

**TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
1067 WEST MAIN STREET - CENTRAL, SC 29630
MONDAY, DECEMBER 08, 2025 – 7:00pm**

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Ken Dill; Council Members Joe Moss, Lynne Chapman, and Curtis Peek; Administrator Phillip Mishoe; Assistant Administrator Tom Cloer; Fire Chief Ed Reynolds; Officer Ashley Brito, Jack Queener, Doug Barry, Marc and Suzi Benkowitz, Megan Ramey, Marie Dawkins, Ann Warmuth, Susan Brewer, and Town Clerk Jessica H. Rowland. All those requesting the agenda and member of press were notified Friday, December 05, 2025 at 3:32PM.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Ken Dill along with an opening prayer.

A quorum was confirmed in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Council reviewed and approved the following meeting minutes:

| Meeting Type | Date | Motion | Second | Vote |
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| Regular Council Meeting | November 10 th , 2025 | Councilmember Curtis Peek | Councilmember Joe Moss | Unanimous |

Public Session (30 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker)

- **Speaker:** Anne Warmouth, 610 College Street
- **Topic:** Wreaths Across America
- Mrs. Warmouth provided an update on changes to Wreaths Across America financing, noting the elimination of the prior “buy two, receive three” program. She requested council consideration of funding assistance due to the shortened fundraising window (December 13–31).
- Key points included:
 - Coverage goal of 1,041 veterans across 10 cemeteries
 - Past council sponsorship of 220 wreaths
 - Estimated funding need of approximately \$1,870

- Excess wreaths roll forward to future years
- Appreciation expressed for council support and parade honor
- Council acknowledged the request and indicated the matter would be handled through the appropriate budget line item.

No additional speakers. Public session closed.

Council Response:

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

Receipt and Disposition of Petitions – Administrator, Phillip Mishoe

- One annexation request on 18 Mile Road
- Two annexation petitions for parcels adjacent to the elementary school

All petitions will be reviewed at the upcoming work session.

Council Committee Reports

Finance and Marketing – Councilmember P. Bowers – ABSENT

Streets and Public Safety – Councilmember J. Moss

- **Code Enforcement:**
 - 19 contacts/citations during the month
- **Fire Department:**
 - 633 calls (largest year on record)
- **Police Department:**
 - 2,280 incidents handled

Council expressed appreciation for staff efforts.

Enterprise and Community Engagement – Councilmember L. Chapman

- **Water & Sewer:**
 - 114 work orders completed
- **Meter reading:**
 - November 12; rechecks November 13
- **Disconnections:**
 - 39 (28 reconnected)
- **Sanitation:**
 - Normal operations with adjusted Thanksgiving schedule
- **Community Engagement Meeting:**
 - Small attendance, positive discussion
 - No time/date for next month meeting as of yet

Recreation – Mayor Pro Tem K. Dill

Southern Wesleyan University Easement Release

- Release the easement on two parcels owned by Southern Wesleyan University adjacent to the bike trails and direct the administrator to carry out the release.

| Motion | Second | Vote |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Mayor Pro Tem Ken Dill | Councilmember Lynn Chapman | Unanimous |

- Basketball Jamboree: December 13, 12:00–4:00 PM
- Youth Basketball Season: Begins January 5
- Total Teams: 58
- Indoor Recreation Report – sent separate

Planning – Councilmember C. Peek

Wastewater Plant Expansion Discussion

- Letter was drafted asking Pickens Co. and City of Liberty for a set down meeting to discuss expansion of sewer plant on Willy Wonka.

- Motion: Carry out sending of letter to Pickens Co. and City of Liberty

| Motion | Second | Vote |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Councilmember Curtis Peek | Councilmember Joe Moss | Unanimous |

Planning Commission Appointment

- Motion: Appoint Donald Worth to the Planning Commission.

| Motion | Second | Vote |
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| Councilmember Curtis Peek | Councilmember Joe Moss | Unanimous |

Mr. Worth submitted a resignation from the Police Advisory Committee to assume the new role.

Tourism and Economic Development – Councilmember R. Griffin - ABSENT

New Business

Administrator Employment Contract

- Motion: Extend the Town Administrator’s contract through March 31, 2026

| Motion | Second | Vote |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Mayor Pro Tem Ken Dill | Councilmember Curtis Peek | Unanimous |

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 #12-08-2025 BL AMENDED
- *Motion: Approve Ordinance 128-2025 BL (Amended) on second reading*
 - The amendment aligns local ordinances with updated state requirements

| Motion | Second | Vote |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Mayor Pro Tem Ken Dill | Councilmember Curtis Peek | Unanimous |

Reports from Town Administrator and Mayor

- **Administrator:**
 - Christmas Parade rescheduled to Sunday at 5:00 PM
 - Tree lighting activities begin at 3:45 PM
 - Town Christmas Party scheduled for the following evening, Tuesday, December 09 at 6:00 PM
 - Acknowledgment of Susan Brewer's final regular meeting
- **Mayor Pro Tem**
 - Work Session: January 5
 - Organizational Meeting & Swearing-In: January 12 at 7:00 PM
 - Recognition and appreciation expressed for Susan Brewer's 20 years of service, including a standing ovation

No petitions were submitted.

Executive Session

- Mayor Pro Tem Ken Dill called Executive Session pursuant to S.C. Code 30-4-70

| Motion | Second | Vote |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Mayor Pro Tem Ken Dill | Councilmember Curtis Peek | 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 7:42PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica H. Rowland
Town Clerk

Approved: 02-09-2026