SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P M DECEMBER 5, 1994
CENTRAL TOWN HALL
105 WERNER STREET, CENTRAL, S. C.

PRESENT: Mayor Stan Thompson; Councilmen Frank Chaka; James Teal; Harry Holladay. Planning Commission member Jesse Cranford, Jr.; Town Administrator Herbert Thompson; Clerk Grace Towe.

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order.

Invocation by James Teal.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #94-12-12 C_TV; Cable Television Franchise Ordinance. Discussion of years of ordinance was discussed. Mr. Frank Chaka suggested that it be a 10 year franchise instead of 15 years. Mr. Chaka stated that other towns have 10 years and we should have the same duration period. The expiring agreement was for 15 years. Mr. Harry Holladay asked if it could be cut to 5 years. Mr. Herbert Thompson reported that the City of Pickens has tried for the five year agreement with no success. Cable companies state that their investments need at least 10 years and they prefer 15 years. Mayor Thompson reminded Council that this is not an exclusive agreement with the cable company. It is a nonexclusive agreement which means that with Council agreement other companies could run lines and serve the Town of Central. Mayor Thompson stated that page 3 Section 5 of the agreement contains the statement "and upon the expiration thereof shall be renewed for a like period at the option of the grantee". This is confusing since the town does not have the option to cancel the agreement at any time. Mayor Thompson suggested that the agreement be sent back to Cable Company and end the sentence with a period after 1994 and change the 15 years to 10 years. It was noted that Section 14 is where the town agrees to the percentage of gross subscriber revenue that they will pay the town in lieu of taxes. Consensus of Council to stay with the 3% instead of having the cable company raise the fees of the residents to compensate for any extra added percentage. After these recommendations motion by Frank Chaka, second by Harry Holladay to adopt the agreement on first reading. The vote was unanimous.

ADOPT RESOLUTION #17-94 TO SUPPORT THE Youth Exchange Program. Two international students, Pablo Alborch from Spain and Dirk Thoennissen from Switzerland. These students are attending D. W. Daniel High School. They are living in the Grace Lawson home. Mayor Thompson read the resolutions and motion by James Teal second by Frank Chaka to adopt the resolutions. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Herbert Thompson brought Council up to date on the 10 year term of the previously discussed agreement with the cable company. He read the portion where only 10 years is required but more years could be negotiated.

No further business, Mayor Thompson adjourned the Special Called Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace S. Towe
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