

**TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
1067 WEST MAIN STREET - CENTRAL, SC 29630
MONDAY, MARCH 09TH, 2026 – 7:00PM**

Present: Mayor, Ken Dill; Council Members, Curtis Peek, Doug Barry, Robert Griffin, Joe Moss, Lynne Chapman, Daniel Evatt; Administrator Phillip Mishoe; Assistant Administrator Tom Cloer; Fire Chief Ed Reynolds; Police Chief Steve Thompson: Officer Keagan Stelline and K-9 Niko, Officer Sam Freeman, Josh Addis, Sam Walters, Jack Queener, Paul Brown, Danielle O’Neil, Alec Salem, Kabi Martin, Brandon Norris, Mike Burns, Katrina Heise, Ann Warmuth, Justin Rakey and Town Clerk Jessica Rowland. All those requesting the agenda and members of press were notified Friday, March 06th, 2026 at 3:11 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Ken Dill

Mayor Ken Dill rendered the invocation

Invocation and Pledge

An invocation was delivered, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Mr. Peak. Council and attendees also recited the Civility Pledge in accordance with the South Carolina Municipal Association initiative.

Approval of Agenda Amendment

A motion was made to amend the agenda by moving Agenda Item #9 to Item #3 and allowing Mr. Alex Salem (Walmart Store Manager) to speak prior to public session.

Motion	Second	Vote
Councilmember Mayor Ken Dill	Councilmember Joe Moss	Unanimous

Special Recognition

- **Commendation – Officer Stelline and K-9 “Niko”**

Mayor Dill presented a Letter of Commendation to Officer Stelline and K-9 “Nico” for their actions on January 2, 2026, when they successfully located a missing woman who had attempted self-harm and ensured she received life-saving medical assistance.

A motion was made to enter the Commendation Letter into official Meeting Minutes.

[See attached letter]

Motion	Second	Vote
Councilmember Mayor Ken Dill	Councilmember Joe Moss	Unanimous

Walmart Store Renovation Update

Mr. Alex Salem, Store Manager of the Central Walmart, provided an update on the store's renovation.

Key highlights included:

- \$9 million investment in the Central store
- Updated signage and displays
- Expanded product selections
- Improvements to online pickup and delivery services
- Pharmacy redesign with privacy areas
- Installation of digital shelf labels
- Addition of a Dunkin' Donuts location
- Renovation of Clemson and Southern Wesleyan apparel sections
- Commitment to keeping community donations focused within Central

Mr. Salem also committed to restoring a community-themed mural in the store and announced participation by regional Walmart leadership at upcoming community events.

Public Session

Wreaths Across America – Annual Report, Ms. Ann Warmuth

- Approximately 250 volunteers participated
- 1,036 veterans honored
- Projected 1,090 veterans for 2026
- Request for \$1,496 from the Town to sponsor 202 wreaths

Council will review the request during a future Council Information Meeting.

Planning Commission Report – Mr. Justin Rakey

Planning Commission Chair, thanked council for:

- Funding a contract planner
- Supporting zoning administration through Appalachian Council of Governments
- Allocating funds for a Code Enforcement Officer

He also expressed appreciation for the leadership of the Town Administrator.

Ordinances and Policies already in possession of Council

- *Ordinance 03-09-2026*; Second Reading; Annexation of 232 Central Landfill Road (Parcel 4075-00-1065)

Motion	Second	Vote
Councilmember	Councilmember	4 – Yes
Mayor Ken Dill	Joe Moss	3 – No

Motion Carried

- *Ordinance 03-09-2026*; Second Reading – Annexation of Parcel 4074-00-55-4422; 1754 Eighteen Mile Road

Motion	Second	Vote
Councilmember	Councilmember	Unanimous
Curtis Peek	Joe Moss	

Motion Carried

- *Ordinance 03-09-2026*; Second Reading; Returning of Broad Street near Herd Street to a two-way traffic pattern

Motion	Second	Vote
Councilmember Lynne Chapman	Councilmember Joe Moss	Unanimous

Motion Carried

- *Ordinance 03-09-2026; Second Reading; Renaming of Work Session to **Council Information Meeting** to improve transparency.*

Motion	Second	Vote
Councilmember Curtis Peek	Councilmember Daniel Evatt	Unanimous

New Ordinances and Resolutions

- *Resolution 03-09-2026; Notice of Public Hearing for the Eighteen Mile Redevelopment Plan (TIF District).*

Purpose:

- Begin statutory process
- Notify Pickens County and Pickens County School District
- Schedule public hearing for May 11, 2026

Motion	Second	Vote
Councilmember Lynne Chapman	Councilmember Curtis Peek	Unanimous

Motion Carried

- *Ordinance 04-13-2026*; First Reading – Municipal Improvement District (MID)
 - Related to the redevelopment project.

Purpose:

- Provide financial security for infrastructure bonds
- Require developer participation in infrastructure costs

Motion	Second	Vote
Mayor Ken Dill	Councilmember Joe Moss	Unanimous

Motion Carried; Town Clerk instructed to add to April's agenda for second reading.

- *Ordinance 04-13-2026*; First Reading – Comprehensive Plan Update (Future Land Use Map)

Purpose:

- Update map to include recently annexed properties south of Highway 123.

Motion	Second	Vote
Councilmember Curtis Peek	Councilmember Joe Moss	Unanimous

Motion Carried; Town Clerk instructed to add to April's agenda for second reading.

- *Ordinance 04-13-2026*; 1st Reading – Rezoning of 400 Sims School Road (R20)

Motion carried.

Council issued an official proclamation recognizing April as Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Prevention Month, encouraging support for local advocacy organizations.

Motion	Second	Vote
Mayor Ken Dill	Councilmember Lynne Chapman	Unanimous

Motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Work Session - February 3, 2026

Motion	Second	Vote
Mayor Ken Dill	Councilmember Curtis Peek	Unanimous

- Regular Council Meeting - February 9, 2026

Motion	Second	Vote
Mayor Ken Dill	Councilmember Curtis Peek	Unanimous

Committee Reports

Finance & Marketing – Councilmember D. Evatt

Discussion between Council, Josh Addis - Finance and Philip Mishoe – Administrator took place with concern of water and sewer revenue fluctuations and accounting adjustments

Streets & Public Safety – Councilmember J. Moss

- Fire Department: 60 calls in February
- Police Department: 259 stops
- Code Enforcement: 14 cases

Utilities – Councilmember L. Chapman

- 117 work orders completed
- 67 disconnection notices issued; 49 reconnected

Recreation – Councilmember R. Griffin

- Two Central youth basketball teams won state championships
- Spring sports registration totals:
 - 21 flag football teams
 - 27 baseball teams
 - 5 softball teams

Planning – Councilmember C. Peek

- Public meetings scheduled for the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO):
 - March 12
 - March 26

Tourism & Economic Development – Councilmember D. Barry

- Upcoming events:
 - Depot events – Spring concerts
 - Easter Egg Hunt

- Unity in the Community event
- Fourth of July planning for America 250 / Central 150 celebration

Administrator's Report

Town Administrator reported:

- Water line installation planned along Eighteen Mile Road
- Proposal to contract with Jeff Shaker for an impact fee study and sewer capacity policy

Motion	Second	Vote
Mayor Ken Dill	Councilmember Lynne Chapman	Unanimous

Mayor's Report

Council members were reminded to file Statements of Economic Interest with the Ethics Commission by **March 30, 2026**

Executive Session

Council entered Executive Session at approx. 8:53PM pursuant to South Carolina Code §30-4-70(A)(1) to discuss the Town Administrator's contract.

Motion	Second	Vote
Mayor Ken Dill	Councilmember Lynne Chapman	Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned to Executive Session

At approx. 9:30PM Councilmembers returned from Executive Session.

Action Items

Council stated that they had reached a number concerning the renewal of the Administrator's Contact – extension granted for 22 months in the amount of \$153,000.00.

Motion	Second	Vote
Councilmember Lynne Chapman	Councilmember Daniel Evatt	6 – Yes 1 - No

Motion carried

With no further business, Mayor Ken Dill adjourned the meeting at 9:34 PM.

Approved:

Date:

Jessica H. Rowland
04.13.2020