

**TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
1067 WEST MAIN STREET, CENTRAL, SC 29630
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023 – 7:00PM**

Present: Mayor Andrew Beckner; Council Members, Paige Bowers, Joe Moss, Lynne Chapman, Ken Dill, Curtis Peek, and Robert Griffin; Police Chief Steve Thompson; Fire Chief Ed Reynolds; Assistant Administrator Tom Cloer; Suzi Benkowitz, Justin Rakey, and Town Clerk Susan Brewer.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andrew Beckner.

Joe Moss rendered the invocation.

Reading of Minutes 01-08-2024

Paige Bowers made the motion to adopt Regular Council Meeting Minutes 01.08.2024; seconded by Joe Moss. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session (30 Minutes Total)

None

Receipt and Disposition of Petitions (15 Minutes Total)

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 asked Justin Rakey to answer any questions they (Council) had about the Small Business Ordinance that was being voted on. Council had a brief discussion.

Paige Bowers reported that the Planning Commission would be having a meeting on January 20th at 6:30pm.

B. Streets and Public Safety – Joe Moss

Joe Moss made the motion to re-appoint Greg Norman and Jonathan Harris and to appoint Willie Gaines to serve on the Police Advisory Committee; seconded by Paige Bowers. The vote was unanimous.

C. Enterprise & Community Engagement – Lynne Chapman

Lynne Chapman reported for the month of January the Water and Sewer Department completed 223 work orders. The meters were read on January 17th. Rechecks were done on the 22nd and disconnects were done January 29th. 24 customers were disconnected for non-payment and 20 of these reconnected. The Sanitation Department, both residential and commercial, operated on normal schedules for the month of January, except for the week of New Year's Day which operated a day behind.

D. Recreation – Ken Dill

Ken Dill reported the pool renovations are complete and the pool has returned to normal operations.

Ken Dill reported all Spring Sports Signups have concluded. Looking at 18 Flag Football Teams. Finalizing Baseball and softball teams.

Ken Dill said the Green Crescent Trail project that will run through the Disc Golf Course is progressing very well. The project is expected to be completed in 6-8 weeks. He said it looks great.

Ken Dill reported the work has started on the ADA sidewalks at the Community Park playground. Once complete, the new security fence will be put in place.

Ken Dill reported work on the crosswalk at the Depot and the crosswalk and speed bumps on Pepper Street for Bolick Field will begin soon. We are hoping to complete before April.

E. Finance & Marketing – Curtis Peek

Curtis Peek reported that the General Fund had a current balance of \$373,276.65 which was really well. He reported the Enterprise Funds. Water fund had a deficit of \$1389. The purchase of 4 new tires was what caused the deficit for this month. He said for the year we had a deficit of \$37,010 in water. The sewer fund looked really well. He said we had a surplus of \$10,071 for the month of January. And Sanitation had a surplus of \$5932.

F. Tourism and Economic Development- Robert Griffin

Robert Griffin reported that had attended the Main Street Advisory Board Meeting on January 17th.and they had several events planned:

First Friday Spring Concert Series: March 1, April 5, May 3 from 5:30 - 8:30 at the Depot

Easter Egg Hunt and Garden Party: March 30th - 2pm in the garden behind the History Museum. I'm working with Ann Sheriff on this and she's very enthusiastic about the idea of having events there. I also confirmed with Mt. Zion church that we can advertise their parking lot for extra parking for the event.

Bikes and Bluegrass Weekend: April 5 & 6. We'll have music at the Depot Friday at Saturday evenings from 5:30-8:30. The race will be in the same loop around Main Street on Saturday from 7-4. We will be providing more specific guidelines on parking for participants and details for spectators to prevent as much concern over road closures as possible. The road race on Sunday should start at the Elementary school and not impede traffic.

Farmers Market: May 4 - July 6 from 9 - 12 outside Tiger Valley Market. We decided to move the usual 10 Saturdays earlier in the season, as attendance seemed to taper off after July 4th.

Town of Central Car Show: May 26th from 10 - 3. Same usual format on this event

July 4th Celebration June 29th

Joe Moss added the Unity in the Community will be April 13th 10:00am – 2:00pm

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Introduction and consideration of new Ordinances, Policies, Proclamation and Resolutions Consideration of Ordinances

Community Park Building Rental Policy and Depot Rental Policy

Council had an in-depth discussion about the rental policies that Tom Cloer had presented. Mayor Beckner tabled the policy; seconded by Paige Bowers. The vote was unanimous.

Ordinance #03-11-2024 MOROTORIUM TO PROMOTE SMALL BUSINESSES
Paige Bowers made the motion to adopt on first reading_Ordinance #03-11-2024 MOROTORIUM TO PROMOTE SMALL BUSINESSES; seconded by the Mayor. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of Ordinances and Policies already in possession of Council

Second Reading of Ordinance #02-12-2024 RE-WRITE OF SIGN REGULATIONS
Paige Bowers made the motion to adopt on second reading Ordinance #02-12-2024; seconded by Mayor. The vote was unanimous.

Second Reading of Ordinance #02-12-2024 REZONE 508 TARRANT ST TARRANT ST
Paige Bowers made a motion to adopt on second reading Ordinance #02-12-2024 REZONE 508 TARRANT; seconded by Joe Moss. Vote was unanimous.

Reports from the Administrator and Mayor:

A. Administrator

Phillip Mishoe said the Council Retreat would be March 4th at 6:00. Dinner would be served at 6:00pm and the retreat would start at 6:30PM.

Phillip Mishoe asked for a head count for the PCMA that would be held February 27th at 6:46pm at Central. We have 8 to RSVP.

Phillip Mishoe reported the Church Street water line project is almost completed. He said the lines were in and the sidewalk were completed. The paving will take place when the weather is permitting. Curtis Peek asked about the driveway tie ins from the sidewalk. Phillip Mishoe said that the Public Works Director will go around with the contractor and complete a punch list to make sure everything is sufficient.

Phillip Mishoe told Council he had included a list of calendars of events for them so they would know of the events happening in Central.

B. Mayor

Mayor Beckner said that he was working on the committee to pursue Fire Department Funding.

12. Executive Session

S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)

Legal Issues-Section 30-4-70 (a) (2)

Contractual Agreement

Mayor made the motion to go into executive session to discuss a contractual agreement; seconded by Ken Dill. The vote was unanimous.

Return from Executive Session

Council returned from executive session where no decisions were made only information was shared.

13. ACTION ITEMS AS NEEDED VIA EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:
None

With no objections, Mayor Andrew Beckner adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Brewer, CMC
Town Clerk

Approved:03/11/2024