

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
 7:00 P. M. November 14, 1994
 Central Town Hall
 105 Werner Street, Central, S. C.

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilmen: James Teal; Frank Chaka; Harry Holladay; Attorney Chris Olson; Randy Hayes; Loretta Hayes; David Donald; Jesse Cranford, Jr.; Reba Thompson; Wanda Evatt; Mr. & Ms. Chris Evatt and daughter; Kerry Evatt; Mr. & Ms. Brad Evatt.

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order.
 Invocation by James Teal.

Minutes of the October 10, 1994 meeting were presented. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by James Teal to accept as corrected. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes of the October 17, 1994 Special Called Meeting were presented. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by James Teal to accept. The vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTIONS AND POLICIES:

- A. Resolution recognizing the services rendered to the Town of Central by Councilman Calvin L. "Doc" Evatt and the presentation of the Resolution #16-94 to the family of Calvin L. "Doc" Evatt. Mayor Thompson recognized "Doc" Evatt's family. He expressed to them the heartfelt gratitude for the sixteen years and one month that "Doc" served his town and community. He left a great legacy for us all to follow in that he served with a willingness to do what was right. Mayor Thompson presented the framed resolution to Ms. Evatt that she accepted with gratitude and she reminded us all how much "Doc" loved his town and always wanted what was honest and best for all citizens. Ms. Evatt was presented "Doc's" nameplate along with the framed resolution.
- B. "Public Information and Media Policy" #14-94 was presented. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by James Teal to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Mr. Rick Powell was recognized for the Merchants Guild. He relayed that the Guild was interested in erecting a memorial for our two Councilmen who were deceased this year, Clarence Phillips and Calvin L. "Doc" Evatt. The suggestion was that they plant a live Christmas tree and place a plaque in the same area. Several choice places were mentioned and Mayor Thompson asked that the Guild get with Mr. Herbert Thompson and work out the details for this memorial. Motion was made by James Teal and second by Frank Chaka to erect this memorial and the vote was unanimous. Ms. Loretta Hayes, 519 Gaines Street stated that it would be well with CRA to plant the live tree near the caboose area since some other trees were to be planted there. Mr. Randy Hayes, 519 Gaines Street also stated that since the plaque for Clarence Phillips was already in the process of being put up at the walking

track, the caboose area would be good for the rest of the memorials.

Mr. David Donald was recognized. He reminded Council that the Christmas Parade was in the final stages and promises to be a very good parade to start at Mt. Zion Cemetery and end at Bolick Field. The date for the parade is December 10, 1994 at 2:00 P. M. Mr. Donald requested that the advertisement for the parade be included with the utility bills that go out the first of December.

Mr. Jesse Cranford, Jr. asked if the applicants for the Zoning Enforcement position had been notified that Council voted not to fill this position? (A letter has been sent to all applicants).

Mr. Randy Hayes thanked Mr. Herbert Thompson for the work that had been done reference the sidewalk on Georgia Street.

RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS: None

REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Frank Chaka - Mr. Chaka presented the financial report with favorable conditions. The percentage should be at 8 and 1/3% The budget is under this percent and the finances are still on solid ground.

James Teal - Mr. Teal reported for Recreation and stated that he planned to get with Tom Cloer, Recreation Director and get the information needed for the newsletter. He stated that there had been no problems that he knew of and he had asked Mr. Cloer to give him a call if a problem should arise. Mr. Herbert Thompson brought Council up on the status of the Watkins Street property proposed for a park for small children in that area. He stated that he had talked with several of the citizens in that area about the proposed park and everyone he had talked with was in favor of the park being built. He also had gotten in touch with the people of the nearby church and they are to get back with him. He stated that the children in that area ranging in age from 6 to 10 years would be approximately 15 to 20 and they play in the street and around the church and the park would tend to keep the children away from the church yard. Mr. James Teal asked if someone were lined up to tear the old building down. Mr. Herbert Thompson stated that the Pickens County Administrator, Tom Hendricks had informed him that when he could be presented a clear deed and title to the house, he will tear the house down. These documents will not be obtained until the town decides that a park will be built and dedicated to the Benson family.

Mr. Harry Holladay expressed his appreciation for how the press box was looking but stated that he was concerned that children might be hurt if allowed access to the area. He was concerned that possibly a lock could be put on the gate leading to this area. Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that the restrooms would be changed to make them handicap accessible. Harry Holladay reported the smell of smoke as he was walking on the track and encourages the policemen to keep a look out for people burning leaves and creating this nuisance for people with breathing problems. The leaves will be picked up if the people will bag them.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES IN POSSESSION OF COUNCIL:

A. Second Reading of Ordinance #94-7-11-E to provide for a Special

Nonpartisan Election to elect (1) Councilperson to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Calvin L. "Doc" Evatt.

Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Harry Holladay to adopt. The vote was unanimous.

B. First Reading of Ordinance #94-14-11BC to revise the Southern Building Codes as per memo from Pickens County Building Codes. Mayor Stan Thompson read the ordinance and motion by Harry Holladay, second by Frank Chaka to adopt on first reading. The vote was unanimous.

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR:

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Tom Hendricks advising us that Pickens County will build a transfer station at the current Easley landfill and we will still be allowed to use the landfill with the present amount at no additional cost to the municipality. There will be additional cost to prepare the garbage in a different way. Mayor Thompson inquired if possibly Mr. Tom Hendricks was telling us also that the county is considering options other than a regional resource to cover cost. Mr. Herbert Thompson said he felt he was but the method is not clear at this time. Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that a memo had been sent to all candidates for Town Council advising them of change in the election from December 27 to December 28, 1994. Herbert reported that he was in the process of doing his paving contract report for next year for the county to do streets and sidewalks. He advised that in the paving he would ask the county to pave the entrance into the community park off Wood Street. He advised Council that an Executive Session was requested for a legal briefing from our Town Attorney.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Stan Thompson reported that he and Mr. Herbert Thompson had the pleasure of going to Columbia for an enjoyable banquet and program of the South Carolina Downtown Development Association which was well attended by representatives from numerous municipalities throughout the state and he was pleased to report that the Town of Central was recognized on two occasions. The CRA was well represented along with the Heritage Society. Two awards were presented, the first to the CRA and Heritage Society which is a part of the CRA. Two separate names but one entity, both being an aspect of the Main Street Program to create a historical preservation. This award was presented for the overall promotional program. The nominations for the awards came from all over the state of South Carolina. Mayor Thompson cited some of the specific features of the awards, such as the tour of the historical homes that took place during the Railroad Festival and the conversion of the old jail to a museum. The second award was presented to the former Mayor Alton B. Cumbie, III as a Special Service Award for Public Officials. This award was for the personal contribution to the downtown revitalization program. Mr. Cumbie was present to receive his award, though it took him by surprise. Mayor Stan Thompson requested that each organization get some material together for the next newsletter.

Mayor Thompson announced the annual Fire Department supper on December 3, 1994 at 6:00 P. M. at Central First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Johnson Road. He also announced the town supper scheduled for December 19, 1994 at 6:30 P. M. at Central Station Cafe. The Pickens County Municipal Association banquet was announced for November 28, 1994 at

the Holiday Inn in Clemson. Mayor Thompson stated his regrets of not being able to attend the PCMA banquet as he will be out of town that date.

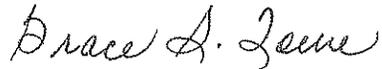
At this time Mayor Thompson introduced Mr. Chris Olson, the new town attorney and welcomed him on board as the town attorney.

Mayor Thompson asked for a motion to go into executive session for a legal briefing from the town attorney. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Harry Holladay to go into executive session. The vote was unanimous.

After executive session Mayor Thompson reconvened and announced that no action was taken in executive session.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Grace S. Towe
Clerk
11/14/94