

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 11, 1995

Central Town Hall

105 Werner Street, Central, S. C.

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilpersons: Bobby Busha; Harry Holladay; Frank Chaka; Ed Reynolds; James Teal; Joe Head; Administrator Herbert Thompson; Clerk Grace Towe; Greg Oliver, The Messenger.

Mayor Stan Thompson called the meeting to order.

Invocation by Harry Holladay.

Minutes of the November 13, 1995 meeting were presented. Motion by Ed Reynolds, second by Frank Chaka to accept as corrected. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC SESSION: None

RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS: None

REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Edward Reynolds - Mr. Reynolds reported that 12 members of the Fire Department had finished the defensive training course and the department is in good standing. It was reported that applications are still coming in for a new police chief. Mayor Thompson stated that the screening committee would do well to wait until the deadline for applications has passed to begin the screening process.

Frank Chaka - Finance. Mr. Chaka gave the financial report. Mr. Chaka questioned the percentage that had been used in the election budget. Mr. Herbert Thompson explained that he had to purchase booths for the election and that he would have two elections this year with two different polling places. Janitorial supplies was questioned along with municipal court utility lights that are running over budget. These items are to be scanned and it was discovered that the utility lights was not for municipal court but for the police department and the breakdown had not been done but this would be taken care of and would be corrected for the next financial report.

James Teal - Recreation - Mr. Teal inquired from Mr. Herbert Thompson as to whether Tom Cloer had received any information from that grants that had been applied for. Mr. Thompson reported he had not. Mr. Teal reported that he is supposed to be appointed to a commission by the County Council. Councilman Bob Nash is to appoint him to this commission so as to make sure that Central gets a fair share of the allocations for recreation allocated by the County. Mayor Thompson reminded Council of the lot across from the community park ball field and stated that it may be well to discuss its use in the January meeting, and that the use of it would be mostly for the evening hours and we may think of using part of the lot for additional parking for the ball games. This is something to keep in mind when planning for the future. Mr. Teal volunteered to attend the meeting in Columbia on February 26th and 27th, 1996.

Joe Head - Water and Sewer - Mr. Head reported that last week the annual

DHEC inspection was held. This is when DHEC comes in to check records and the results have not been received.

Harry Holladay - Planning - Mr. Holladay inquired as to the status of the drainage repair on Werner Street and Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that the project is about one third complete.

Bobby Busha - Streets and Sanitation - Mr. Busha inquired as to whether the barriers on the railroad track were to be straightened and painted. Mr. Herbert Thompson informed Mr. Busha that this had been taken care of.

#### REPORT FROM MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR:

##### A. Administrator's Report:

1. Proposed new sewage plant for 18 Mile Creek Liberty Plant review plans are 90% complete. Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that he and Mr. Joe Head had looked at the new proposed 18 Mile Creek Liberty Plant plans which are 90% complete. They have been studying the plans and hope to meet sometime in January, 1996 for more up to date reports from the engineers as to how much longer it will be before bids can go out on this project. Herbert Thompson reported that the scheduled DOT training along with the county would be taking place in the next few days and the necessary town employees would be participating. The testing for drugs and alcohol for those with CDL licenses would also take place. This is a federal law. Herbert reported that he had been in touch with the Archives and History department in Columbia concerning funds for the old school. Volunteer of the year was discussed since this has not been done in several years. Mr. Herbert Thompson discussed the Municipal Association's request to amend our business license ordinance to include title insurance. The business license ordinance will need to be amended to include title insurance. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Harry Holladay to amend the business license ordinance to include title insurance. This will be first reading and since the deadline is so critical, after discussion, six voted for and Mayor Stan Thompson abstained due to the issue not being on the agenda.

##### MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Thompson discussed the Planning Retreat for a January meeting. The tentative date was preferred for January 20, 1996 at SWU at 8:30 A. M. with a continental breakfast provided by ARA. If this does not work out some other place could be chosen.

Mayor Thompson reminded Council of the Municipal Elected Officials Institute on January 11, 1996. This is to be at COG and some important issues will be discussed.

Mayor Thompson discussed Section 708 article #1 solid stockade type fence or wall Article #2 chain link fence and Article #3 Natural vegetative buffer. Since this has not been enforced and has not been discussed in some time, Mayor Thompson reported that this issue need to be looked into. He asked that the Planning Commission be asked to go back and review this part of the Zoning Ordinance and report if the issue needs to be maintained, revised or deleted. The issue needs to be enforced since it is on the books but Council should

wait for the Planning Commission's advice on this matter.

Mayor Thompson expressed his appreciation to the Merchant's Guild for their sponsoring of the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting ceremony and to the volunteer firemen for their help in bagging the fruit. Also, to the town employees for their support. All working together the event was a great success. Mayor Thompson will send a letter of appreciation to the President of the Merchant's Guild, Mr. Rick Powell.

Miscellaneous business not included in any of the preceding items. Mayor Thompson reported that the January work session would need to be postponed until the regular meeting. Work session to begin at 6:30 P. M. prior to the regular session at 7:00 P. M. Motion by James Teal, second by Ed Reynolds for this postponement. The vote was unanimous.

Volunteer of the year was again brought up. Motion by Harry Holladay, second by Bobby Busha to nominate Robert "Ro Ho" Herron as volunteer for 1995. Robert has volunteered for work with the recreation program for approximately 15 years. Mayor Thompson suggested that some guidelines be implemented for the next recipient. After discussion the vote was unanimous and a resolution to be prepared for presentation to Mr. Herron.

No further business, motion by Edward Reynolds, second by Frank Chaka to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Grace S. Towe  
Clerk  
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