

**TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
1067 WEST MAIN STREET, CENTRAL, SC 29630
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022 – 7:00PM**

Present: Mayor Andrew J. Beckner, Council Members Paige Bowers, Joe N. Moss, Lynne Chapman, Ken Dill, and Harry Holladay; Administrator Phillip Mishoe; Assistant Administrator Tom Cloer; Fire Chief Ed Reynolds; Officer Tim Williamson; Alisha Campbell, Nicholas Rader, Keith Abercrombie, Susan Abercrombie, Myles Gordy, Willie Gaines, and Town Clerk Susan A. Brewer.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andrew Beckner.

Ken Dill rendered the invocation.

Reading of Minutes 04.11.2022, Special Called Meeting Minutes 04.12.2022, Public Hearing Minutes 04.26.2022, and Special Called Meeting Minutes 04.26.2022

Lynne Chapman made the motion to adopt 04.11.2022, Special Called Meeting Minutes 04.12.2022, Public Hearing; seconded by Joe Moss. The vote was unanimous.

Amendment to Approved Minutes dated 03/14/2022 Line 98- 108

Lynne Chapman made the motion to adopt amendment to approved minutes dated 03/14/2022 Line 98-108; seconded by Joe Moss. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session (30 Minutes Total)

Nick Rader approached Council and asked if there was some type of emergency plan created for the area in especially with the project coming from Lawton Road. Chief Reynolds told him our fire department is trained and capable of handling emergency as they arise. He also confirmed all the fire trucks that could cross under the underpass if the train was stopped at the crossings.

Keith Abercrombie approached Council to ask several questions. Keith asked about the Planning Commission. He asked Paige Bowers how many people did we have right now on the Planning Commission. She told him we have 4. He asked how many should we have now. She said 5 but she is going to ask Council to raise it to 7. He asked when it was going to 7. She said we would have the second reading next month and she would have applicants to vote on next month. Keith asked if she was going to fill that 1 vacancy now before she adds the other 2. She told him no that they were going to do all 3 at the same time. Keith asked her what were the qualifications to be on the Planning Commission. She said they had to be a resident of the Town of Central and express your interest in that. He asked if the Planning Commission have the final say on zoning and plats etc. over the Town Council. She said it was more than the Planning Commission that looks at the final plats. She said there was a group of individuals that looked at them. Keith asked her if she knew what the name of the group was. She said it was listed the Land Development Regulation. Keith asked who would that be. Paige told him the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, a member of planning, and a member of the town. Keith said if you have those 3 openings and 10 applicants how do they choose how to choose 3 out of ten. Paige said she looks at if they are a

member of the town, looks at their education or desire, and how they fit in to where are needs are. She said right now we weren't very diverse, and that was one of the things they were looking for. Keith said to the mayor that we should have some type of rules and regulations who goes on that committee. He said if it was on a first come first serve basis he could just go to the alley and get Donald and Chief Abear and they could be on the committee. Keith said there needs to some type of rules and regulations. He asked who the applicants were appointed by. Paige told him Council appoints them. Paige said she just makes a motion and all council has their applications. If they don't agree with what she is recommending then they can go a different direction. He then asked if the next meeting is when they were going to present the applicants. She said yes. Keith asked if it was going to who was the most qualified out of those applicants. He said he just doesn't understand 1 person picking 3 people out of 10 people. Paige said it was 3 out of 5 and she has had conversations.

Keith Abercrombie said he had filed a verbal complaint about 402 Zion Circle. He said that would be Hamp Black house that no one lives in. He said there was 2 dilapidated buildings and a dog lot behind the house. He said the dog lot was not in compliance with our ordinance. He said he was talking with Tim Striss because he had been filing some written complaints and other things and he had come to the shop to update him on that. He said that was when he told him about the 2 dilapidated buildings and the dog lot. He said Tim leaves and comes back later and says the Town of Central has no jurisdiction on railroad property. He said after he told him that he went to see Mike Durham. He said he several cars that were on railroad property and the town made him move those cars. He said if the town does not have any jurisdiction on railroad property was the town just bullying Mike to make him move them? He said they (police) told him if he didn't start moving them this is what we are going to start doing. He said while they were talking Mike said when he opened his business up there, he was told he couldn't put a sign up hanging off the building. He said he was told it had to be flat against the building. So, Mike said what about Central Station Café? He was told it was grandfathered. He said they were standing there close to a window. He said Mike said look up there and there was a big ice cream sign bolted on to the building. He asked if there was an ordinance saying you could not have a sign hanging off of your building. Mayor said he did not know but he would look into it for him. Keith said that the sign doesn't bother him. The cars don't bother him. Mayor said equal application law. Keith said that is pisses him off down here is one person will say one thing and then another person will say another thing. He said it was like the paid employees and the council are two completely separate entities. He said the paid people do what they want to do and actually they (council) should be the one running the show. He said council should be telling the employees how it should go.

Keith Abercrombie said the last thing he wanted to bring up was Dean Martin. He said he has known him his whole life. He said Dean had always told him he was going to retire when he turned 62. Keith said he does not what all transpired but he assumed he gave Phillip Mishoe a two-week notice. Keith asked Harry Holladay if Phillip Mishoe contacted him and let him know Dean had turned in his two-notice. Harry said no. Then he asked Harry if he ever contacted him about Dean's resignation. Harry said no. Keith said a person that had worked here for decades, that close to 62, and we could not tell him that someone down here did not piss him off royally, to walk out door taking a job paying \$15,000 less than what he made here. He said maybe someone doesn't feel comfortable with talking to Phillip Mishoe and anytime that someone that

has been here forever, they (council) need to be told so they can find out why. If there was something wrong, is there something we can do to accommodate you until you reach the retirement age. Keith said he realized if it was someone that was here 6 months and been late every day and whatever. He said he understood that. But someone like Dean that had been here forever should have been handled differently. Keith said Harry should have been contacted immediately. Harry said he knew Dean was leaving but he didn't know who told him. He said Phillip had told them Dean decided to stay. Harry said when he left, he was shocked that he left. Harry said he tried his best to get him to stay but it was Dean's decision to leave. He said Dean left on his own terms.

Receipt and Disposition of Petitions (15 Minutes Total)

None

Reports from Council Committees:

All committee reports are on file in the Town Clerk's office and available for review upon request.

A. Planning – Paige Bowers

Paige Bowers reported that Planning would be meeting next week on the 17th.

Paige Bowers made the motion to appoint Alexandra Celeste Elliot and Judy Griffin to serve on the Main Street Advisory Committee; seconded by Joe Moss. The vote was unanimous.

B. Streets and Public Safety – Joe Moss

Nothing to report at this time.

C. Finance and Marketing – Lynne Chapman

Lynne Chapman reported the sewer and sanitation was in the black. She asked the administrator to report on the water fund and general fund. Phillip Mishoe said the general fund was in good shape. He said transfers were not done in December which made it in the red. He said it is actual \$276,000 in the black and he instructed the finance director to not transfer it now because we are fixing to start a new year. The water had improved and adjustments were being made in the budget to help correct the problem.

D. Recreation – Ken Dill

Ken Dill reported the disc golf we had this past weekend. He said we had asked the sheriffs Department to help monitor that area during the tournament.

Ken Dill made the motion to request \$5000 from Hospitality Fund to Install Electrical Box at Scoreboard for Special Events and Upgrade the Panel Box Near the Caboose for Events; Joe Moss asked if that was the only two spots, we were needing to do this. Tom Cloer said yes seconded by Paige Bowers. The vote was unanimous.

E. Enterprise – Harry Holladay

Harry Holladay made the motion to request \$75,000 from the Sewer Reserve Fund for the Church Street Water Line Project; seconded by Lynne Chapman. Mayor asked Phillip Mishoe to give a brief report. Phillip said we have put it back out on bid again. He said the grant wanted more than one bid to compare. He said the reason they are voting on the \$75,000 was to show the grant people that we are willing to cover a little more. The vote was unanimous.

F. Tourism and Economic Development- LC Hayes (Mayor Reported in LC's absence)
Resolution #05-09-2022 TIMELESS EVENTS

Mayor made the motion to adopt Resolution #05-09-2022 TIMELESS EVENTS; seconded by Paige Bowers. The vote was unanimous.

Farmer's Market Request

Mayor made the motion to request \$6000 for the Farmer's Market; second by Ken Dill. The vote was unanimous.

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Introduction and consideration of new Ordinances, Policies, Proclamation and Resolutions

First Reading of Ordinance #06-13-2022 BU (18 fund)

Mayor made the motion to adopt on first reading of Ordinance #06-13-2022 BU pertaining only to the 18 fund (Sanitation); seconded by Ken Dill. Paige Bowers recused herself due to a family member employed in this department. The vote was unanimous with 1 recusal.

First Reading of Ordinance #06-13-2022 BU

Ken Dill made the motion to adopt on first reading of Ordinance # 06-13-2022 BU for funds containing 10,12,13,20,30,32,33,35,40,60,71,80 funds; seconded by Paige Bowers. The vote was unanimous.

First Reading of Ordinance #06-13-2022 RB

Lynne Chapman made the motion to adopt on second reading Ordinance #06-13-2022 RB; seconded by Joe Moss. The vote was unanimous.

First Reading of Policy #06-13-2022 BASE RATES

Paige Bowers made the motion to adopt on first reading Policy #06-13-2022 BASE; seconded by Joe Moss. The vote was unanimous.

First Reading of Policy #06-13-2022 IFS

Paige Bowers made the motion to adopt on first reading Policy #06-13-2022 IFS; seconded by Ken Dill. The vote was unanimous.

Resolution #05-09-2022 AB

Lynne Chapman made the motion to adopt on Resolution 05-09-2022 AB; seconded by Ken Dill. The vote was unanimous.

Resolution #05-09-2022 EE

Lynne Chapman made the motion to adopt on Resolution 05-09-2022 EE; seconded by Ken Dill. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of Ordinances and Policies already in possession of Council

None

Reports from the Administrator and Mayor:

A. Administrator

Phillip Mishoe reported that he would be out of the office for the remainder of this week. He was attending a SCMIT Conference that was fully paid for by MASC.

Phillip Mishoe advised Council he would be having surgery on May 17th and would be out of the office at least two weeks.

B. Mayor

None

Executive Session

Mayor moved to go into Executive Session by unanimous consent to discuss Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)– Section 30-4-70 (a) (2); seconded by Lynne Chapman. The vote was unanimous.

Return from Executive Session

Council returned from executive session where no decisions were made only information was shared.

ACTION ITEMS AS NEEDED VIA EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

None

With no objections, Mayor Andrew Beckner adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Brewer, CMC
Town Clerk

Approved: 06/13/2022