REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Monday October 12, 1998 7:00 P. M.
Central/Clemson Library
105 Commons Way
Central, S. C. 29630

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilpersons: Edward Reynolds; Frank Chaka; Keith Martin; Joe Head; Harry Holladay; Bobby Busha. Administrator Herbert Thompson; Clerk Grace Towe. Group of citizens (attached sign sheet)

Mayor Stan Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P. M. Councilman Harry Holladay rendered the invocation.

Minutes of the September 14, 1998 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 by Frank Chaka, seconded by Joe Head to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes of the September 21, 1998 Special Called Town Council meeting were presented. Mayor Thompson called for a motion to dispense of the full reading of the minutes and adopt as corrected. Motion by Joe Head, seconded by Edward Reynolds to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Stan Thompson welcomed Ms. Opal Elder, Real Estate Specialist Facilities Service Office, United States Postal Service to the Central Town Council meeting and the Public Hearing to discuss the proposed new post office for Central. Ms. Elder stated that the US Postal Service plans to build a new 8,000 sq. ft. post office in the Town of Central. Our present building is 3,000 sq. ft. The postal service prefers to build a new facility as close to the down town business district as possible and they need 2 to 3 acres for the building. Ms. Elder asked if you know of anyone with 2 to 3 acres and would like to sell please let her know, or you may contact the Postmistress who will have site option forms. There is a two step process which must be followed before a new building becomes a reality.

First, advertise for the property site. This will begin in about two weeks.
Second, after the property has been secured, they will seek bids for a contractor. If all goes well the new post office should be in operation in 2 years from tonight.
Ms. Elder passed around a notebook with various photos of new postal buildings for the public to view. She stated the postal service has not completed an 8,000sq. ft. building in this area as of this date. Mayor Thompson asked for any comments or questions from the public. Mr. Bobby Price asked what was the completion date and again Ms. Elder stated that if all goes well it should be 2 years from tonight.
This building will be leased for 20 years with an option to renew the lease for 4 or 5 year periods. (Total lease of 40 years). Mr. Holladay stated from his personal view that traffic stops at the traffic light based on various traffice studies and he would like to see the new post office built toward the east side of town so that the traffic would continue to flow through town.

Mayor Thompson asked for any further comments. There being none the Mayor declared the public hearing closed. Mayor Thompson again thanked Ms. Elder for her presentation and announced that this concludes the public hearing.

PUBLIC SESSION: (30 minutes) No input.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Harry Holladay - Planning
Mr. Holladay made a motion to award a one year option to purchase the old school building to Landmark Asset Services, Inc. Motion was seconded by Edward Reynolds. After discussion the vote was unanimous.

Edward Reynolds - Public Safety - Mr. Reynolds reported no major incidents in the fire department. Chief Joe Gibbs reported that a beer & wine permit had been applied for at Savannah's Seafood and Barbeque and as is the documented policy ofthe Town he will protest this application.

Frank Chaka - Finance - Mr. Chaka presented the financial report and noted some expense, such as insurance was paid up to date for the year. Finances in good shape.

Keith Martin - Recreation - Mr. Martin reported that last Thursday night they had their first meeting concerning the new recreation facility and elected a Chairperson, Charles White, Director of Camp Hope at Clemson University. They reviewed the by-laws but did not adopt any. They did adopt some user fees being pursued but rate amounts will come later. The date of opening is still on schedule for December 1. and a grand opening is planned for December 13, 1998 at 2:30 P. M. This grand opening is contingent on being able to open December 1. Mr. Martin reported that sign ups for basketball are now in progress with hopes that they will be able to use the new gym. Clemson and Central together will offer six leagues: two church leagues; an open league; womens league; over 40 league and a 6 ft and under league. These leagues contingent on the number of people to sign up for each.
Mr. Martin updated Council on the new baseball field at the Community Park. It is paid for with grant money and they are waiting on the finished grade because the weather had put things on hold. The grass can be planted when the finished grade is done. Tom Cloer is now working on a new grant that hopefully will benefit 25 of our low income children so they can attend a 4-H Camp in Aiken of which they could benefit greatly.

Herbert Thompson reported on the addition to the new recreation facility and expense involved.

Mayor Thompson asked Mr. Keith Martin to try for 3 or 3:30 for the open house on December 13. Mr. Martin will try for this time change.

Joe Head - Water and Sewer - Mr. Head mentioned the water used this month and the difference but Mr. Herbert Thompson explained that there had been a 2" water break and Easley Central read the meters later. He reported that the new sewer line was now on Mauldin Road. Mr. Herbert Thompson advised that the holdup now is hearing from the railroad company so that the line can go under the railroad.

Bobby Busha - Streets and Sanitation - Mr. Busha reported that the hole in the road at the underpass had been repaired.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES IN PUSSESSION OF COUNCIL: None.

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator's Report:

Herbert Thompson reported that the rest rooms at the Community Park had been in service during ball games and are now being winterized. He advised Council of th high mileage on some of the police cars and advised that buying used vehicles with low mileage would be more feasible than buying new cars.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Thompson noted that there was a vacancy on the Planning Commission since Mr. Floyd Cousins term had expired. He reported that Mr. Cousins had indicated a willingness to serve again if appointed. Edward Reynolds made a motion to reappoint Mr. Floyd Cousins to the Planning Commission for a 3 year period. The motion was seconded by Keith Martin. The vote was unanimous.

Two positions to be filled on the Board of Adjustments. The expired term of Dan Evatt and a moving from our town of Edwin Painter. Mr. Jesse Cranford, Sr. had indicated a willingness to serve in one of these capacities. Motion by Keith Martin, seconded by Frank Chaka to appoint Jesse Cranford, Sr. to the Board of Adjustments. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thompson called for a person to be appointed in the second position of the Board of Adjustments. Edward Reynolds made a motion to reappoint Dan Evatt and the motion was seconded by Harry Holladay. Mr. Reynolds motion was amended whereby other names could be considered, but no one else was nominated. Mayor Thompson called for the vote. The vote was four for (Edward Reynolds; Joe Head; Harry Holladay; Bobby Busha) and three against (Mayor Stan Thompson; Frank Chaka; Keith Martin). Mr. Joe Head questioned the policy that Council opposes all liquor, beer and wine applications in the town. Mayor Thompson advised that since this is not on the agenda it will need to be held over for next work session.

No further business Mayor Thompson called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Edward Reynolds and seconded by Harry Holladay. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Towe

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Clerk
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