

**TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
1067 WEST MAIN STREET, CENTRAL, SC 29630
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021 - 7:00PM**

Present: Mayor Mac Martin, Council Members Lynne Chapman, Joe N. Moss, Harry Holladay, via zoom Paige Bowers, Ken Dill, and Daniel Evatt; Town Administrator Phillip D. Mishoe; Fire Chief Ed Reynolds; Will Mullinax, Reba Thompson, Stan Thompson, Janie Collins, David Garrett, Maureen Lesley, Bennett Lesley, Justin Rakey, Ann Warmuth, Thomas Golden; 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 12.14.2020

Joe Moss made the motion to adopt Regular Council Meeting minutes 12.14.2020; seconded by Ken Dill. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session

Harry Holladay resides at 400 Wood Street. He said he has lived in Central for 65 years. He said he was against the annexation due to the increase of the number of cars. He said that traffic from the school is already congested. He said he is concerned about his family getting hurt during the traffic. He said there is heavy traffic. He said there were a lot of complaints and he feels it would be bad for this builder to build anything else in Central.

Stan Thompson asked if there was progress being made to recruit a bank into town. Stan Thompson then asked from his seat if anyone was going to answer his questions. Mayor Martin told him they didn't have any information on a bank coming to Central.

Maureen Lesley resides on Gaines Street. She said she has lived in Central for over 25 years. She said that the Collins family cares about the town. She said they chose to come back to Central. She said she doesn't feel like the property should be annexed in. She said they haven't done a very good job. She asked if the builder requested to be annexed. The Mayor said that he did and if we won't have any say on what is built. She felt like there was so much potential for that property.

Thomas Golden said he served in the army for 14 years. He said he came back to Central because of the rural area. He said Central used to stand for Pride. He said we didn't need to bring people in doing shotty work. He said we have a whole community saying no. He said he wasn't going to back down. He said we could stop the building. He said he urged them to go home tonight and pray about it. He told Lynne Chapman and Harry Holladay he appreciated what they were trying to do. Mayor Martin said we do not own the land.

Lynne Chapman lives at 519 Meredith Street. She said she had given Council the newspaper article that was published in 2010. She asked them to read it. She said it shows the character of this builder. She said why should we bow down to this builder. She wanted to know why we have to do this in such a rush. She said BBB graded them, they got 1 1/3 stars. She asked do we really want that in our community. She begged them to read the packets she gave them and why can't we slow down.

Janie Collins resides 215 Lawton Road. She said she is overwhelmed. She thanked Lynne Chapman and Harry Holladay. She said she just built their forever home. She asked if they had to vote tonight? She said that she didn't want to work with people like Great Southern Homes. She said it was a gamble. She said she didn't want mobile homes on the property. She said she wanted them to really think about it. She said she wanted them to do something good on the property.

Receipt and Disposition of Petitions

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
She said she wanted to thank Katherine for the Reverse Christmas Parade.
- B. Streets and Public Safety – Joe Moss
Joe Moss said K-9 was up and running.
- C. Finance and Marketing – Lynne Chapman
Lynne asked if they could possibly see the K-9 sometime. Chief Thompson said absolutely. Lynne Chapman said that the Sewer and Sanitation Fund was in good shape. She said the Water and General Funds are in the red. She asked Phillip Mishoe to explain it a little better. Phillip Mishoe said that the general fund should correct itself in January, February, and March. He said the water did concern him. He said that we paid Easley/Central twice this month and should correct itself next month.
- D. Recreation – Ken Dill
Ken Dill reported that Basketball games started January 4th while following recommendations for COVID protocol from the CDC. We will host the first Central-Clemson City Basketball Tournament just for Central-Clemson Teams February 11-13.
Ken Dill reported the Central Tigers Flag football signups, ages 6-14, will start February 3 online with the link on the Town's website. Central-Clemson Baseball and Softball Signup, ages 4-12, will be January 25th and run for 3 weeks, also on the Town's website. More information to come based on Covid 19 measures. Depending on interest, we may offer a 15u softball

program. Ken Dill reported that we would be recognizing the Daniel Lions State Champion Football team players and coaches on Wednesday, January 27, 630pm in the new gym at the Indoor Recreation Center. Council is invited to attend.

E. Enterprise- Harry Holladay

Harry Holladay reported the Enterprise operated normal.

F. Tourism and Economic Development – Daniel Evatt

None

New Business

Wreath Across America Update

Wreaths Across America Annual Report

Central Cemeteries and SWU's Pickens Cemetery (SC0164)

The Wreaths Across America Project held 7 ceremonies over two days. This event brought the Town of Central together to honor all its Veterans. We gathered as one town to **Remember, Honor and Teach**. Volunteers placed wreaths on 358 Veteran's graves that included an honor wreath for former Mayors & Police Chiefs.

December 19th wreaths were placed in Pickens Cemetery, Mt. Zion Cemetery, New Poplar Springs Church, Twelve Mile Cemetery (known as Ballentine Cemetery), and The Mount Church Cemetery by a total of 165 volunteers. Southern Wesleyan University conducted the ceremony at Pickens Cemetery (Pickens Chapel). Mayor Martin conducted the ceremony at Mt. Zion Cemetery. Wren HS Navy JROTC provided the honor guard at Pickens Chapel and Mt. Zion. Pershing Rifles from Clemson University provided a 21-gun salute at Mt. Zion.

December 20th wreaths were placed at White Oak Springs Missionary Baptist Church cemetery and at New Olive Grove Missionary Baptist Church -Rock Hill Cemetery by a total of 34 volunteers. Pastor Russell Oglesby conducted the ceremony at White Oak Springs Missionary Church cemetery and Pastor Morris Henderson with his Congregation conducted the ceremony at New Olive Grove Missionary Baptist Church - Rock Hill Cemetery.

We could not have had such a success without help from Mayor Martin, Phillip Mishoe, Tom Cloer, Fire Chief Ed Reynolds, Police Chief Steve Thompson, Al Cumbie of Duckett-Robinson Funeral Home, Anne Sheriff Historian who researched all the Veterans, and John Bolton who donated his time to photograph Mt. Zion. Hopefully you saw all the photos on the Town's Website and Facebook page.

For this year we are adding two additional cemeteries because it was pointed out that many Central Veterans are also buried in Memory Gardens Cemetery and in Abel-Golden View Baptist Cemetery.

As of 1/11/2021 we have raised funds and purchased **577** out of **790** wreaths so only **235** are left to purchase.

If purchased before 1/15/2021:

*we only need 47 people/companies to purchase **2 wreaths @ \$30** to make the goal! (235/5=~47) (\$1,590)*

From December 19, 2020, to January 15, 2021, if you order 2 wreaths, the group receives 4 due to a matching gift plus 1 extra from WAA Corporate for a total of 5 wreaths!

The group fundraising site is: <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/SC0164>
(<https://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/161722>)

(The number of wreaths needed may rise as the year goes on and we obtain more current information on additional Veterans.)

By Ann Warmuth, Wreaths Across America Coordinator, Ft. Prince George Chapter DAR

Request for Funding

Harry Holladay made the motion to fund the Wreath Across America 2021 in the amount of \$705 to be taken from the Hospitality Fund; seconded by Ken Dill. The vote was unanimous.

Arbor Day Foundation

Mayor announced the Arbor Day will be April 30th. He said we have trees to be planted. He said for anyone that wants a tree to let Lynne, Will, or himself know and they would get them a tree planted.

Storm Water

Joe Moss explained different aspects of the storm water issues. He said if we would follow the guidelines, he explained we wouldn't have any issues. He said if we follow the DHEC guidelines we will be alright. Inspect what we expect.

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 #01-11-2021 ANNEX 245 LAWTON ROAD

Lynne Chapman made the motion to delay the vote and vote next month; seconded by Harry Holladay. Chair called a 10-minute recess; seconded by Lynne Chapman. Council resumed the meeting. Chair said the zoning ordinance section 302.2 states that we have 60 days to act. Chair stated we were within the 60 days. Lynne Chapman asked if we had to vote now or in the next 3 days. He said we have always granted within the deadline.

Paige Bowers made the motion to adopt on second reading of Ordinance #01-11-2021 ANNEX LAWTON ROAD; seconded by Chair. Ken Dill stated he thought and prayed about this for a while. He said he was a birder. He goes out and looks for birds. He said he was an outdoors man. He said he is concerned that when he drives down the road to Walmart and he sees the junky places down that way. He said they are in the county. He said it looks terrible. He said he would hate for that type of development to happen on Lawton Road. He said he couldn't imagine 100 septic tanks on that property. He said he thinks he would want some control than no control. The vote carries 5 to 2 with Lynne Chapman and Harry Holladay opposed.

Reports from the Administrator and Mayor:

A. Administrator

Phillip Mishoe advised Council that we would need to have a public hearing for the Overlay of the Main Street District. Phillip Mishoe reiterated what Ken Dill had announced about DWD football players and added we would have it on the radio station as well if visitors wanted to listen.

B. Mayor

Mayor said that Phillip Mishoe contacted Chip Bentley with ACOG about the Riparian Barrier. Chip Bentley said that the town would have to purchase property if we changed the Riparian Zone different from DHEC.

Executive Session

None

With no objections, Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Brewer, CMC
Town Clerk

Approved: 02.08.2021