

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

September 21, 2015 - 5:31 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 Planning Director Phil Lindler, Police Chief Gerald Brooks, and City Attorney Tripp Padgett; Brian King from gwdToday.com and Colin Riddle from the Index Journal.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Adams called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:31 p.m.

City Manager Charles Barrineau gave the invocation.

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 Betty Boles, seconded by Johnny Williams.

The motion passed unanimously.

RECOGNIZE Under Public Appearances, City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized Mr. CK Kirkland, who is representing the Pres+ On Foundation that works to raise awareness about depression, suicide, and other mental issues.
Mr. CK Kirkland of the Pres+ On Foundation.

He distributed flyers, thanked City Council for their support, and reminded everyone to wear green on Wednesday, October 7, 2015, for the 2nd annual South Carolina Mental Health Awareness Day; October 5 -7, 2015, is National Mental Health Awareness Week.

Mayor Adams signed and presented a proclamation to Mr. Kirkland declaring October 7, 2015, as Mental Health Awareness Day in the City of Greenwood.

Mayor Adams recognized the Boy Scout Troop in the audience.

CONSIDER
Ordinance No. 15-030 Amending Ordinance 03-010, Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 6, Supplemental Regulations; Article 9, Dumpster Construction and Screening; adding Section 6.9.1., 6.9.21, and 6.9.3.

Under Public Hearings, City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council of difficulties sanitation drivers face when maneuvering trucks in tight spots when emptying commercial trash. This ordinance will provide a drawing of width requirements issued to new applicants and screening for trash compactors.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve amending Chapter 6, Article 9, of the Zoning Ordinance was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

(1st reading)

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 15-028 Amending Ordinance No. 03-010, Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 12, Administration and Enforcement; Article 3, Zoning Amendments; Sections 12.3.3. Application for Amendment and 12.3.7. City/County Council Action.

(2nd reading)

Under Unfinished Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the proposed ordinance amendment that requires a site plan showing the proposed usage and any structural additions as a part of their submittal package. The applicant must attend Council meetings to present their proposal and respond to questions or their request will be tabled or denied.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 15-028 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 15-031 Amending Ordinance Number 14-024, the City of Greenwood Hospitality Fund Budget for 2015.

(1st reading)

City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed several budget amendments over the past few months for the Veterans Memorial, Uptown Market, Inn on the Square parking lot, and Riley/Magnolia Streetscape project.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilors Betty Boles and Ronnie Ables that the parking lot is actually owned and maintained by the City. He also confirmed to Councilor Kenn Wiltshire that the City purchased the fiber optics cable instead of renting from the Commissioners of Public Works (CPW).

Councilor Johnny Williams suggested adding everything else associated with the Uptown Market's bill, such as tables, chairs, and flagpole. City Manager Barrineau noted that those, and other accessories, will not be included for this fiscal year. The conduits will be installed for a flag pole to be added at a later date.

Mayor Adams confirmed to an unidentified person in the meeting that the farmer's market will require lighting because of its use as a venue for other activities.

Councilor Kenn Wiltshire reminded the individual that it is called the Uptown Market because it will be utilized for activities other than vending and any other concerns can be addressed at the Public Hearing scheduled for next month.

A motion to amend Ordinance Number 14-024, the City of Greenwood Hospitality Fund Budget for 2015, was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No.
15-032 Deleting
Section 2-57 of
the City of
Greenwood Code
of Ordinances.

(1st reading)

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council that this ordinance deletes language for closed meetings and defers to State Code.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to delete Section 2-57 of the City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Resolution No.
15-011 Approving
the Distribution
of 2015
Accommodations
Tax Funds.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council that all hotels in the City of Greenwood charge a two percent Accommodations Tax (A-Tax) which is remitted to the South Carolina Department of Revenue. He then discussed proposed disbursements as recommended by the A-Tax Committee:

AGENCY	\$ REQUESTED	\$ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED	\$ APPROVED BY COUNCIL
City of Greenwood	29,794.65	29,794.65	29,794.65
Greenwood Regional Visitors/Tourism	28,767.92	28,767.92	28,767.92
The Emerald Triangle	21,000	21,000	21,000
Greenwood Performing Arts	5,000	5,000	5,000
South Carolina Festival of Discovery	15,000	15,000	15,000
South Carolina Festival of Flowers	34,120	21,330.50	21,330.50
Total	\$133,682.57	\$120,893.07	\$120,893.07

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau reminded Councilor Boles of the first two disbursements that goes back to the City and Greenwood Regional Tourism and Visitors Bureau.

Both Mayor Adams and Councilor Hutto refrained from voting because of conflicts of interests. Mayor Pro Tempore Kenn Wiltshire presided over the vote.

A motion to approve the distribution of 2015 A-Tax funds was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Pro Tempore Kenn Wiltshire, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Johnny Williams and Ronnie Ables. Mayor Adams and Niki Hutto abstained from voting.

The motion passed 5-0.

CONSIDER

Resolution No. 15-012 to Partner with the Greenwood Regional Tourism and Visitors Bureau and the SC Festival of Flowers.

City Manager Barrineau informed Council of an opportunity to participate in the America in Bloom program that was introduced by a Park Seed employee. It envisions communities across the country as welcoming, vibrant places to live, work, and play by benefiting from colorful plants, trees, enjoying clean environments, celebrating heritage, and planting pride through volunteerism. He felt that the "Greenwood is Blooming" program and SC Festival of Flowers topiaries would qualify our community to participate and asked permission to submit an application on February 28, 2016. A number of committees must be established to include floral displays, landscaping, urban forestry, environmental effects, and historical preservation for an overall impression. The \$1,199 submission fee will be covered by the Greenwood Tourism and Visitor Bureau.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Mayor Adams that the Greenwood Regional Tourism and Visitors Bureau, in joint partnership with the Chamber, will submit the application. A similar resolution will be presented to Greenwood County Council also.

A motion to partner with the Greenwood Regional Tourism and Visitors Bureau and the SC Festival of Flowers was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

To Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Cardno for Consulting Services Related to the EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant.

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council that the City most recently received a \$200,000 EPA Cleanup grant that requires the City to enter into consulting services with an environmental consultant. He recommended Cardno, Inc. that worked with the City on several projects and is very confident in their staff's ability to provide the City's needs.

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Boles that it was a bid for qualifications only and did not include rates for service. He also confirmed to Councilor Wiltshire that this company also worked on the Foundry Road project.

A motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cardno, Inc. for consulting services related to the EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Johnny Williams.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Edwards inquired the location and possible end to the project. She was also concerned that the City will appear to use more time, effort, and money on this project than others. City Manager Barrineau reminded her the \$200,000 grant the City obtained is for a soil cap that requires reports, plans, stormwater management, soil testing, and engineering consultation at the Kitson Mill site. All this will be paid by the grant with matching funds. He is hopeful that a developer will take interest in the property and design it into something that is cohesive to the neighboring community and the City.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

To Approve Mayor
to Sign Records
Retention
Schedule for
Evidence /
Property Reports
in the Police
Department.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council of the South Carolina Department of History and Archives guidelines that require the Mayor's signature. He is asking for a release of items, under evidence and property records in the Police Department, one year after the trial is totally concluded. If it's a death penalty case, the retention will be until the defendant dies, or the State Supreme Court rules on the case, whichever comes first.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve the Mayor to sign a records retention schedule for evidence/property reports in the Police Department was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER City Manager Barrineau displayed a picture of the funeral
COMMENTS procession of City Fire Fighter/Promised Land Fire Chief
 Ben Terry.

CITY COUNCIL There was no discussion at this time.
COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Edwards.

 Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer