Corrected

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Monday September 14, 1998
Central Town Hall - 7:00 P. M.
105 Werner Street
Central, S. C.

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilmembers: Frank Chaka; Keith Martin; Joe Head; Harry Holladay; Bobby Busha. Administrator Herbert Thompson; Clerk Grace Towe; Resident Willie Gaines. (Edward Reynolds in fire training class.) Police Chief Joe Gibbs.

Mayor Stan Thompson called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Invocation was rendered by Harry Holladay.

Minutes of the August 10, 1998 regular council meeting were presented as corrected in work session. Mayor Thompson called for a motion to dispense of the full reading of the minutes and adopt as corrected. Motion was made by Frank Chaka, seconded by Joe Head to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes of the August 31, 1998 Special Called Council Meeting were presented. Motion was made by Frank Chaka, seconded by Joe Head to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session: None

Receipt and Disposition of Petitions: None

Report From Council Committees:

Frank Chaka - Finance - Mr. Chaka addressed Mr. Mark Payne, CPA, Auditor. Mr. Payne explained in detail the audit completed for the F.Y.E. 06/30/98. The year ended in good financial condition.

Edward Reynolds - Public Safety - Mr. Reynolds was absent attending fire training and Police Chief Joe Gibbs reported that the COPS Grant that had been obtained to support Gregory Newton's salary was ready to expire, but the Justice Department had extended this grant for one (1) more year.

Additional grant funds were requested for hiring a new officer. This was granted and the officer, Dennis Tench has been hired and will graduate from the Police Academy on September 18, 1998. On July 1, 1998 the police department was awarded the second grant with the same conditions and with the three year grant another officer could be hired. Chief Gibbs requested Council's approval to go ahead and hire the third officer. Motion was made by Joe Head, seconded by Frank Chaka and after discussion the vote was unanimous.

Keith Martin - Recreation - Mr. Martin reported that arrangements had been made to get a new van for the Recreation Department. This van will be used for hauling children and some activity with the Senior Citizens. The van has air conditioning. Mr. Martin updated Council on a grant that had been approved for the upgrading of the Community Park ball field.

Mr. Martin reported that football season is now is session.

Joe Head - Water & Sewer - Mr. Head reported the groundbreaking of the Middle and Upper Regional Waste Water Treatment Plants would be held on September 15, 1998. Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that the 25 manholes for repair had been completed. Mr. Head inquired as to the status of the CATS bus. Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that a study was being made on this issue.

Harry Holladay - Planning - No report.

Bobby Busha - Streets and Sanitation - Mr. Busha reported that near the old roller mill was a big dip that is causing a hazard. Also, at the car wash there is a manhole at the drain that needs to be corrected. This problem is evidently on the car wash property and the owner will need to be notified.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES IN POSSESSION OF COUNCIL:

A. Second reading of Ordinance 14-98 to increase the monthly fee for Mayor and Councilmembers. Mayor Thompson called for a motion to dispense with the full reading of the ordinance and adopt on second reading. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Joe Head to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

Second reading of Ordinance 15-98 to amend Sec. 14-32 of the Town's Code to add "animal feces" to this section. Motion to dispense with the full reading and adopt on second reading. Motion was made by Frank Chaka, seconded by Keith Martin to adopt as amended. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was called for to adopt the amended version of the Ordinance 15-98. Motion by Keith Martin, seconded by Bobby Busha to adopt. The vote was 5 for and 1 against. (Joe Head was against).

At this time Mayor Thompson recognized Mr. Willie Gaines and asked Council for a motion to retreat to "Public Session". Motion was made by Joe Head, seconded by Keith Martin for this action. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Willie Gaines stood and stated his name and address. He lives at 112 Woodside Lane, Central, S. C. Mr. Gaines inquired how high grass can be before a citizen is told to cut it. He addressed the road between Central Garage and the Hamilton House known as Littlejohn Dr. and asked if the town could pave this road so that citizens on Zion Cr. would not have to back up in a hazardous manner to get to the main road from their house. Mr. Gaines also discussed disposal of trees that he had cut and piled on the side of his lot. Chief Gibbs will work with Mr. Gaines on this issue. The Administrator remarked that Littlejohn Dr. would be on the paving list for next year.

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

A Administrator's Report:

1. Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that Pickens County Landfill transfer station will no longer take animal feces as of October, 1998.

2. Old school update. Mr. Herbert Thompson reminded Council that on September 24, 1998, Mr. Dwayne Anderson would be at a public meeting for discussion of old school possibilities. This meeting at 7:00pm

The use of the rooms by the Boy Scouts and the Model Railroad Club will need to be vacated by the end of 1998.

Mr. Herbert Thompson reminded Council of the regular Pickens County Municipal Association meeting to be held at Norris. Mr. Burris Nelson will be the speaker to discuss the economic development of Pickens County.

B. Mayor's Reports

Mayor Thompson discussed the proposed charges for prisoners.

Mayor Thompson called for a motion to go into executive session for discussion of a legal matter and a personnel matter. This motion was made by Joe Head and seconded by Keith Martin. The vote was unanimous.

After executive session Mayor Thompson recalled regular session and announced that no decisions were made and no votes taken on any matter. Mayor Thompson called for a motion to adjourn regular session. Motion by Frank Chaka, seconded by Joe Head to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted;

Grace R. Towe

Grace R. Towe, Clerk
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