

**TOWN OF CENTRAL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
1067 WEST MAIN STREET, CENTRAL, SC 29630
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018 – 7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Mac Martin; Council Members Paige Bowers, Lynne Chapman, Joe Moss, Harry Holladay, Ken Dill, and Brandon Thomas; Assistant Administrator Tom Cloer; Combined Utilities Director Dean Martin; Finance Director Josh Addis; Willie Gaines; Mary Gaines; Belle Chapman; Isaiah Reynolds; Susan Abercrombie; 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 of 04.09.18

Lynne Chapman made a motion to adopt regular council meeting minutes 04.09.18; seconded by Brandon Thomas. The vote was unanimous.

Public Session

Receipt and Disposition of Petitions

Tom Cloer 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
None

B. Streets and Public Safety – Joe Moss

Joe Moss reported there was a high call volume for the Fire Department and the Police Department.

Joe Moss made the motion to adopt the revised Emergency Action Plan; seconded by Harry Holladay. The vote was unanimous.

Joe Moss made the motion to approve the sell of the Pumper Fire Truck to Dacusville; seconded by Lynne Chapman. The vote was unanimous.

C. Finance and Marketing – Lynne Chapman

Lynne Chapman reported the general fund was good, the sewer fund was good, the water and sanitation fund were a little in the red but it will probably balance itself out in the future.

D. Recreation – Ken Dill

Ken Dill reported that Football and Cheerleading sign ups will be running through May 17th or until full. Also, parents can sign up online now.

Ken Dill wanted to publicly thank Former Central Tiger Football player, former Clemson Football player, and now National Football League player with the Buffalo Bills Shaq Lawson for donating the funds to purchase the new Central Tigers Scoreboard at Bolick Field in memory of his father and longtime Central Recreation Referee, Lawrence Lawson. The scoreboard is set to be installed the first two weeks of June.

E. Enterprise- Harry Holladay

Harry Holladay reported everything was running about normal. Harry Holladay wanted to commend Vern Reynolds for the excellent job he and crew done cleaning up trees on Wood Street.

F. Tourism and Economic Development – Brandon Thomas

Brandon Thomas made the motion to form a Committee for Community Engagement; seconded by Joe Moss. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Martin said if anyone wanted to be on the committee they could.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Introduction and consideration of New Ordinances, Policies, and Resolutions

Resolution # 05-14-18 SC MUNICIPAL CLERK

Paige Bowers made the motion to adopt Resolution #05-14-18 SC MUNICIPAL CLERK; seconded by Ken Dill. The vote was unanimous.

First Reading of Ordinance #06-11-18 RB

Lynne Chapman made the motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance #06-11-18 RB; seconded by Ken Dill. The vote was unanimous.

Chair made a motion to divide the 10 fund into 3 segments. First being the 18 Fund, Sanitation; second for 12,13,20,30,32,33,35,40,50,60,65,71, and 80 funds; and third just the General Fund which is the 10 fund because there are some questions; seconded by Joe Moss. The vote was unanimous.

First Reading of Ordinance #06-11-18 BU for the 18 Fund Only

Chair made the motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance #06-11-18 BU pertaining to the 18 fund only; seconded by Ken Dill. The vote was unanimous with 1 recusal from Paige Bowers.

First Reading of Ordinance # 06-11-18 BU Pertaining to the 12,13, 20, 30, 32, 33, 35, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, and 80 Funds

Chair made the motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance # 06-11-18 BU Pertaining to the 12,13, 20, 30, 32, 33, 35, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, and 80 Funds; seconded by Paige Bowers. The vote was unanimous.

First Reading of Ordinance # 06-11-18 BU Pertaining to the 10 Fund

Chair made the motion to adopt on first reading #06-11-18 BU pertaining to the 10 fund; seconded by Ken Dill. Chair asked for discussion. Lynne Chapman asked where in the budget that was presented at Work Session was the Battalion Chief salary. Lynne Chapman asked how many salaries were in the number Chair showed her in the budget. Chair asked Tom Cloer to explain. Tom Cloer said it was for two Battalion Chiefs and two part-time firefighters. That way there will always be a Battalion Chief and a part-time firefighter on duty because it will be a part-time position. Tom Cloer said that Phillip Mishoe called a special meeting on April 4th with Chief Reynolds, Assistant Chief Richard Manley, and all Officers. All attending and went over the descriptions in depth. Everyone voted in favor of how it was written up. Phillip Mishoe informed them if they wanted to talk about it in private he would be available. The part-time firefighter would have rotating sign-up sheet that would be available to all firefighters that meet the guidelines. Not only in Central but other fire fighters around the county could sign up as well. The two Chief Battalions would both be part time but not change. Tom Cloer said we would be taking applications across the county for the part-time firefighter. The fire department will have a committee that will make sure all the necessary requirements for this position are in place. If they have all the necessary requirements they will be put into a rotational pool. Paige Bowers asked if this was for the firefighter position and not the Battalion Chief that would be in the rotation. Tom Cloer said that was correct. That the rotational pool would be for the part-time firefighter position. The Battalion Chief will be set and hired through the town's hiring policy. The fire department will have a committee to go through the applications and present the candidate they chose with final approval being the Town Administrator. Lynne Chapman asked if the Council would be any part of that. Tom Cloer said he didn't think so because it would be handled like any other department in the town and Council does not get involved in hiring employees. Lynne Chapman said that she would like for the council to be involved since it is a new position and a new budget line item. Tom Cloer said that when they formed a committee they could request that but he would check with the Municipal Association to make sure that we're not going against the grain on anything. Paige Bowers asked if Tom Cloer could give a description of the Battalion Chief position. Council had received the job description in their Work Session packets. Paige Bowers said she was told at the Work Session it was Admin. She wanted to know what the difference in the Admin position from Chief Reynolds was it different from the Admin position they were talking about? Tom Cloer said it was and he will try to explain it the best he could with help from a member of the firefighter present. Tom Cloer said

that Elijah Reynolds does a lot of reporting and check off lists for equipment. The two Battalion Chief will be trained how to do all the reporting and that would be part of their duty. The part-time position will be to do the typical things such as making sure the trucks are ready to roll and basic things that keep them busy. The Battalion Chief has to be able to be on command of a call. Paige Bowers asked where Chief Reynolds and Assistant Chief Manley would come in since the two Battalion Chiefs would be at the fire station Monday thru Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm and they are in charge of the call once it comes in. Tom Cloer said normally when a higher-ranking officer comes on scene then the lower ranking officer will relinquish the command but all fire fighters can hold command from all their training. If Fire Chief shows up, their job will be to make sure all things are running smoothly following the proper guidelines. Paige Bowers asked why they settled for the name “Battalion Chief” if any firefighter on the department could hold the command position. Tom Cloer said there was not a reason for the name but then said there was. He said there was no specifics to the name. He said that this person will basically be over that unit. He said there was no specific reason for that title. It could be anything. He asked Isaiah Reynolds what Clemson had. Isaiah Reynolds said we could not compare to other department because they may have nine people on shift. He said every department has different amount of paid fire fighters. Isaiah Reynolds explained that the chain of command. He said Chief, Assistant Chief, Battalion Chief etc. Paige Bowers asked that who ever shows up on scene would be in command unless they asked the relinquish command? Isaiah Reynolds said the bi-laws are written for the state of SC is that whoever is first on scene has command and does not have to relinquish command. Paige Bowers asked if the two Battalion Chief would be in line for Fire Chief if Chief Reynolds decided to step down? Tom Cloer said that he would think they could be but that would be the Council's decision because Council appoints the Fire Chief. Mayor Martin said that the Fire Department recommends the person they appoint for that position and he was good with that. Paige Bowers said that she had spoken with some of the firefighters over the weekend and she said she understood more now but she would like to revisit with the officers because she didn't know if they were uncomfortable with the situation they were in to say something or if there was a misunderstanding how things were going to be done. Paige Bowers said she had gotten different answers now than she had gotten over the weekend. She said she would like to have a meeting individually or collectively with Phillip Mishoe and the officers again to make sure we are taking care of our volunteers because the indication to her was if we move forward the way it is worded now it was going to hurt moral. Paige Bowers said that concerned her. It could possibly just be a misunderstanding of Battalion Chief as the name. Paige Bowers also said that she was told that in the previous meeting with officers that they were told that one of the Battalion Chiefs would be appointed for the next Fire Chief. She said that could or could not be. Tom Cloer said that he was in the meeting and it was not stated that way. He said that Chief Reynolds said his day was coming and Phillip Mishoe said that this would be an opportunity for Council to look at their performance. Tom Cloer said that it was not stated the next Fire Chief would be one of the Battalion Chiefs. Paige Bowers said that she thought we needed more conversations about the position to make sure the volunteers are taken care of because without the volunteers Central wouldn't have a Fire Department. She said she didn't want to damage that relationship. She said she

understood better but still believes we need to meet with the officers. Mayor Martin asked Tom Cloer if this meeting had been discussed publicly or advertised what's going on or is it just hearsay. Tom Cloer said he would say hearsay other than what was discussed with Council. Mayor Martin said he doesn't think everything gets out the way it should. Lynne Chapman asked when they were meeting with the firefighters if there were some concerns about it. Tom Cloer said that there were a few questions at the beginning but Phillip Mishoe went around the room and told the individuals if they had any concerns they could come to him. He said there were questions when it started. He wanted to make sure that everything was open and the officers understood it before he would move forward. Paige Bowers said that Council had only had this information since Monday and she has been asked a lot of questions. Lynne Chapman asked if there was another meeting could Council possibly be there. Paige Bowers said they didn't have to be there. Lynne Chapman asked if it was feasible for them to be there. Ken Dill then said for clarification they were voting on the budget and just because they voted doesn't mean that it has to be done. They could have more discussion and decide if they wanted to fund a position. They have the right to change that as a Department Head. This doesn't mean they have to have a Battalion Chief or could chose to have nothing at all. Mayor Martin said to put it back on the work session for next month. He asked if they wanted the title for the position. Also schedule another meeting with the officers for the fire department. Mayor Martin said for Council if they wanted to have a meeting and if four or more Council members are going to attend an agenda would need to be posted. Harry Holladay asked how many fire fighters we had. Isaiah Reynolds said there were approximately 45. Mayor called for the vote. The vote was six to 1 with Paige Bowers opposing.

Consideration of Ordinances, Policies, and Resolutions already in possession of Council
None

Reports from the Administrator and Mayor:

A. Administrator

- I. Tom Cloer reported that Phillip Mishoe was working trying to find extra funding for the 123 project. We were waiting on some responses from some emails.
- II. Tom Cloer asked for a head count for the PCMA picnic that would be held at Looper's Barn in Pickens, May 19, 2018 5:00 – 7:00
- III. Tom Cloer wanted to publicly thank Council Member Joe Moss for cleaning up after the Railroad Festival.
- IV. Tom Cloer presented each Council Member with a hand painted picture of the signature hole of the Disc Golf Course.

B. Mayor

Chair asked the public if they wanted to speak. He wanted to give opportunity because some were late.

Mr. Willie Gaines asked if we were doing any follow up on the dog situation. He said that one had tried to attack a child. Mayor advised him to talk to the Police Chief after the meeting. Ken Dill asked if the dog situation was on Spring Forest Road. He said it was on Woodside Lane. Willie Gaines also asked for Council to take in consideration to stripe the road in Spring Forest.

Chair made a motion to demolish the buildings at Central Concrete down to the concrete pads; seconded by Lynne Chapman. Chair asked Tom Cloer if we had any response from the Railroad. He said we were still waiting after some paper work issues on the railroad side. The vote was unanimous.

Executive Session

Chair moved to go into Executive Session to discuss legal Section 30-4-70 (a)(2) Legal issue with 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.

Action Items

Chair made the motion to authorize purchase property 703 W Main St and 704 W Main St with the terms stated; seconded by Ken Dill. The vote was unanimous.

With no objections, Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Brewer, CMC

APPROVED: _____