

**TOWN OF CENTRAL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
1067 WEST MAIN STREET, CENTRAL, SC 29630  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019 7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Mac Martin; Council Members Paige Bowers, Joe Moss, Lynne Chapman, and Harry Holladay; Administrator Phillip Mishoe; Fire Chief Ed Reynolds; Sergeant Steve Thompson; Assistant Town Administrator Tom Cloer; Building Official Curt Edsall, Bobby Burdette, Elijah Reynolds, Cory Peek, Dean Finley, Elizabeth Finley, Willie Gaines, 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 01.14.19

Lynne Chapman made a motion to adopt regular council meeting minutes 01.14.18; seconded by Joe Moss. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session

Dean Finley approached Council and said that he wanted to thank the street department for all their hard work doing brush pick up and picking up the leaves. He also thanked the fire department for getting the fire out across the street from him that they had trouble from all summer long. He said the next thing he wanted to address was when he came for lunch last Tuesday (February 5<sup>th</sup>) there was a backhoe in his back yard and equipment in his driveway. He said he walked around back and asked what was going on. He said there were two trenches dug in his back yard. He said he was told they had to get to the sewer line. He told them no. It was not that the sewer line goes down through that nice sodded yard next door. He said he didn't elaborate what had taken place but the combined utilities department came back and fixed his yard and done a great job. He said he wanted the individuals to know they have purchased property that has sewer right of ways. He said that when the guys come to work on the sewer line not to come into his yard to go down the sewer line. If that meant we had to fix the sodded yard so be it. He said a lot of neighbors wanted to know what would happen if we need to access the sewer line. He said they needed to be educated about the sewer right of ways when they purchase these properties. Dean Finley said he did not want his back yard to be access to the sewer lines any more. He said everyone needed to use the correct right of ways.

Ms. Finley approached council and said the workers didn't want to uses the right of ways because it was so wet. Mayor said they should use the proper right of ways.

Willie Gaines approached Council and wanted to know if we had any progress on the building that was discussed in work session. Phillip Mishoe said that there was not and we have an attorney looking into the property and he will let him know as soon as he gets word back. This is about the deed to the old school. We are trying to find out why the deed was transferred to us instead of the church. Phillip Mishoe said that he would be in contact with him.

#### Receipt and Disposition of Petitions

Phillip Mishoe reported there were 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 said zoning had met and have had good discussions about re-writes of the Zoning Ordinance and the Community Development Engagement have met and looks like they will be having a meeting about once a month.

##### B. Streets and Public Safety – Joe Moss

Chair made the motion to renew the agreement with Pickens County Rural Fire; seconded by Ken Dill. The vote was unanimous.

Chair read a letter from Joe Moss.

Mayor, Council, and Administrator;

In my absence I would like to express the need for this new fire truck. As we grow new equipment is needed. We have 3 trucks. 1984, 1992, and 2012. The 1984 is a 2-man cab and this is what we would be replacing. This new truck would go under the underpass. I'm praying for us to find a way to obtain this truck for our faithful fire department. In 6 months, the cost could be \$175,000 more.

Thanks for your time,

Joe Moss, Council Member

Chair asked Phillip Mishoe if this was the time, he wanted to discuss the need to buy a new pumper for the fire department. Phillip Mishoe said that it was and asked Tom Cloer to approach to discuss the pumper. Chair said that the need has come for us to purchase a new truck and the second part was they found a discounted truck but it had to be purchased now. Phillip Mishoe asked Fire Chief Ed Reynolds to explain the need for the truck to council.

Chief Reynolds said that our fleet is getting old and our ISO requires us to have two front line pumpers and a spare and we have one. If it were to go down, we would be in trouble. We do have pumpers with the rural but we need to have a pumper to roll to meet ISO regulations. Chief Reynolds said they have purchasing a pumper on the retreat coming up. The reason they are bringing it up now was a salesman came by to show a demo. He said it was sitting in NC waiting for our call tonight. He said that if we didn't purchase this tonight it would be going up \$175,000. Elijah Reynolds explained how the new truck would improve our response for all the growth Central is having. Tom Cloer said that fire trucks are expensive. He said he spoke with Chief Daniels and discussed the truck. He said that was a pretty good price. Phillip Mishoe said that he and Tom were trying to figure out how the town could pay for it. He discussed several options to pay. He said the options they come up with would be tight. Phillip Mishoe said he was a little nervous to jump into this large of a purchase. Chair said he agreed we need a pumper but he didn't want to jump into a sale overnight. He said this was not a good answer to him. He said he didn't think he could go out on a limb with this large of a purchase. Harry Holladay said he was willing to take a chance. There was a brief discussion on the savings verses cost. Phillip Mishoe said they had looked at borrowing in it house but we just don't have that much in reserve. He said the sewer fund was the only one with those funds but it was already be used for the sewer project at SWU. He said that there were not too many grants out there. Paige Bowers asked about finding a used pumper that would work. Chief Reynolds said the NFPA guidelines were changing. He said that they enforce the new guideline we would be in trouble. Phillip Mishoe explained the difference between custom cab and regular cab. Harry Holladay asked if it would go under the underpass. Chief Reynolds said that it would and we have two trucks that go under the underpass. Paige

Bowers said she was concerned with the year and half wait. Chair said he would be more comfortable with them shopping around that just buying this one that came by town hall. Chair said we needed to have \$50,000 a year for equipment. Chief Reynolds said the calls are staying up. Chair said he didn't want the fire department think we are not supporting them. He said we need to talk about it at the work session. Chief Reynolds said that he would contact some different salesman and have them to start bringing by demos. Chair said we need to get a plan for new trucks.

C. Finance and Marketing – Lynne Chapman

Lynne Chapman reported that Sewer Fund is operating in the black. She asked Phillip Mishoe if he had anything to share for the General Fund, Sanitation, and Water. Phillip Mishoe said the General Fund is operating normal. Taxes would be coming in to level that out. He said we were going to have to keep an eye on the Water Fund but he thinks just some unexpected expenses came up. He said there was a break on Brock Street.

D. Recreation – Ken Dill

Ken Dill made the motion to accept the feasibility study for an Aquatic Center on Sanders Road; seconded by Harry Holladay. The vote was unanimous.

E. Enterprise- Harry Holladay

Harry Holladay reported that disconnects were normal this past month and the Combined Service Department had completed 73 work orders.

F. Tourism and Economic Development

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Introduction and consideration of New Ordinances, Policies, and Resolutions  
Policy #02-11-19 COPS (2)

Chair made the motion to adopt Policy #02-11-19 (2); seconded by Harry Holladay. Chair, Paige Bowers, and Harry Holladay were in favor with Lynne Chapman and Ken Dill opposed. The vote carried.

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

Reports from the Administrator and Mayor:

A. Administrator

- I. Phillip Mishoe said the Council Retreat would be on March 4<sup>th</sup> during the Work Session and would begin at 6:00pm.
- II. He asked for a head count for February 25<sup>th</sup> in Six Mile at 7:00pm.
- III. Phillip Mishoe asked for a head count for the State of Central on March 14<sup>th</sup> at SWU 6:00 – 8:00

B. Mayor

Chair made the motion to add the Intergovernmental Agreement Road Maintenance to the agenda; seconded by Ken Dill. The vote was unanimous.

Chair discussed how the county is giving back the funds that they have collected for road fees. Phillip Mishoe said that as soon as we return the agreement, they were giving that money to the town to maintain our roads in the city limits and county roads that are in our city limits. He discussed the different options for paying for the road maintenance.

Chair made the motion to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement Road Maintenance; seconded by Lynne Chapman. The vote was unanimous.

Executive Session

Chair moved to go into Executive Session to discuss legal Section 30-4-70 (a) (1) Section 30-4-70 (a)(2) potential contraction matter; 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.

Action Items

None

With no objections, Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Brewer, CMC  
Town Clerk

Approved: 03/11/19