REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 10, 1997
CENTRAL TOWN HALL
105 WERNER STREET
CENTRAL, S.C. 29630

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilmen: Edward Reynolds; Frank Chaka; James Teal; Harry Holladay; Administrator Herbert Thompson; Police Chief Joe Gibbs; Clerk Grace Towe.

Absent: Bobby Busha; Joe Head

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order.

Invocation by James Teal.

Minutes of the January 13, 1997 Town Council meeting were presented. Motion by Frank Chaka, second by Edward Reynolds to accept. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thompson opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro Tempore. Harry Holladay, the incumbent Mayor Pro Tempore was nominated. No more nominations and the vote was four (4) for and one (1) abstention. Harry Holladay abstained.

Public Session (20 minutes) No public input.

Receipt and Disposition of Petitions: None.

Report From Council Committees:

Edward Reynolds - Public Safety - Mr. Reynolds reported that things had been relatively quiet in the fire department and Chief Joe Gibbs gave an update on police activity and reported that it had been a busy month and noted that this time of year produces more crime.

Frank Chaka - Finance - Mr. Chaka gave the financial report noting that a few items were over budget but over all finances are in good shape.

James Teal - Recreation - Mr. Teal reported that on Tuesday February 11, 1997 at 7:00 P. M. a meeting would be held at Clemson City Hall for discussion of different programs concerning the indoor recreational facility.

Harry Holladay - Planning - Mr. Holladay suggested that the Planning of downtown projects be revived so as to keep the area in good shape. Mayor Thompson suggested that new signs at each end of town would be an asset to the appearance of the town.
James Teal discussed the veteran's marker in the Mt. Zion Cemetery and suggested that it be updated to include the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts, along with Operation Desert Storm so that it would be all inclusive of our veterans.

Consideration of Ordinances In Possession of Council:

Second reading of Ordinance #97-02-01 to control burning within The Town Of Central. Motion by Edward Reynolds, second by Frank Chaka to accept the

ordinance. The vote was unanimous.

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Herbert Thompson gave the results of the long and short range goals discussed at the January 18, 1997 Council Planning Retreat, presented in priority sequence.

Herbert Thompson gave a report from the 23rd Winter Municipal Meeting in Columbia attended by himself, Chief Gibbs and Councilman Ed Reynolds. He reported a good meeting with some productive results.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Thompson requested that a tenative date be set for a public hearing on the fate of the Old School Building. It was consensus of council to set April 14, 1997 for this tenative public hearing.

Mayor Thompson again reminded Council of the Volunteer of The Year Award for 1996 and the need to get this done. A meeting was set for Tuesday February 18, 1997 at 7:00 P. M.

Mayor Thompson requested Council's support of the 1997 Railroad Festival Committee, this being at a minimum the same level of support as has been provided in previous years, which has primarily been garbage picked up, public safety, locating bleachers, road closing permission from the highway department, street cleaning after the festival is over, and portable restrooms. The dates this year for the festival are September 27 and 28, 1997, Saturday and Sunday. After discussion, motion by Frank Chaka, second by Edward Reynolds to provide at least this level of service. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Herbert Thompson reminded Council that July 24 through the 27th is the Municipal Association meeting in Charleston and he needs a head count promptly so that reservations can be made noting that rooms will be scarce.

Mayor Thompson reminded Council that the County Municipal meeting for February would be held in Liberty on February 24, 1997.

No further business, motion by Edward Reynolds, second by Harry Holladay to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace S. Towe

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Clerk
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