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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P. M. September 11, 1995
Central Town Hall
105 Werner St., Central, S. C.

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilmen: Edward Reynolds; Frank Chaka; James Teal; Joe Head; Harry Holladay; Bobby Busha; Administrator Herbert Thompson; Greg Oliver, The Messenger; Grace Towe, Clerk.

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order and stated that the invocation was given in the preceding work session.

Minutes of the August 14, 1995 meeting were presented as corrected in work session. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by James Teal to accept as amended. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC SESSION : No input.

RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS: None.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Edward Reynolds -Public Safety - Mr. Reynolds reported that a Firefighter II class had started last Thursday and would be going on for four weeks. Other than training, things have been relatively quiet in the fire and police department. The rural fire station was discussed and Mr. Reynolds reported that the holdup was due to some minor details on the inside of the building and the landscaping that had to be done. The opening of the station should be very soon.

Frank Chaka - Finance - Mr. Chaka gave the financial report stating that the budget is in good shape.

James Teal - Recreation - Mr. Teal reported that the recreation activities were well into the football season. He is to attend a meeting in Liberty September 26, 1995 for planning session for United Way. It was reported that Super Saturday will be Saturday, September 16, 1995 and Central will be hosting Walhalla for the game.

Joe Head - Water and Sewer - Mr. Head reported that DHEC had issued the permit to install the water line on Old Sheriff Road. Mr. Head reported that Thad Garrick had informed him that the sewer machine was working well.

Harry Holladay - Mr. Holladay was requested to check with CRA and the Merchants Guild to see if they were planning their usual Christmas activities for this year.

Bobby Busha - Street and Sanitation - Mr. Bobby Busha discussed the parking on Main Street. This had been discussed in work session and does not appear at this time to be a real problem. He advised Council that several persons had expressed interest at the Railroad Festival in touring the old school building and this might be possible except for the way the booths were arranged in the building.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES IN POSSESSION OF COUNCIL:

A. Second reading of Ordinance #95-08-14 D-Z Section 726.10 containers and dumpsters: Amended to delete this entire section from the Zoning Ordinance. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Bobby Busha to adopt on second reading. The vote was six for and none against. (Mr. Harry Holladay had been excused to attend open house at Central Elementary School.

B. Second reading of Ordinance #95-08-14-Z-RR Section #403 railroad right of way requirements. Motion by Joe Head, second by James Teal to adopt. Vote was unanimous.

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that the Municipal Association of South Carolina was trying to expand the hometown connection and would be having a meeting across from Mauldin High School at the Ray Hopkins Municipal Center on September 21, 1995 between the hours of 3 and 5 P. M. This will be Anderson, Oconee, Greenville, Pickens, Spartanburg and Cherokee counties.
Herbert Thompson reported that the regular Municipal Association meeting scheduled to be hosted by Clemson has been changed to the bailing facility at the landfill to be hosted by Pickens County. Tom Hendricks will have charge of the program, this meeting to be at 7:00 P. M. on September 25, 1995 to discuss product income and other business concerns.
Animal Control was discussed. Herbert Thompson reported that he had been working with Pickens County Humane Society to furnish us with the same level of service that they are furnishing the City of Easley which will be working with Central, Liberty and a proposal to work for Clemson, but Clemson Council knows nothing about the issue as the development has only transpired in the last few days. They will need to have a meeting after being informed of this information. The current budget can support the agreement and they would be on call 24 hours a day and with an animal complaint they would respond within an hour. At the present it takes much longer for Animal Control to respond due to being so spread out. The County does a good job with what they have to do with but it is concluded that the Town of Central needs a better level of service than it is getting.
Motion by James Teal, second by Edward Reynolds for Herbert Thompson to go ahead with the contract. The vote was unanimous.

Zoning Official was discussed. Herbert Thompson reported that he is looking into going jointly with the City of Liberty and Pickens County on this project. The person would work out of the Building Codes Office in Pickens as is being done now but we would have a person to go out and check on places that are suspected of being in violation of the town's Zoning Ordinance. The person making the inspection would write the violator a letter and the violator would have 15 days to come into compliance with the Zoning Ordinace and if compliance is not done within 15 days the Zoning Official will notify our police department that a certified letter had been mailed to the violator, stating what the violation was and the police officer would respond with a summons to the violator. Mr. Herbert Thompson stated that the Zoning Officer would only fill that responsibility

and the enforcement would come from our Police Department after being notified by the Zoning Official. Six Mile also wishes to be included in this effort but their ordinance is not in place at this time. The advertisement for this position and director of the program will be done by Mr. Tom Ponder after it is presented to County Council for approval. Motion by Joe Head, second by Frank Chaka for Herbert Thompson to enter into contract for this service. The motion was unanimous.
Mayor's Report:

Mayor Thompson announced that on Sunday, October 8, 1995 at 3:00 P. M. the Heritage Society will be having a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony at the Morgan House. An invitation should be forthcoming from the Heritage Society to Council and each is urged to show their support for the generosity of the Holcombe family. Some of this family will likely be at the ceremony.
Mayor Thompson asked for information to be forthcoming for the next news letter.
Mayor Thompson requested that a few minutes be spent at the next work session on the short and long range plans adopted in the early part of this year. This will bring us up to date on where we are.
Mayor Thompson discussed cardboard recycling and it was noted that the program is going well and many people are using the facility at the town maintenance lot to drop off cardboard and many are also using the disposal unit for used oil.
Mayor Thompson discussed the unsightly problem at both ends of town. This needs to be looked at as the image is not good. The tree stumps and limbs need to be disposed of. Burning by obtaining a permit was discussed. This permit cost nothing but is needed for burning. It was consensus of Council not to encourage burning.

Bobby Busha inquired about the status of the gym. James Teal stated that a meeting was in the making to try to secure land for the gym. The Architectural Department at Clemson University possibly can render some services with this project especially with the plans.

Mayor Thompson requested that Council go into executive session for discussion of a legal matter. Motion by Edward Reynolds, second by Joe Head to enter into executive session. The vote was unanimous.

After executive session Mayor Thompson recalled regular session and announced that a legal matter was discussed briefly and no decision was made and no action taken.

No further business Mayor Thompson called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Edward Reynolds, second by James Teal to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Towe

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Clerk
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