

**TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
1067 W MAIN STREET - CENTRAL, SC 29630
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021 –7:08PM**

Present: Mayor Mac Martin, Council Members Paige Bowers, Joe N. Moss, Lynne Chapman, Ken Dill, Daniel Evatt, and Harry Holladay; Town Administrator Phillip D. Mishoe; Assistant Administrator Tom Cloer; Fire Chief Ed Reynolds; Will Mullinax, Shawna Reid, Greg Reid, Andrew Beckner, Rachelle Beckner, Marshall Collins, David Garrett, Kenneth Kyle Merck, Lewis Patterson, Doug Barry, Rosa Grayden, Maureen Lesley, and Town Clerk Susan A. Brewer.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mac Martin.

Ken Dill rendered the invocation.

Reading of Regular Council Meeting Minutes 09.13.2021, Joint Meeting with Clemson Minutes 09.13.2021 and Special Called Meeting Minutes 09.21.2021

Lynne Chapman made the motion to adopt the Reading of Regular Council Meeting Minutes 09.13.2021, Joint Meeting with Clemson Minutes 09.13.2021 and Special Called Meeting Minutes 09.21.2021; seconded by Joe Moss. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session

None

Receipt and Disposition of Petitions

Administrator Said there were none.

Maureen Lesley approached Council with a petition to update the (MSD) Main Street District to extend the restrictions on warehousing. She said the petition was to include 417 Gaines Street that was being used for a warehouse. (Petition Attached)

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 said Planning would meet Tuesday October 19th at 6:30pm. She said that the Comprehensive Planning would have a public meeting on October 21, 4:00 – 7:00pm and Zoning Board of Appeals would have a meeting October 21st at 5:30pm for a variance request for the sign at the library. Paige Bowers also reported that we had some staff changes and Curt Edsall would no longer be handling planning and zoning. The town has contracted Jennifer Vissage with SC ACOG to handle that.

B. Streets and Public Safety – Joe Moss

Joe Moss said the K-9 Fund Raiser was a great success. They wanted to publicly thank Mullinax Tree Service, Rails 133, and Sanders Jillian Group for the fundraiser. Joe Moss said the fire department had been working hard.

C. Finance and Marketing – Lynne Chapman

Lynne Chapman reported the General Fund, Water Fund, and Sanitation Fund were all in the red. She asked Phillip Mishoe if he could report on the changes. He said that all the funds we had an extra payroll and in the water department we had some engineering cost on the Church Street Water Project. He said that we paid \$47,000

out of the Sewer Department on the new building at the South Plant. He said we had to pay out a retiree from the Sanitation Fund. He said the General Fund was in the red but it was normal for this time of year. Property taxes would be coming in after the first of the year.

D. Recreation – Ken Dill

Ken Dill reported Basketball signups for boys ages 5-17 and girls ages 5-12 have started on line and will close October 22nd

Ken Dill reported the park fence at the Community Park is currently being installed.

Ken Dill thanked two of our former Players for supporting the recreation department. DeAndre “Nuk” Hopkins has purchased a Tiger Mascot for the recreation department to be used for games, school functions, special appearances, etc. Shaq Lawson has purchased all the Central Tiger football team uniforms for this year.

Ken Dill made a motion to accept the request for \$25,400 from Hospitality Fund to purchase new playground equipment for the Community Park; seconded by Daniel Evatt. The vote was unanimous.

E. Enterprise- Harry Holladay

Harry Holladay reported the Sanitation Department operated on a normal schedule. They had 170 total work orders were completed for the month of September.

F. Tourism and Economic Development – Daniel Evatt

Daniel Evatt made the motion to fund up to \$2000 for Christmas Decorations for the caboose; seconded by Ken Dill. The vote was unanimous.

Daniel Evatt made a motion for a mural painting for G-II Solutions approval; seconded by Lynne Chapman. Paige Bowers asked if Council would see the design of the mural. Chair said that they (Council) will see the final design to approve. Phillip Mishoe said that this was just the approval for them to do the mural and they would have the final decision when the design was created. He said we need to figure out who can do it. He said this was a good idea to pursue. The vote was unanimous.

New Business

Update on the Main Street Program

Doug Barry gave a report in the absence of Katherine Brooks (attached)

Old Business

None

Introduction and consideration of New Ordinance, Policies, Proclamations, and Resolutions

None

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

Second Reading of Ordinance #10-11-2021 Re-zone from R-20- AG Reid

Paige Bowers made the motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance #10-11-2021 Re-Zone REID; seconded by Lynne Chapman. The vote was unanimous.

Second Reading of ORDINANCE #10-11-2021 REZONE from R-12 TO R-20 with Overlay of NATURAL SPACE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (Lawton Road)

Paige Bowers made the motion to adopt on second reading ORDINANCE #10-11-2021 REZONE from R-12 TO R-20 with Overlay of NATURAL SPACE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (Lawton Road); seconded by Daniel Evatt. Lynne Chapman made a statement which is attached. The vote was 5 to 2 with Chapman and Holladay opposed. The vote carried.

Second Reading of Ordinance #10-11-2021 ANNEX MARTIN

Paige Bowers made to motion to adopt on second reading of Ordinance #10-11-2021 ANNEX MARTIN; seconded by Joe Moss. The vote was unanimous.

Reports from the Administrator and Mayor:

A. Administrator

Phillip Mishoe showed Council his tax bill from Pickens County. He said that he pays no city tax. He said that was from sales tax (Walmart).

Phillip Mishoe reminded everyone of the Railroad Festival.

Phillip Mishoe reminded Council of the PCMA on October 25th.

B. Mayor

Chair wanted to thank Rails 133, Mullinax Tree Service, and Sanders Jillian for their service went above and beyond the call of duty for the fundraiser event they had to raise money for the K-9. Lynne Chapman asked if we could get Will Mullinax to stand. Everyone thanked them.

Executive Session

Chair moved to go into Executive Session by unanimous consent to discuss Section 30-4-70 (a) (1) Legal Issues – Section 30-4-70 (a) (2); seconded by Joe Moss. 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 Mac Martin adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Brewer, CMC
Town Clerk

Approved: 11/08/2021

The number one role of a town council member is to represent the interests and desires of the citizens of their town. It is not to represent what a council member thinks that the citizens need. The job is doing what is necessary to make sure that what the citizens want actually does happen. With that being said, is the decision we are about to make what the people of Central desire. The people of Central have on multiple occasions voiced their concerns about allowing the development by Great Southern Homes on Lawton Road to be put in motion. The people have let us as a council know in no uncertain terms that they do not want any version of a housing development, whether it be R6, R12, or R20, to be allowed on the property at Lawton Rd. It is my opinion that if this development is allowed to go forward, no matter how it is zoned, it will be the most devastating thing to happen to our town of Central since the late 1890's when the Railroad Company moved its headquarters from Central to Greenville. We all know what happened to our town during that time. Shortly after this, ^{a large portion} ~~part~~ of the buildings on Main street burned down which compiled more devastation to our town. We have never fully recovered from these devastating occurrences even until today. Do we as a council want to go down in History as the council that allowed the 2nd most devastating thing to happen to our town. I do not. This will impact our town in very negative ways that we will never be able to amend or correct. I can not with a clear conscience allow this to happen. I will not vote for any thing that is clearly not what our citizens want. May God show mercy and grace on our great town of Central and its people.