

Regular Council Meeting
7:00 P. M. September 12, 1994
Central Town Hall
105 Wermer Street, Central, S. C.

Present: Mayor Alton B. Cumbie, III; Councilpersons: Stanley Thompson;
Frank Chaka; Lou Robinson; Calvin "Doc" Evatt; Harry Holladay;
Dan Phillips; Administrator Herbert Thompson; Assistant Clerk
Catherine Hughes; Jesse A. Cranford, Jr; Carroll Coates

Mayor Cumbie called the meeting to order.
Invocation by "Doc" Evatt.

Minutes of the August 8, 1994 meeting were presented. Some grammatical errors were pointed out and corrected. After corrections motion by Frank Chaka, second by Lou Robinson to approve. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Carroll Coates, Chairman of the Promotions Committee, CRA was recognized. Mayor Cumbie expressed his appreciation to Mr. Coates for his participation in the CRA organization.

RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS: None

REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Stan Thompson - Mr. Thompson reported that at the recent Fireman's Association meeting a memorial service was held for firemen who had passed away during the year. Their names and organizations were listed and this included our fireman William W. Poole. This meeting was held August 6, 1994.

Mr. Thompson reported that some of our firemen were in Long Island, N. Y. to retrieve a ladder truck from Bayport Fire Department. While they were at the Bayport Fire Station a call came to the station that there had been an explosion at an auto body shop with a subject being burned badly. When they responded to the call our three firemen loaded up and went to the scene with the Bayport firemen. A letter from the chief of the Bayport Fire Department to Chief John Head expressed appreciation for the help of our three firemen, stating that they had been efficiently trained and were beneficial in this incident.

Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that Dan Evatt had informed him that he had passed the State Fire Marshal exam and is now a Certified State Fire Marshal.

Frank Chaka - Mr. Chaka presented the financial report stating that we should be at 91%. The budget is ahead of last year's and the town has good year especially in the business license department since the Municipal Association is collecting from insurance companies and rebating to the towns. This has been a tremendous addition in this department. Mr. Stan Thompson indicated that a representative of an accounting firm had expressed interest in submitting a bid on the town's audit. After discussion Mr. Herbert Thompson reported to Mayor and Council that he had talked with this person, Mark Payne, and advised him that for this year we would use Gaston & Gaston, CPAs again, but for the next fiscal year he would be obtaining proposals but would leave it to Council to decide this issue. Many services are offered by banks now and some of

these could be of help in the town's operation. The town attorney was also discussed. Availability is a key factor to consider.

Lou Robinson - Ms. Robinson inquired as to applications for Planning Commission. Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that Mr. Glenn Hughes had expressed some interest in the commission. Ms. Robinson stated that she had talked with Richard Griffin of COG reference council update for application for Home Occupation and Richard is making copies of this item to send again since Wanda Benson is leaving our area. Update on sign that was to be in place by Railroad Festival time. The sign was not available by then but should be in place soon. Since we are two short on the Planning Commission, Ms. Robinson suggested that we advertise again for these positions. Ms. Robinson stated that as had been discussed at last work session seven members be considered for the Planning Commission so that there would always be enough available to have the regular meetings. This could be considered for future with five being preferred at this time.

"Doc" Evatt - Mr. Evatt questioned part time help in the fire department budget. Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that this was Bill Stephens who does the fire inspections at this time. The telephone bills for the Police Department and Municipal Court were discussed as being high bills. Herbert Thompson explained that much of the work of these departments has to be conducted through Columbia and many times the call is put on hold and this accounts for some of the cost. Some options were discussed. Mr. Evatt reported that the sidewalk had been removed on Georgia Street. He again inquired about the road into the Housing Project. Mr. Stan Thompson suggested that when the grading is being done on the EMS, Rescue complex they consider the road at that time.

Harry Holladay - Mr. Holladay inquired as to the status of the Foothills Recreation Program. Mayor Cumbie informed him of some of the YMCA specifications and the program is still in the formative stages and undecided.

Dan Phillips - Water and Sewer - Cost to work on Central Textiles sewer approximately \$20,000.00. Work on manholes should have started last Thursday and work should progress soon. Ed Martin is to do the work. This is to take the mill sewer off that line and catch Hedge St., College Street and another street for three streets on this line. Mr. Phillips inquired as to the status of the landfill site. This is still in the formative stage.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES IN POSSESSION OF COUNCIL:

A. Second reading of Ordinance #94-11-07-Z, Section 709 - HOME OCCUPATION

Motion by Lou Robinson, second by Harry Holladay to accept on second reading. For discussion, Frank Chaka expressed his reservation about filling out the home occupation permit, plus paying a \$50.00 fee. He stated that he opposed this fee. Mr. Chaka stated that he had checked with some other towns and their ordinance stated that "zoning permits shall be required by all home occupations and should be submitted to City Hall before a business license is issued". That was his recommendation. Ms. Lou Robinson stated that the fee was not a part of this ordinance. The fee was put in an ordinance earlier. Ms. Robinson stated that the purpose of the fee was to process and advertise the request and

it is a one time fee that gives a person the privilege to operate a business from their home. This can be discussed in a work session and if Council chooses to waive the fee, that could be done, but the fee part does not enter into this particular ordinance. Mr. Frank Chaka still contended that even though the business license was based on the gross receipts of the individual, the one time fee for the home occupation still constitutes the same as a business license. "Doc" Evatt stated that a system would be needed to insure that the home occupation remained year after year the same as was applied for and not changing so as to jeopardize the neighborhood. Home Occupation was discussed at length and Mayor Cumbie read the document that was passed on first reading. "Doc" Evatt inquired concerning retail sales from Home Occupation, such as a beauty or barber shop that sells its products. It was concensus of Council that this was incidental to the business in operation. After discussion, Mayor Cumbie called for the vote by the showing of the right hand. Voting in favor of were Lou Robinson, Harry Holladay, Dan Phillips, Alton B. Cumbie, III. Opposed to the second reading were Stanley Thompson, Frank Chaka and "Doc" Evatt. Ordinance #94-11-07-Z Section 709 Home Occupation passed on second reading.

RESOLUTIONS AND POLICIES: None

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that a pilot program for recycling would be started this week operating out of the Town of Central and City of Clemson. He reported that the new cardboard truck had been delivered on the previous Thursday and a person was hired to drive this truck and will be on the job Wednesday to start the recycling program. Mr. Thompson reported that on November 1, 1994 the garbage trucks will be checked at the landfill and if it is determined that the truck has more than 10% cardboard in it, the truck would have to be unloaded and the cardboard carried to the recycling point. Most of the businesses that are big cardboard users have agreed to break the boxes down for easier storage and this way the bins will hold more cardboard. Mr. Thompson reported that when a holiday falls on a Monday, Central, Six Mile and Norris will work over the day on Tuesday and this would mean that the driver would have no overtime on Thursday and Friday for Pickens and Liberty. Mr. Thompson stated that he was looking at the Animal Control Officer and was still waiting for a response from Clemson University. Mr. Thompson stated that a letter had been received from Ms. Myra Armistead, Secretary of Central Heritage Society thanking us for the use of the Recreation van for tours during the Railroad Festival. Mr. Thompson reported that he would be advertising again for interested persons to serve on the Planning Commission.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Cumbie reported that Central Wesleyan College lift station had some questions involved since CWC was not technically a part of the 201 Plan for 18 Mile Creek. Mayor Cumbie stated that CWC was willing to wait a while before joining our sewer system. This leaves them operating with the lagoon and DHEC is concerned but this should not be a problem. Mr. Herb Thompson discussed the town's role in connecting CWC to our sewer

system. It was noted that it is CWC's responsibility in connecting to Clayton Street sewer. An extension has been requested from DHEC until such time as CWC can connect to our system.

Mayor Cumbie reminded Council of the election on September 13, 1994 and urged everyone to vote and remind others to vote.

Mayor Cumbie asked that the Zoning Enforcement Officer again be discussed. He stated that this position had been approved and appropriations made for it. Applicants have applied for the job and a person has not been hired. He stated that we need to let those who have applied know what the situation is and Council can make the decision to hire or not to hire for this position. Herbert Thompson reported that Yale Simpson, Jesse Cranford, Jr. and Randy Hayes had applied for the position. Stanley Thompson suggested that until the Animal Control issue was settled it might be best to wait for now on th Zoning Enforcement Officer. Mayor Cumbie stated the urgency of this position. He stated that this Council owes it to the next Council to let them know that these ordinances are serious and enforcing them is of utmost importance and to not ask the Planning Commission to spend the time that they do and not take some action. Lou Robinson stated that we owe it to the citizens to enforce the ordinances since some are coming into compliance at their own expense and others are not. This was discussion only.

Mayor Cumbie suggested that at the first work session in October, which would be October 3, 1994 that the first portion of that meeting be set aside for installation of new Mayor and Councilpersons and then continue with the work session. It was concensus of Council for this action.

Mayor Cumbie reminded Council of some ongoing projects. He noted the 15 Mile Creek Project, Central Wesleyan College hook on to sewer, HUD Project apartment complex, walking track dedication, second tree grant, old school building project, road into White Oak Housing Project.

Mr. Herbert Thompson again announced the Special Called meeting for October 3, 1994 for the purpose of swearing in the new Mayor and Council persons.

No further business, Mayor Cumbie adjourned the meeting.

Minutes by Assistant Clerk Catherine Hughes, transcribed by Clerk Grace Towe.

Grace A. Towe

September 12, 1994