

**CITY OF CENTRAL
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 12, 2008, 6:00 P.M.
Kristenwood Building
14025 Greenwell Springs Road
City of Central, Louisiana 70739**

MINUTES

I. Preliminary Business

- (1) Mayor Mac Watts called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
- (2) Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Ferguson
- (3) Roll call indicated that all council members were present.
- (4) Councilman Ross made motion to approve minutes of January 22, 2008 council meeting with second by Councilmember Lansing. There were no objections. Minutes were approved.

II. Old Business

None

III. New Business

- (1) *David Barrow gave an update on progress with CH2MHill and introduced Mr. Tommy Higgs, Project Manager of CH2MHill who gave a report on the job fair. He stated that there were approximately 120 job applicants who attended and that all positions had been filled at this time.*

Mr. Higgs introduced other members of their team: Ms. Lynn Oliver, Mr. Chris Nations and Mr. Mike

- (2) *Sheri Morris reported that the Transition District was due to end on February 29, 2008 and that arrangements were in process to dissolve the district and transfer all records and funds to the City at that time.*
- (3) Introduction of the following item(s) (with public hearing to be held at the February 26, 2008 Council Meeting):
 - (A) An ordinance establishing Residential and Commercial Plan Review Fees and Residential and Commercial Permit Fees (By Councilman Ross)

Councilman Ross made a motion that this item be deferred because of its complexity and that the Council hold a special meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, to introduce this item after further review. No objection. Motion carried

- (B) An ordinance establishing Planning and Zoning Application and Review Fees. *(By Councilman Ross)*
- (4) Discussion and action regarding the following instrument(s):

- (A) An ordinance to provide for the levy of a 2% sales and use tax effective March 1, 2008. *(By Councilmember Washington)*

Sheri Morris explained that this ordinance was a mirror of the one the City Parish has and that it was recommended that we use the exact ordinance.

Motion to adopt this ordinance was made by Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Moak. Vote – 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. Motion to adopt carries.

- (B) A collection agreement with the East Baton Rouge City Parish for collection of the 2% sales and use tax. *(By Sheri Morris).*

Ms. Morris explained that this would authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the City Parish authorizing the City Parish to collect sales taxes for Central as they do Baker and Zachary.

Motion to approve by Councilmember Lansing. No objection. Motion carried.

- (C) Authorizing the appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$46,500.00 and to accept a grant of the same amount from the Louisiana Governmental Assistance Program for items associated with the City's Traffic Calming Program and Emergency Operations Center according to Resolutions 2007-5 and 2007-8. *(By Council member Ross).*

Councilman Ross explained that approximately \$25,000.00 of this would be designated for traffic calming and the remaining amount to upgrade facilities at Central Volunteer Fire Department to the capability to operate an emergency operations center. Councilman Washington made motion to approve. No objection. Motion carried.

IV. Zoning Cases

(1) Introduction of the following item (with Public Hearing to be held at the February 26, 2008 Council meeting):

None

(2) Discussion and Action regarding the following cases:

(A) Case C-15-07 This property is located on the south side of Magnolia Bridge Rd near the intersection of Greenwell Springs Rd. at 18564 Magnolia Bridge Rd, Suites 107-108. The applicant requests rezoning from Light Commercial 1 (LC-1) to Commercial Alcohol Beverage 1 (C-AB-1) for a restaurant. (Applicant: Marvin J. Keller)

Zoning Commission Recommendation: Motion to approve C-AB-1 by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Burns. Motion Passed. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Absent (Blough, Giles)

*Mr. Marvin Keller, Fox's Pizza Den, spoke in favor.
Councilman Ross and Councilman Dejohn spoke in favor.
Councilman Ross made a motion to approve C-AB-1 zoning. No objection.
Motion carried.*

V. Other Business

(1) *The Mayor congratulated Mr. & Mrs. Ross on the excellent job they did with the Mardi Gras Ball.*

Mr. Ross announced a meeting at 6:30 on Weds. in regard to the Ball.

David Barrow announced that Ms. Oliver and her staff would be having meetings in regard to Planning and Zoning courtesy reviews. These meeting would be at City Hall by appointment only. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The school board is in the process of obtaining individual microphones to be used by the board and council.

(2) *Meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M. by Mayor Watts.*

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