

Regular Council Meeting
6:30 P. M. October 9, 1995
Central Town Hall
105 Werner St. Central, S. C.

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilpersons Edward Reynolds; Frank Chaka; James Teal; Joe Mead; Harry Holladay; Bobby Busha. Administrator Herbert Thompson; Auditor Mark Payne; Greg Oliver, The Messenger; Grace Lawson; Exchange students Fiona Black from Scotland and Valentina Lugli from Italy (these attending D. W. Daniel High School) Rachel Lindley, student from Clemson University; Clerk Grace Towe.

Mayor Stan Thompson called the meeting to order.

Invocation by James Teal.

Executive session - Mayor Thompson called for a motion to go into executive session for discussion of a contractual agreement. Motion by Edward Reynolds, second by Frank Chaka to go into executive session. The vote was unanimous. After executive session Mayor Thompson recalled regular session and announced that a contractual matter from our auditing firm and no decisions were made and no votes taken. Mayor Thompson then announced that regular session was now in progress.

Mark Payne, of Byerley and Payne Auditing Firm was recognized. Mr. Payne presented the audit by funds and gave a favorable report of operations for the audit year.

Minutes of the September 11, 1995 meeting were presented. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by James Teal to accept as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session:

A. Mayor Thompson introduced Fiona Black, exchange student from Scotland, attending D. W. Daniel High School and Valentina Lugli, exchange student from Italy, attending D. W. Daniel High School. These students are staying in the home of Grace Lawson. Mayor Thompson presented a resolution to each student and a motion was made by Bobby Busha, second by James Teal to adopt these resolutions. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Thompson read the resolution of which each student received a framed copy. He welcomed each to the United States of America, Pickens County and the Town of Central.

Receipt and Disposition of Petitions: None

Edward Reynolds - Public Safety. Mr. Reynolds presented the Police Policy #95-10-95 P. D. which had been discussed in work session. This is a standard operating procedures manual. Mr. Reynolds made a motion to adopt this policy, second by Bobby Busha. The vote was unanimous.

Frank Chaka - Finance. Mr. Chaka presented the financial report and stated that finances are in good shape.

James Teal - Recreation. Mr. Teal reported that the gym issue seemed to be at a standstill, but that Tom Cloer is still doing a good job. Mayor

Thompson stated that we all need to keep looking for any possible grant money that might become available.

Joe Head - Water & Sewer. Mr. Head reported that the water line on Old Sheriff Road had been completed.

Harry Holladay - Planning. Mr. Holladay announced that the Merchants Guild is sponsoring a Christmas Parade on December 9, 1995 at 11:00 A. M. The festivities that usually occur at the traffic light is still in question. Mr. Holladay commended Mr. Joe Head for his effort in getting the eyesore near Central Concrete cleaned up.

Bobby Busha - Streets & Sanitation - Mr. Busha asked about the drainage problem on Werner Street. Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that the Engineering firm had submitted some of the plans and as soon as all of the working plans are in they will be submitted to the C Fund Committee for possible funding. When these funds are in the biggest cost to the Town will be labor.

Consideration of Ordinances in possession of Council:

A. First reading of Ordinance #95-11-13A, that Sec 11-23 of the Code of the Town of Central is amended to read "The Police". (Remove building official and housing from Sec 11-23). Motion by Edward Reynolds to adopt on first reading, second by Joe Head. The vote was unanimous.

B. First reading of Ordinance #95-11-13-AN, that Sec 11-22 of the Code of the Town of Central is amended to read "The Police". (Remove building official from this Section 11-22). Motion by Bobby Busha, second by James Teal to adopt on first reading. The vote was unanimous.

C. First reading of Ordinance #95-11-13 B-UF to amend the Utility Fund Budget No. 95-26-12 UF to allow for depreciation. Mr. Herbert Thompson read the proposals to Council for the amount to be allowed for depreciation in the utility fund. After discussion motion by Joe Head, second by Frank Chaka to accept the amendment. The vote was unanimous.

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

A. Administrator's Report:

1. Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that the Justice Department had given approval for the Town to change the election date for the town to November and next November a Mayor and three Councilpersons will be elected. This will allow for the Mayor to be elected to a four year term in lieu of a two year term. That will make it necessary for the persons now serving on Council to serve until January of the following year when the new persons take their seat.

Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that the Old Sherrif Road water line had been installed and the water samples had been sent off and have been returned with no bacteria and these have been submitted to DHEC and as soon as the approval is met with DHEC the line can be put into operation.

Engineering has started for the water line on the County Project on Hwy 93. Herbert reported that the County was to pay for the material and the town

will install it.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Thompson reported that the Morgan House on Church Street had been dedicated on October 8, 1995 at 3:00 P. M. with a good turnout.

Mayor Thompson again reminded Council of the Christmas parade on December 9, 1995 at 11:00 A. M. to be sponsored by the Merchants Guild.

Miscellaneous business not included in any of the preceding items:

The Home Occupation permit for Shirley Worden, a Certified Hypnotherapist on Madden Bridge Road was brought forward for clarification. This was necessary, since the Planning Commission had failed to get the proper advertising done for the public hearing. This has been completed and Mayor Thompson called for a motion to approve this permit. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Joe Head to accept. The vote was five for and one against and one abstention. Edward Reynolds, Frank Chaka, Joe Head Bobby Busha and James Teal voted for. Harry Holladay voted against. Mayor Thompson abstained.

Mayor Thompson informed Council that the Model Railroad Club had submitted a letter requesting addition space in the Old School Building. They now have one room allocated. They request the two adjacent rooms. The question Mayor Thompson has is exactly how many rooms they are requesting. This will need to be clarified before any consideration can be made.

Mayor Thompson briefly discussed the nudity ban law and this was discussion only.

Mr. Frank Chaka briefed Council on children playing in and around the pond at Central Textiles. It was agreed that this is Central Textiles responsibility. Mayor Thompson suggested that Central Textiles be notified of this complaint.

Mayor Thompson asked for material that might be included in the next newsletter since the next meeting will be the first part of November.

No further business, motion by Edward Reynolds, second by Joe Head to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Grace S. Lowe
Clerk
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