

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 1997
105 Werner Street
Central, S. C. 29630

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilmen: Frank Chaka; Bobby Busha;
Joe Head; Edward Reynolds. Administrator Herbert Thompson;
Clerk Grace Towe.

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order and led in the invocation.

Minutes of the November 10, 1997 meeting were presented. Motion by Bobby Busha, seconded by Joe Head to adopt as corrected in work session. The vote was unanimous by those attending.

PUBLIC SESSION: No input.

RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS: None.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilman Joe Head to discuss proposed water contract with Easley-Central Water District. Mr. Head went over the contract with Easley-Central and how that the district had asked for a 30 year contract. Mr. Head was not in favor of this lengthy contract. With the City of Clemson owning 52% of the water tank, their input would be needed. After much discussion Mr. Joe Head made a motion, seconded by Frank Chaka not to negotiate with Easley-Central at this time until our attorney can look into this matter and report back to Council, then the contract can be studied further. The vote was unanimous by those in attendance. Mr. Herbert Thompson discussed the development of the Bobby Price property. He reported that the sewer capacity would prevent this development unless the City of Clemson could allow this one development to tie on to their sewer since they have capacity. Motion by Joe Head, seconded by Bobby Busha to authorize the Administrator to pursue the possibility of putting the Price project on the Clemson sewer. After discussion the vote was unanimous by those in attendance.

Harry Holladay - Planning - Proposed agreement between the Town of Central and the Railroad Festival Committee. Mayor Thompson led this discussion. The Town's proposal was passed to each member present and a motion was made by Edward Reynolds, seconded by Frank Chaka to present the proposal to the Railroad Festival Committee for their acceptance or rejection. After discussion the vote was unanimous by those in attendance.

Mayor Thompson announced that the Rural Fire Station open house was a success.

Edward Reynolds--Public Safety has been relatively quiet.

Frank Chaka -Finance - Mr. Chaka presented the financial report with favorable results.

Mr. Herbert Thompson announced that Tom Cloer had his five year plan for the Recreation Department ready for presentation to the county recreation committee.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IN POSSESSION OF COUNCIL:

First reading of Ordinance #97-12-08CA to establish a Business License Tax on all communication activities. Mayor Thompson entertained a motion to dispense with the full reading of Ordinance #97-12-08CA and adopt on first reading. Motion by Frank Chaka, seconded by Joe Head to adopt. The vote was unanimous by those in attendance.

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Thompson reported that Mayor Thompson, Herbert Thompson and Grace Towe along with a banking representative of Citizens Bank spent the necessary time with the bond attorneys, McNair Law Firm, on Wednesday December 3, 1997 to finish the documents for the \$800,000 bond issue. This issue was finalized and the money made available for the construction of the indoor recreation facility.

Mr. Thompson reminded Council that the employees Christmas Dinner was set for December 11, 1997 at Central First Baptist Church fellowship hall.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Thompson discussed the loitering ordinance. Joe Head suggested that an ordinance similar to Easley's loitering ordinance be drawn up for Council's consideration.

Mayor Thompson brought some citizens concerns for a sidewalk to be placed on Maw Bridge Road. Discussion only.

The old Red Diamond property is reported to be for sale and Mayor Thompson suggested that the town look into the possibility of the town acquiring that property. Discussion only.

Mayor Thompson discussed the burning ordinance that is on our books at this time. Does it need more clarifying or a new, more precise ordinance created? This was referred to the Public Safety Committee for a report at the next meeting.

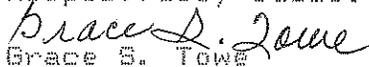
Mayor Thompson discussed the planning retreat if Council would like. It was consensus of Council to plan the retreat for February 14, 1998 and Herbert Thompson will arrange with Southern Wesleyan University.

Motion by Frank Chaka, seconded by Edward Reynolds to go into executive session for discussion of personnel. The vote was unanimous.

After executive session Mayor Thompson recalled regular session and announced that no decisions were made nor any votes taken regarding any matter.

Motion to adjourn by Frank Chaka, seconded by Joe Head. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted;


Grace S. Towe

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