

**TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
1067 WEST MAIN STREET, CENTRAL, SC 29630
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020 - 7:00PM**

Present: Mayor Mac Martin; Council Members Paige Bowers, Joe Moss, Lynne Chapman; and Harry Holladay; Administrator Phillip Mishoe; Police Chief Steve Thompson; Fire Chief Ed Reynolds; Corporal Pete Harding; Building Official Curt Edsall; Edith William, Heather McEuen, Catina Holden, Evangelos Sourpas, Kate Byrd, Gussie Pinson, Rosa Grayden, Katherine Brooks, Tripp Brooks; and Town Clerk Susan A. Brewer.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mac Martin.

Joe Moss rendered the invocation.

Reading of Regular Council Meeting Minutes 06.08.2020 & Reading of Public Hearing Minutes 06.08.2020

Lynne Chapman made the motion to adopt Regular Council Meeting minutes 06.08.2020 & Public Hearing Minutes 06.08.2020; seconded by Joe Moss. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session

Catina Holden who resides at 310 Clayton Street. She said her concern is about the basketball courts. She asked what Curt's name and title was. He provided her with that information. She said in her two years of living in Central no one has contacted her about us building a basketball court. She felt like this was a bad location. She felt it would be dangerous. She said she would like to know the rules and regulations. They asked had it been contracted out yet? He said he knew we were doing the sewer first. Mayor told them they were no funds, no rules, no design. Nothing had been done for the basketball courts except the land was donated. He said that was great in their eyes because they would like to be involved in the process. He felt we needed community involvement on the project. Catina said that she would like to know if the property could be sold and the courts be put back at the old Central Park where it was before? Chair asked Joe Moss to comment on the basketball courts. Joe Moss said he had been working on this project for some time now and he is thankful the individuals donated the land. He said they had been discussing putting a fence up, community outreach, and different aspects of building the courts. He said when the time comes, he will be reaching out to the community. He said there will be coaches, rules, there will be times ages. He said it was going to be monitored. He was asked if it was just going to be a basketball court or would it be more like a park? He said he felt like we could get plenty of people to do pro bono and make it more than just a blacktop with lines on it. They said they were excited about this. Joe Moss told them if they set up a meeting he would be there.

Rosa Grayden

Rosa Grayden said she resides at 101 Cantrell Drive. She said that she wanted to ask some questions and she hoped someone was taking notes because she wanted answers.

Rosa Grayden thanked the Chief for reaching out to her with the information she requested last month. She said that she would like for him to contact Chad Starks for a diversity training.

Rosa Grayden asked if the information for the Advisory Board would be public. Mayor said it would. She asked if we were going to get public input? Mayor said yes. Mayor said it is not approved yet but it was on their agenda. She said she met with Ken Dill. She said he talked and he also listened. Rosa then asked why the media was not at the meeting. Mayor said we have a table for them but they choose not to come. He told her that the agenda is emailed to all media in this area. Rosa asked who was on the Planning Committee. She wanted to know if there were any minority members on the committee. She said she feels like everyone should go through diversity training.

She asked if there was anything being discussed about Community Policing. She said she took a class and it helped her understand a lot of things that the police are dealing with. She said that is why training is so important.

Rosa Grayden then asked what are we doing with the funding we receive. She said everyone doesn't play basketball. She wanted to know how the money was giving to the community as a whole. She said she is working with a group and going out to see what they need. She asked what we do with the accommodation tax. Mayor told her we don't have accommodation tax. She then asked where the tax dollars were going that are not being appropriated in the community. Mayor told her we do not have any unappropriated tax dollars. Mayor said the budget is public record and we were going to talk a little about it in a few minutes.

Rosa Grayden asked Gussie Pinson to come up. Ms. Pinson said that last week she had a bat on her back porch. She said that the police officer came out and took it and he was going to have it tested to see if it had some type of disease. Rosa Grayden said that she called DNR and they said they couldn't come out until the 31st. She said that the mill is dilapidated and what was it zoned. She said this was the second time she came to address the problems with the mill. She asked about the plans that Curt Edsall had presented. She said that something needs to be done on Moore Street. She said there is money somewhere. Mayor told Rosa Grayden that 1% of the sales taxes go to local option sales tax and it goes toward your property taxes. He said that is why your taxes are cheaper if you live inside town limits. Mayor said we are proactively seeking grants. He said we have received a lot of them. He said approximately 6 to 8 million dollars. He said that was pretty much equal to the property tax we have collected. Rosa Grayden then asked how we could be proactive in getting money to build the community. Mayor said we do that. She disagreed. She said as being a part of this city she wanted to active and she wants us to build around the people here not just the students.

Receipt and Disposition of Petitions

Phillip Mishoe said we had a petition for annexation at 410 Clayton Street.

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

None

B. Streets and Public Safety – Joe Moss

None

C. Finance and Marketing – Lynne Chapman

Phillip Mishoe reported that the general fund is about \$245,000 in the negative. He said aid to sub division didn't come in on time. He said we bought a fire truck that is \$60,000 a year, and business license would be less this year. He said we were going to have to tap into the reserves earlier than we usually do. He said water and sewer stayed steady. He said he would keep them updated. Harry Holladay asked how we get the taxes that Pickens County Collects. Phillip Mishoe said that they cut us a check once a month as they collect it. He said along the way we get aid to subdivision and franchise fees. Phillip said all the funds ended in the black except for sanitation. He said we will know for sure in the next few months if the rates will hold for the sanitation fund and if cutting recycling helped.

D. Recreation – Ken Dill

None

E. Enterprise- Harry Holladay

Harry Holladay reported that we were running behind with collecting water payments. He said he hoped it would pick back up. He said that penalties were added back in June and disconnects would begin back in July.

F. Tourism and Economic Development – Daniel Evatt

None

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Introduction and consideration of New Ordinances, Policies, and Resolutions

First Reading of Ordinance #08-03-2020 EMERGENCY

Chair made the motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance #08-03-2020EMERCENY; second by Lynne Chapman. Th vote was unanimous.

Resolution #07-06-2020 REINSTATE POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

No motion was made. Chair asked to have it put on the next meeting.

First Reading of Ordinance #08-03-2020 SLAGEL

Lynne Chapman made the motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance # 08-03-2020 SLAGEL; seconded by Joe Moss. The vote was unanimous.

Resolution #07-06-2020 JES

Joe Moss made the motion to adopt Resolution # 07-06-2020 JES; seconded by Lynne Chapman. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of Ordinances, Policies, and Resolutions already in possession of Council

None

Reports from the Administrator and Mayor:

A. Administrator

Phillip Mishoe reported the Spring Forest Project was moving along and were almost finished with the sewer line and would be working on the storm water drain after they complete it.

Phillip Mishoe told Council that the 3rd gym at the Rec Center was moving along and if they hadn't ridden by, he encouraged them to do so.

Phillip Mishoe asked if Council had any questions for him. There were none.

B. Mayor

Mayor reported he had the recycling report if anyone wanted to see it. He said even though we weren't doing curbside we were still doing pretty good.

Executive Session

Chair moved to go into Executive Session to discuss legal Section 30-4-70 (a) (1) and Section 30-4-70 (a)(2), legal action; seconded Lynne Chapman. The vote was unanimous.

Return from Executive Session

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

With no objections, Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Brewer, CMC
Town Clerk

Approved: 08/03/2020