Regular Council Meeting
7:00 P. M. December 12, 1994
Central Town Hall
105 Werner St., Central, S. C.

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilpersons: Harry Holladay, James Teal, Frank Chaka. Administrator Herbert Thompson. Assistant Clerk Catherine Hughes. Planning Commission members: Randy Hayes, Jesse Cranford, Jr., Citizen Grace Lawson and exchange students attending D. W. Daniel High School: Pablo Alborch from Spain and Dirk Thoenissen from Switzerland.

Mayor Stan Thompson called the meeting to order.
Invocation by Harry Holladay.
Mayor Thompson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the November 7, 1994 Special Called Council Meeting were presented. Motion by Frank Chaka to adopt as presented, second by Harry Holladay. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting of November 14, 1994 were presented. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by James Teal to accept as corrected. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC SESSION: Mr. Jesse Cranford, Jr. was recognized. Mayor Thompson explained to Mr. Cranford that the Planning issue would be considered in the Receipt and disposition of Petitions later on the agenda.

Mr. Randy Hayes was recognized. Mr. Hayes brought up the issue of automobiles that do not have license plates on them. He stated that this is an issue that needs to be enforced. Some of these are parked in peoples yards. Mayor Thompson informed Mr. Hayes that this is covered in our local codes book and Chief of Police has assigned responsibility for this enforcement to Sgt. William Stephens. Mayor Thompson advised Mr. Hayes if he knows of specific incidents to please make a list and pass along to Chief Cantrell. Mr. Harry Holladay presented a Christmas gift for the committee heads, a booklet to be read and passed on.

RESOLUTIONS AND POLICIES:

Mayor Thompson acknowledged Pablo Alborch from Spain and Dirk Thoennissen from Switzerland and recognized their attendance at D. W. Daniel High School. The two have been living in the home of Grace Lawson on Gaines Street.
He welcomed them to the town and presented Resolution #17-94. The two students came forward and Mayor Thompson read the resolution and presented each a copy to carry home with them. They expressed their appreciation for the resolutions and stated how much they have enjoyed and appreciated the hospitality given them in their efforts of study in this country.

RECEIPT AND DISPOSITION OF PETITIONS:

Mayor Thompson recognized the Chairman of the Planning Commission, Mr. Jesse Cranford, Jr. concerning a recommendation from the Planning Commission. Mr. Cranford stated that the commission had met last month

and reviewed Roxanne Chase's request for a Home Occupation Permit and the commission recommends that this request be granted. Motion by Councilman

Harry Holladay, second by Frank Chaka to approve this request for the Home Occupation. The vote was unanimous.
The next item had to do with some reading materials from COG concerning Planning. Mr. Jesse Cranford, Jr. was recognized and discussed two books that COG had sent the commission and Harry Holladay recommended that at the present the town purchase one copy of each and possibly copy the information that is pertinent. At some time there may be the need to purchase a copy of each book for each member of the commission. Motion by Harry Holladay to purchase one copy of each of the two books at this time. After discussion this motion was seconded by James Teal. The vote was unanimous
REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:
Mr. Frank Chaka presented the financial report. Mr. Chaka reported that the water chemical budget was over because the county did not take over when they were scheduled to do so,and that made the town assume this responsibility. Officially the county took over December 1, 1994 so this may require a supplemental budget to cover these items and possibly some repairs and maintenance expenses that were not contemplated. The percentage in the sewer department is now at 25% and some funds may need to be transferred or Mr. Herbert Thompson suggested that we just wait to see if things will not balance with no expenses in these areas for the next two to three months. Mayor Thompson stated that the explanation for these items being what they are was because the county did not take over when scheduled. He also noted that it is not unusual for expenses to run ahead of revenue at this time of the year. Mr. Herbert Thompson explained that the approximately $18,000.00 sewer project at Central Textiles was not a budgeted item since it was scheduled for last year. This item taken into consideration should put the budget more in line. This project is soon to be completed and should give relief on the regular sewer line by having Central Textiles isolated.

Councilman James Teal was recognized for a report on recreation. Mr. Teal stated that he had received a note from Tom Cloer. He stated that Tom Cloer had been working with the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Clemson University for the development of a program that would benefit Senior Citizens and met with the Associate Dean and they set up ideas with the faculty and students. These programs range from health screening to education health programming. Mr. Cloer has put a lot of effort into this program for the last four months and he hopes to get this program started by the end of January or mid February. Mr. Teal stated that they should be able to start meeting once a month if Mr. Cloer's schedule permits. Mr. Cloer stays very busy and Council needs to think about getting him some part time help. Mayor Thompson stated that we are having to use R. C. Edwards and Daniel High School gyms for the basketball season in progress. Mayor Thompson stated that the town needs to be giving some thought to developing our own gymnasium. Having to depend on the school district facilities is not an ideal situation. James Teal stated that he would be happy to write some letters to obtain grant possibilities. Harry Holladay noted that a plan at this time is the main idea along with possible estimated cost for a planned facility. He questioned whether bonds could be used for this type facility. Mr. Herbert Thompson stated that bonds could be obtained under general revenue bonds. Mr. Holladay stated his desire was to make plans within the next twelve to eighteen months to construct a gym. Mayor Thompson stated that Tom Cloer could

be asked to meet with the Council at the next work session for input on the subject. James Teal stated that Mr. Cloer had drawn up some plans for

a couple of ball fields and had mentioned to Mr. Teal that he had some ideas about a gym. Concerning available land the gym would be priority.

Mr. Harry Holladay recognized Jesse Cranford, Jr. He presented the form that had been developed by COG for the home occupation permit. It is very similar to the one the town already has except that it has been condensed into three pages which makes it more accessible for use. Mayor Thompson stated that Administrator Herbert Thompson could utilize this form and make any necessary changes to the document. Mayor Thompson expressed his appreciation to Mr. Cranford for the Planning Commission's work with COG in developing this particular document. Discussion of some aspects of the 93 Corridor Ordinance and existing businesses. This to be discussed at next meeting more in depth.

Harry Holladay suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Merchants Guild % Mr. David Donald for the good Christmas parade that was on December 10, 1994. Mayor Thompson stated that his intentions were to do that. He had sent a letter before the parade stating his appreciation that they were planning the parade this year and will follow up with a letter now.
Mr. Herbert Thompson discussed the lift stations and the expense they are causing. In the near future we will be looking at some big expenditures. Mr. Thompson also discussed the problem with the gasket on the water tank that is causing a leak. This will need repair soon. The engineer will be here to advise on this problem. The tank will have to be drained and out of service for approximately four hours for this repair. During this repair we would be operating from the water tank in Norris of Easley-Central Water District with some reduced pressure possible. Mr. Herbert Thompson stated that by 1996 the tank would need to be painted and this would be a considerable cost.

Mayor Thompson reported for Public Safety. He stated that the Police Department had been trying to identify a suitable semi automatic weapon. Chief Cantrell has been trying some weapons on the firing range to determine safety features on different weapons. Mayor Thompson reported that the ISO people will be back in town for a possible improvement in our ISO rating. Only recently the ISO rating went from a 7 to a 5 and we have expectations that we can go down to a 4. The ladder truck would account for this reduction and Mayor Thompson commended the fire personnel for the fine job they have done in getting these ratings in place.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES IN POSSESSION OF COUNCIL:

A. Second reading of Ordinance #94-12-12 C-TV, Cable Television Franchise
Mayor Thompson reminded Council that in the first reading Council agreed to go with a 10 year duration instead of a 15 year duration and to continue the 3% of the franchise fee as opposed to going to 5% as has been done in some municipalities. After discussion motion by Frank Chaka, second by James Teal to adopt on second reading. The vote was unanimous.

B. Second reading of Ordinance #94-12-11 BC to update Southern Building Codes to comply with the latest revision.
Motion by James Teal, second by Frank Chaka to adopt. The vote was

unanimous.

REPORT FROM MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR:

A. Administrator's Report:
Transfer the Operation and maintenance of the North and South Sewer plants to Pickens County. Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that he had received word from Mr. Montebello, Manager of Wastewater Management Section, Domestic Wastewater with DHEC who had informed Mr. Thompson that he would transfer our MPDS Permits over to Pickens County as of December 1, 1994. He presented a letter that he had written Mr. Tom Hendricks and Mr. Montebello on November 25, 1994 requesting that this take place. It should have gone into effect on July 1, 1994 but for some reason it kept getting pushed back. Herbert read the letter of response from Tom Hendricks to Mr. Montebello. This letter stated Pickens County's willingness to accept the responsibilities of the system as of December 1, 1994. He read the letter that Mr. Montebello wrote back to Mr. Hendricks stating that the permits would be transferred to Pickens County on December 1, 1994. The county has accepted full responsibility of the two treatment plants.
Mr. Herbert Thompson brought Council up to date on the tree planting which was provided by a grant. He stated that in digging a hole for one of the trees they struck "oil". He called DHEC and called the landowner and the next day a cleanup crew was sent here from North Carolina. They dug the soil up and took samples and got the problem taken care of. New soil was put back in the hole. Mayor Thompson commended the town work crew for a job well done on this project.

SMALL PLAYGROUND FOR WATKINS STREET:

Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that Mr. Teal had discussed this issue at work session and while under the same opinion they had rather not follow this plan, rather leave it like it is, the family can keep the plot. By the time the buffer is put on both sides it would be so narrow it would be of no use for a park. Mr. Teal recommended that we turn down this offer. Mr. Harry Holladay suggested that we inform the residents of that area why the project is being turned down, such as lack of space, that if a larger space of land in that area could be offered, then the town could reconsider a playgroud for that area. Herbert Thompson stated that he and Tom Cloer, Recreation Director would go out to that area and talk to the residents. After this discussion motion by James Teal not to continue with this project. It was discussed that no motion was needed for this issue. Mr. James Teal stated that he agreed with Mr. Harry Holladay that this issue should be explained to the area residents since we had already talked to them about the playground and explain that the town would not be able to give them anything worthwhile. After discussion, Harry Holladay seconded the motion. The vote was three for and one against. Mayor Thompson voted no.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Thompson recommended to Council that the work session in January be held immediately before the regular Council meeting on January 9, 1995 if this were suitable. Councilman Frank Chaka recommended that the work session start at 6:30 and regular session convene at 7:00

P.M. Consensus of Council to hold the work session at 6:30 P. M.
Mr. Herbert Thompson stated that a Special Called Meeting would be held on December 30, 1994 for the swearing in of the three new Councilpersons. This meeting to be at 6:30 P. M.
Orientation for new councilpersons will be held in Liberty in lieu of having to go to Columbia. The date for this will be announced later.

Mayor Thompson asked Mr. Herbert Thompson to explain the tree planting. Herbert explained that we had a $1500.00 grant from the Forestry Department to plant 21 trees of various types. This was the supplemental grant. Herbert Thompson reported that mulch had been put on the banks to provide for further plants.

Mayor Thompson discussed the town code book. He brought to Council's attention the problem that Greenville is having with topless bars and reminded them that if we do not have something to cover this type operation we should get something on the books in case it was needed. He stated that for the next meeting he will have read through the code book and have something to report concerning this issue and encouraged Council to do the same.
Mayor Thompson reminded Council of the annual town supper on December 19, 1994 at 6:30 at the Central Station Cafe. He expressed his appreciation for all those that had submitted information for the newsletter that just went out. The Pickens County Municipal Association will be hosted in January or February in our town. Mr. Herbert Thompson will find out which month so that preparation can be made for this.
Mayor Thompson reminded Council of the forthcoming dedication of the walking track in memory of Clarence Phillips, also some type of memorial for "Doc" Evatt to commemorate their contribution to our town. It is consensus of Council to name the concession stand and press box as a memorial for "Doc" Evatt if this is agreeable with his family.
Mayor Thompson reported that he would be speaking to the Clemson-Calhoun Rotary Club at Ramada Inn Friday December 23, 1994. He asked for input for his speech. He has been asked to express positive and negative events that have occurred in our city in the past year and what is considered the biggest opportunities and concerns we will face in 1995. Mayor Thompson said he plans to express that the town has not had to raise taxes in the past 10 years and our ISO rating is now a 5 with the possibility of a 4 to come. If the 4 does transpire Central will be the only volunteer fire department in the State of South Carolina to have a 4 rating, or possibly one more town might have a 4. He plans to mention that the old school has been placed on the National Registry. The program for recycling has been started. These are positive aspects of the year and topping the negative side of looking back over the year is the fact that we lost two of our beloved councilmen to death. More positive facts are that in the last five years two of our citizens recommended by our police department have been named "Citizen of the Year". They are Leonard Oates and Jean Tulli. This is quite an honor for a small town.

Administrator Herbert Thompson requested that the Council go into executive session for discussion of a legal matter at the conclusion of the regular session.
Harry Holladay stated that the building parked on Leland Martin's property needs to be removed.

Frank Chaka asked how much it would cost to put garland around our Christmas lights. Mr. Herbert Thompson stated that it would cost

approximately $150.00 per fixture. Discussion only.

At this time Mayor Thompson called for executive session for discussion of a legal matter. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by James Teal to enter into this session. The vote was unanimous. After executive session Mayor Thompson convened regular session to announce that no action was taken.

There being no further business Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Grace S. Towe

Catherine P. Hughes, Assistant Clerk
Transcribed by Grace S. Towe, Clerk
December 12, 1994