November 8, 1993
Regular Council Meeting
Central Town Hall

Present: Mayor Alton B. Cumbie, III; Councilpersons: Stan Thompson; Frank Chaka; Lou Robinson; "Doc" Evatt; Harry Holladay; Clarence Phillips; Administrator Herbert Thompson; Attorney Lindsay Graham; Planner Gary Morton; Lori Sons; Bill Carson; Randy Hayes; Lorett Hayes; David Donald; John Kelley, Director of Botanical Gardens; Grace Towe, Clerk.

Mayor Cumbie called the meeting to order.
Invocation had been rendered by "Doc" Evatt in work session prior to regular meeting.
Minutes of the October 11, 1993 were presented. Motion by Clarence Phillips, second by Stan Thompson to accept as corrected. Vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC SESSION;
Randy Hayes, 519 Gaines Street was recognized. He noted that it was good to have Hwy 93 paving begun. He asked if crosswalks and painting could be done at the same time as paving. He was advised that this is not to be done at this time. Harry Holladay advised that this was looked into several years ago and the ground space would take away too many parking spaces. Mr. Hayes noted that traffic needed to be slowed by some means, especially the big trucks that go through our town. Mr. Herb Thompson reported that the state would paint the center lines and the outside white lines and the town would be responsible for painting the parallel parking lines and it is the hope that they will also paint the angle parking on the other side of the street. Mr. Hayes asked if the alleyway between Reeves Furniture and Central Hardware is a public street. Mr. Herb Thompson noted this is a public street but not the states paving responsibility. This is to be done by the county allowance for the town. Mr. Hayes reported that the storm drains on Main Street are not functioning. Since this is a highway department area Mr. Herb Thompson will address this to the department.

David Donald, President of the Merchants Guild was recognized and he reported that on December 11, 1993 from 12:00 till 3:00 P. M. there would be a Christmas event at the old produce stand and he requested that they be allowed to place a donation box in town hall since in the prior year there had been some confusion as to where people could take their donation. He asked that some bleachers be placed on the premises for this event. Mr. Herb Thompson agreed to get this done. Mr. Donald was questioned as to why this event would be held at this particular place. He reported that it would be easier access for the children and they could have more freedom to run around without being in danger on traffic. Harry Holladay offered his suggestion to use the ball park. Mr. Donald noted that the fence was a hindrance and the danger of traffic while Santa there with the children.
REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:
Stan Thompson - Mr. Thompson announced that Officer Wilbur Bruce had left the Police Department and that a local officer had been hired to fill this position. James Sears was hired for this position.
Frank Chaka - Mr. Chaka could not present the financial report due to

the fact that the clerk had failed to print this report for Council.
Lou Robinson - Ms. Robinson turned the session over to Gary Horton, Planner who introduced Mr. John Kelley, Director of the Botanical Gardens. Mr. Kelley reported the types of trees and bushes that could be planted along Hwy 93 and specific places in town for beautification of certain areas. He added that much mulch would be available for these projects. He noted that the Saturday after Thanksgiving and the first Saturday in December would be days set to get this project going. Herbert Thompson added that the backhoe could be used for the digging of these holes in many places and would save many hours of use of shovels. It is important that we watch what is planted near the power line. Mr. John Geer would like to meet and advise on this issue. The observation deck was discussed and it's surrounding area would need landscaping with some of these shrubs. Grouping is important in this type of landscaping. The mulching and digging of holes will require 20 to 30 volunteers. The town crew will do what they can to assist in this project.
Mayor Cumbie expressed his appreciation to Mr. Kelley for his willingness to get involved with this worthwhile project. The white post on Main Street near the railroad needs to be removed but the railway company wil have to approve this.
Lori Sons presented her drawings of different areas of the town that could benefit by the landscaping project. The areas of the small park between Helping Hands and NationsBank, the walkway between Town Hall and the Police Station, the area in front of the Old School building, the rock station area, and ballpark area were presented as projects that would greatly enhance the image of the town. Bill Carson explained the program along with Lori Sons and council was pleased with the vision of our citizens. The group was advised to handle the senior citiz area with care since the older citizens had planted some trees, etc. to be able to watch them grown. The old jail area on Gaines Street along with the town equipment lot could be upgraded in this project. It was noted that trash receptacles needed to be placed in the cemetery after the roads in the cemetery were paved. CRA has gotten permission from the railway company to erect the observation station. Lori Sons noted that the barbed wire on top of the Bolick ballfield needed to be removed. None of these projects will involve much expense to the town and will provide an appearance that all citizens can enjoy. The scoreboard atop the concession stand was discussed and nothing can be done because it is used to record scores at ball games. The moving of the ball fence was discussed and Stan Thompson noted that this could be a problem in that it would cramp the warmups before games and with the walking track in place there would be very little room left to warmups. It was also noted that the underpass is in need of painting.
Lou Robinson expressed her appreciation to Lori Sons and Bill Carson for their input in the beautification program. Herbert Thompson reported that some of the projects could be implemented immediately, but he would need a plan submitted before the projects could be fully put in operation.
The war monument in the cemetery was discussed and the upgrading of this monument is to be looked into.
"Doc" Evatt - No report
Harry Holladay - No report
Clarence Phillips - No report
RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS: None

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES ALREADY IN POSSESSION OF COUNCIL:
A. First reading of Ordinance #92-00-11 Z whereas to amend the Official

Town of Central Zoning Ordinance, to allow for a Bed and Breakfast Inn in an R-20, R-12, R-6, RM-8 and RM-16 zone. The procedural point that Mayor Cumbie made is that this item was tabled in our previous council meeting and to bring it up now would require a vote and a second to bring it off the table. Harry Holladay made a motion to take it off the table, Lou Robinson seconded the motion . It does not need discussion but requires a vote. The vote was unanimous in favor of taking the ordinance off the table.
Mayor Cumbie reported that the Ordinance #92-08-11 Z as presented at the last Council meeting is now on the floor for discussion. Stan Thompson asked if this was the same ordinance number as the original document carried. Mayor Cumbie answered that it is.
Mayor Cumbie advised council that what is being considered now is not the what is in front of each council member now but has been distributed to council since last week. The ordinance that is being considered is the one that does not include number 10 (does not provide for long term housing). Lou Robinson noted that a change also had been made in number 5. Ms. Robinson asked that an amemded motion be made. Mayor Cumbie noted that he could accept a motion that we amend the original ordinance as the one distributed since our last work session. Stan Thompson reported that we are voting to accept the amendments that have been presented. Mayor Cumbie advised that this is right. The changes that were voted on to table at the last meeting and the one that is presented now is to be considered. There have been three changes and Gary Horton noted one was the number of rooms, number 5 and number 10 (not to provide long term house) Mayor Cumbie called a motion to accept the amendments to the original ordinance. Motion by Frank Chaka to accept . Gary Horton stated that this is the original ordinance. Lou Robinson advised Mr. Horton that the ordinance that was tabled in October did not contain these changes. Ms. Robinson made a motion to amend the ordinance that was brought back from the table that we accept the changes that have been made and presented in draft form. Second by Frank Chaka to accept. Vote was unanimous. Motion and second on ordinance #93-08-11Z has been obtained and is now ready for discussion and presented for first reading.
Mayor Cumbie called for the vote. It was six (Yea) one (Nay). The yea votes carried. "Doc" Evatt voted nay.

B. Second reading of Ordinance #93-11-10BLA that all prior Business License Ordinances are repealed and the bound copy of the revised Business License Ordinance is adopted as prepared by Governmental Consultants, Inc. This ordinance will become effective immediately after 2nd reading. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by "Doc" Evatt to accept. The vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTIONS AND POLICIES: None.

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR:
Administrator Herbert Thompson reminded Council of the retreat on December 29, 1993 at Camp Hope at 9 o'clock. He passed out questionnaires and noted that COG would be facilitating for us. Recycling will soon be taking most Class 2 plastics with the exception of a few.
Mr. Thompson reported that the yearly audit is now in progress. Report should be ready by next Council meeting.
Mr. Thompson reported that he had talked with the appraiser concerning the rock station and the appraiser stated that it was only a hull.

Mayor's report:
Mayor Cumbie reported that the FAIC banquet which will be to discuss a regional recreation program. He asked that all go into the meeting with an open mind. A public meetig should be in December to inform the citizens of the possiblity of the program. Combined programs are needed to survive. The negative people will be the ones that know nothing about the proposal and as many people as possible need to be at the December 6, 1993 meeting. Lou Robinson suggested that a notice be given children at Central Elementary.
Mayor Cumbie reported that a public hearing was held last Thursday concerning the 18 Mile Creek Project. It was noted that the head of the Public Service Commission had been releived of his duties. Mayor Cumbie stated that this is a county personnel matter and he foresaw no major problem in the 18 Mile Creek program.

No further business, Mayor Cumbie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Towe

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Clerk
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