sanitation – Mr. Busha reported that the new garbage truck had been given some minor adjustments and is running well.

Consideration of Ordinances in possession of Council – None.

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Thompson reported that some items had come in for the next newsletter but other items would be appreciated.

Transfer fee for water customers was discussed. With the addition of so many apartments within a complex and students transferring in the middle of a billing cycle, it makes it necessary to do the same paper work that had to be done in the original application. Mr. Herbert Thompson recommended that a $25.00 transfer charge be implemented to help offset this paper work. A motion was made by Frank Chaka and seconded by Keith Martin to implement this $25.00 transfer fee. The vote was unanimous.

Administrator's Report:

Water bill second notices were discussed. Administrator Herbert Thompson briefed Council on the number of second notices that had been being given customers by hanging a notice on the door and many people stating they did not get or see them. This entails an employee and truck expense and the number to advise each month is growing. Mr. Thompson advised that it would be more feasible to mail the second notice. A motion was made by Bobby Busha and seconded by Keith Martin to send the second notice by mail. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Herbert Thompson advised Council that he was looking into some alternative insurance plans for town employees but had no proposal at this time.

Mr. Thompson reported that Southern Wesleyan University would like to put a progress sign at a location in town that could be easily seen. This sign would be to report on the university's fund raiser for the next year and would appear to the public comparable to the United Way sign placed in view each year. It was concensus of Council to discuss this at the next work session due to the sign ordinance.

Mayor Thompson moved to go into executive session to discuss possible reappointments in the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. This being in the form of a motion was seconded by Joe Head and the vote was unanimous.

After executive session Mayor Pro tem Harry Holladay recalled regular session and announced that no decisions were made and no votes taken in executive session. He called for a motion to extend the contract of Byerley and Payne, CPA for a period of another four years. A motion was made by Frank Chaka and seconded by Bobby Busha to extend the contract for Byerley and Payne for an additional four years. After discussion the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Pro tem Holladay called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Frank Chaka and seconded by Keith Martin to adjourn and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

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