

**TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
1067 WEST MAIN STREET - CENTRAL, SC 29630
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025 – 7:00pm**

Present: Mayor Andrew Beckner; Council Members S. Paige Bowers, Joe Moss, Lynne Chapman, Ken Dill, Curtis Peek, and Robert Griffin; Administrator Phillip Mishoe; Assistant Administrator Tom Cloer; Fire Chief Ed Reynolds; Officer Tyler Price; Jack Queener, Doug Barry, Megan Ramey, Susan Brewer, and Town Clerk Jessica H. Rowland. All those requesting the agenda and member of press were notified Friday, November 07, 2025 at 12:48PM.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andrew Beckner noting the presence of a quorum.

Joe Moss rendered the invocation with thanks for Veterans Day and prayers for wisdom and guidance.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Council reviewed and approved the following meeting minutes:

Meeting Type	Date	Motion	Second	Vote
Work Session	October 06, 2025	Councilmember Paige Bowers	Councilmember Ken Dill	Unanimous
Special Called Meeting	October 06, 2025	Councilmember Mayor Andrew Beckner	Councilmember Curtis Peek	Unanimous
Regular Council Meeting	October 13, 2025	Councilmember Lynne Chapman	Councilmember Paige Bowers	Unanimous

Public Session (30 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker)

Two residents addressed the council:

- **Doug Barry** inquired about plans for the Town's Sesquicentennial Celebration, expressing interest in events to mark the milestone.
- **Jack Queener** passed on speaking.

No additional speakers. Public session closed.

Council Response:

With no other speakers, Council moved to next item on agenda.

Reports and Petitions

Administrator Phillip Mishoe: NONE

Council Committee Reports

Finance and Marketing – Councilmember P. Bowers

- *Financial Overview:*
 - *General Fund:*
 - \$903,271.00 – Reduction of almost 81,000
 - *Water Fund:*
 - Revenue: \$ 111,784.00
 - Balance: \$ 17,383.00
 - Physical Year Balance: -\$4542.00
 - *Sewer Fund:*
 - Revenue: \$159,919.00
 - Balance: \$-10,100.00
 - Physical Year Balance: \$49,023.00
 - *Sanitation Fund:*
 - Revenue: \$35,443.00
 - Balance: \$18,347.00
 - Physical Year Balance: \$ 48.932.00

Streets and Public Safety – Councilmember J. Moss

- **Central Fire Department:**
 - 59 calls in October
 - 562 calls year-to-date.
- **Police Department:**
 - Received \$110,379 public safety grant for community safety initiatives.
- **Upcoming events:**
 - Christmas Parade – December 05
 - Shop with a Hero – December 12
 - Pickens County Toy Parade – December 13
 - Wreaths Across America – December 13

Enterprise and Community Engagement – Councilmember L. Chapman

- **Water/Sewer Department:**
 - 132 work orders completed; 46 disconnections, 38 reconnected.
- **Sanitation:**
 - Normal operations.
- **Next Community Engagement Meeting:**
 - November 20 at Central First Baptist Church, 7:00 PM.
 - Council discussed rotating locations for better community outreach.

Recreation – Councilmember K. Dill

- Congratulations made to the Central Tigers 8U Football Team – 2025 County Champions.
- Basketball Jamboree: Dec 13, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM, Recreation Center.
 - Record of 58 youth basketball teams registered this year.
- Senior Bingo: November 13, 11:30 AM
 - Indoor Rec Center
 - Free meal, prizes, and support from Central Walmart

Planning Commission – Councilmember C. Peek

- Appointment of Donald J. Worth to Zoning Board of Appeals - tabled pending review.
 - Proceeded without motion
- Future Land Use Map updates in progress (southern quadrant revisions).
- Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) draft nearing completion; public review sessions to begin early 2026.
 - Council encouraged holding sessions after December for better attendance.

Tourism and Economic Development – Councilmember R. Griffin

- Planning for Sesquicentennial Celebration to revitalize open space on Main Street (between the bank and Helping Hands) as a public gathering area.
- Christmas Parade: Friday, December 5, 2025
 - Pre-parade music and activities starting at 5:00 PM
 - Tree lighting at the caboose, free hot chocolate from Central Fire Department, and visits with Santa & Mrs. Claus.

New Business - NONE

- However, Councilmember Ken Dill inquired on Code Enforcement Notes and expressed appreciation of business license checks completion of receiving

Old Business – NONE

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

- NONE

Consideration of Ordinances and Policies already in possession of Council

- Second reading of Ordinance #11-10-2025 BL AMENDED
 - Motion: Councilmember Curtis Peek; Second: Mayor Andrew Beckner
 - Discussion started with Councilmember P. Bowers
 - Centered on fairness of business license fees for contractors performing small jobs under \$2,000.
 - Concern expressed over doubled fees for out-of-town contractors.

- Council noted potential for future review and comparison with neighboring municipalities.
- Motion to adopt failed.
 - Opposed: Councilmember(s): P. Bowers, J. Moss, L. Chapman, K. Dill
 - For: Mayor A. Beckner, C. Peek, R. Griffin

Town Administrator's Report

- Reminder of PCMA Dinner, Monday, November 17, 6:00 PM, Southern Wesleyan University.

No petitions were submitted.

Executive Session

- Mayor Andrew Beckner called Executive Session pursuant to S.C. Code 30-4-70
 - Motion: Mayor A. Becker
 - 2nd: Councilmember J. Moss
 - Vote: Unanimous

Meeting recessed

Councilmembers returned from Executive Session and assured no votes were taken and just discussion took place.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica H. Rowland
Town Clerk

Approved: 12/08/2025