GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

March 16, 2015 - 5:34 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, Johnny Williams, and Ronnie Ables. City Manager Charles Barrineau, Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, City/County Planner Chris Hudson, and City Police Chief Gerald Brooks; Daniel Perry of the Index Journal.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Adams called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:34 p.m.

Invocation was given by City Councilor Linda Edwards.

STATEMENT AND QUORUM

Mayor Adams read the following statement, “In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, Chapter 4, Title 30, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, an agenda has been posted on the front door of City Hall and notification of this meeting has been given to the news media.”

City Clerk Steffanie Dorn confirmed that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Adams asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.
RECOGNIZE
Cathy Miller from Beyond Abuse.

Under Public Appearances, City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized Cathy Miller from Beyond Abuse who presented Council with Sexual Assault Awareness ribbons. Mayor Adams read and presented a proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month to Mrs. Miller.

Cathy Miller discussed the purpose of the non-profit abuse shelter that serves children and adults in Greenwood, Abbeville, and Laurens Counties. At the request of Councilor Niki Hutto, Mrs. Miller also discussed an upcoming fundraiser, “Dancing with the Greenwood Stars”, that will take place on Saturday, April 25.

RECOGNIZE
John Mulkey Representing Student Painters.

City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized John Mulkey who discussed a program that allows student entrepreneurs to have startup businesses and a chance to mentor/manage other students.

Councilor Betty Boles inquired how students can get involved. Mr. Mulkey stated that he will be hiring Lander students and others from area high schools. He doesn’t require a particular major when hiring employees but will look for those who are majoring in marketing for promotion purposes.

Councilor Hutto inquired if there was a certification process. Mr. Mulkey stated that all painters are certified from Sherwin-Williams.

Mayor Adams read and presented a proclamation for Student Painters Day.

CONSIDER
Ordinance No. 15-006 Annexing Property Owned by Abney Memorial Baptist Church.

Under Public Hearings, City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed Abney Memorial Baptist Church’s request to annex their property into the City Limits. He noted that there were no changes since first reading.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance. There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 15-006 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.
The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 15-007 Amending the City of Greenwood’s Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning a Parcel of Land Located at 106 West Kirksey Drive Totaling .55 Acre from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) to GC (General Commercial).

City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed the rezoning request from the owner of 106 West Kirksey Drive who wants to place cars on the front portion of his property. City/County Planner Chris Hudson stated that the owner wanted to keep the home on the property conforming and rezone the strip across the front portion. After the Planning Department staff explained to him that the whole property is nonconforming anyway, he agreed to rezone it all to General Commercial.

No one spoke for or against the rezoning request. There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to rezone 106 West Kirksey Drive to General Commercial was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Resolution No. 15-004 Fair Housing.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council of the annual resolution. Mayor Adams read the Fair Housing Resolution and asked for a motion to approve it.

A motion to Resolution 15-004 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Building and Fire Department Re-Inspection Fees.

City Manager Barrineau apologized to Council that this item will not be discussed until May.
CONSIDER
Appointment of Gianpaolo Bonaca to Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

City Manager Barrineau reminded Council that Tony Wideman, owner of TW Boons, resigned from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee and recommended replacing him with Gianpaolo Bonaca, co-owner of Millhouse Pizza and Good Times Brewery.

A motion to appoint Gianpaolo Bonaca to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
Approval of Audit Contract.

City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized City Clerk and Finance Director Steffanie Dorn who reminded Council of discussions during a previous work session of seven bids that were received for a new audit contract. She recommended that Council approve McKinley Cooper for a four year contract, renewable each year.

A motion to authorize the City Clerk and City Manager to enter into contract with McKinley Cooper for a four year, renewable contract was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
Appointment of Calhoun Mays, III, to the Board of Architectural Review.

City Manager Charles Barrineau requested Council to appoint Calhoun Mays, III, who was recommended by the Lakelands Homebuilders Association, to the Board of Architectural Review.

Councilor Hutto inquired who he will be replacing. City Manager Barrineau noted that he’ll be replacing Willie Lee, a brick mason that is very knowledgeable about architecture.

A motion to appoint Calhoun Mays, III, was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

The motion passed unanimously.
CONSIDER

Appointment of Marchelle Tompkins-Bryant to Board of Zoning Appeals.

City Manager Charles Barrineau requested Council to appoint Marchelle Tompkins-Bryant to the Board of Zoning Appeals, replacing Mike Butler. He noted that she is already serving on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee but doesn’t see a conflict.

A motion to appoint Marchelle Tompkins-Bryant to the Board of Zoning Appeals was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no comments at this time.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council of the process of evaluating properties in the Carolina Avenue Master Plan that the City has jointly funded with the Partnership Alliance. Councilor Hutto requested Staff to consider the ability to connect Carolina Avenue to the eastern side of town, via Millwee Avenue. He noted that the project is doable; however, the cons outweigh the pros and doesn’t recommend this proposal. Councilor Hutto agreed that it wasn’t economically feasible. City Manager Barrineau expects the final design recommendation should be presented to Council in the next 60 days.

City Manager Barrineau also noted the following updates:

- The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the next Morning Blend breakfast meeting featuring Duane Parrish on Thursday, March 19.
- The Alta + Design team, that Council approved and funded for a bike and pedestrian master plan financed by an “Eat Smart, Move More South Carolina” grant, will perform site work from April 15-17. The public meeting is set for Thursday, April 16, from 5 - 7 p.m. The venue hasn’t been set.
- Business License legislation: The City is waiting for feedback from meetings that the Municipal Association had with Representative Quinn. Depending on the outcome, the City may conduct a lot of one-on-one meetings with business owners regarding proposed changes.
ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

After recognizing Boy Scout Troop 911, Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting at 6 p.m.

ATTEST:

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D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

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City Clerk and Treasurer