Town of Central
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Monday March 13, 2000 – 7:00 P. M.
Central Town Hall – 105 Werner Street
Central, S. C. 29630

Present: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilmembers: Frank Chaka; Keith Martin; Joe Head; Harry Holladay; Bobby Busha. Administrator Herbert Thompson. Citizens Beverly Cureton and Anne Sheriff. Clerk Grace Towe.

Mayor Stan Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P. M.

Invocation by Harry Holladay.

Minutes of the February 14, 2000 meeting were presented. Motion by Frank Chaka and seconded by Joe Head to dispense with the full reading of the minutes and adopt as corrected in work session. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Thompson recognized Ms. Beverly Cureton and Ms. Anne Sheriff. They were asked to come forward to receive the "VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR AWARD" for 1999. Mayor Thompson commended them for their work with the Heritage Society and the museum. He presented each with a resolution for their efforts.

Public Session: None

Receipt and disposition of Petitions: None

Report from Council Committees:

Harry Holladay – Mr. Holladay made a motion to give Administrator Herbert Thompson authorization to purchase three (3) acres of land adjacent to Hwy 93 as a potential construction site for a new Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Frank Chaka and the vote was unanimous.

Frank Chaka – Finance - Mr. Chaka presented the financial report noting that the utility fund was over budget and Mr. Herbert Thompson explained this was due to the impact monies sent to Pickens County in this budget year.

Keith Martin – Recreation – Mr. Martin gave a report on activities of the Recreation Department with good participation. Mr. Martin asked to be put on the work session agenda to discuss the possibility of hiring some summer help for grass cutting for the Recreation Dept. and the Town. He stated that the programming situation had been settled by abiding by the original agreement. Mr. Martin stated that he has been selected to serve on a subcommittee for a scholarship program for underprivileged children

in the Town of Central. Administrator Herbert Thompson had some information to add to Mr. Martin's report. He stated that Trevor Adair, President of the YMCA Board, had called him late Friday afternoon and asked if he could be granted an extension on the $5600 that they owed. Mr. Thompson told Trevor that he would think about it. Trevor asked if he could make the amount in four equal payments. Mr. Thompson reported that the only people that could make such a decision would be the City of Clemson and the Town of Central since they drew up the original agreement. Mr. Thompson asked Trevor Adair to put his request in writing so that he could present it to council.

Joe Head – Water and Sewer – Mr. Head stated that the town workers were doing a lot of weed eating and Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that some Round-up had been purchased to help in this area.

Harry Holladay – Planning- Mr. Holladay gave an update of the Census 2000 stating that most people should have filled out their form by now. If the form is not filled out and sent in by the first or second week in April, someone would be knocking on their door for the information . If the house is vacant, write "VACANT" on the form and send it back. This will save time and effort by Census workers. Mayor Thompson commended Mr. Holladay for his work with the Census 2000 and his interest in the Complete Count Committee which will do the followup work after the Census is in.

Bobby Busha – Streets and Sanitation – Mayor Thompson expressed his gratitude to Mr. Busha and welcomed him back after being out with his sickness. Mr. Busha had no report.

Consideration of ordinances in possession of Council: None.

Report from Mayor and Administrator:

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Herbert Thompson reported that a purchase order had been issued for a 25 cu yd sanitation truck to be delivered in June or July depending on when they can get the chassis for the truck.
Mr. Thompson reported that the new sewer plant still has problems. The bulkhead wall and the clarifiers, when filled up with 18 mile creek water, caused them to expand and collapse. The County has an April 1,
2000 deadline and this causes concern.
Mr. Thompson brought to the attention of Council a problem in Cedar Creek where the pipes go under the road . Mr. Thompson stated that Mr. Porter with Pickens County had inspected the site and that the County could build a bridge in that problem spot and do away with the pipes that are causing problems. Administrator Thompson requested that C-fund money be used to build this bridge if Council approves. A motion was made by Joe Head and seconded by Bobby Busha to request C-funds to build this bridge. The

vote was unanimous and Mr. Thompson reported that this project would cost approximately $45,000 and the Town would have to shore up the sewer lines and water lines and hopefully the $45,000 will cover all of this project.

Administrator Thompson discussed the property belonging to Ms. Peggy Langston at Catherine's Court. He advised Council that it would be to the town's advantage to exchange what the town owns there for property that will straighten Ms. Langston's property line and she will not be paying taxes on something she doesn't own. The access road would be moved to the opposite side of the property. A motion was made by Joe Head and seconded by Keith Martin to for Herbert Thompson to do the land trade with Ms. Langston. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Stan Thompson asked Council how they wished to proceed with all the information that was imparted to them at work session. More information is needed before final decisions can be made. Frank Chaka and Keith Martin thought it best to discuss these items in the next work session. Council agreed for Mr. Herbert Thompson to analyze the request from department heads and report on his findings at the next work session.

Mayor Thompson requested that Council go into a brief executive session for the purpose of discussing a legal matter. Motion was made Frank Chaka and seconded by Keith Martin. The vote was unanimous.

After executive session Mayor Thompson recalled the regular session and announced that no votes were taken and no decisions made. He then called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Harry Holladay and seconded by Keith Martin to adjourn and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

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