GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

June 16, 2014 - 5:31 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, Johnny Williams, and Ronnie Ables. City Manager Charles Barrineau, Assistant to City Manager Julia Wilkie, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, Police Chief Gerald Brooks, City Attorneys Adam Bacot and Tripp Padgett; Brian King of Gwdtoday.com and Chris Trainor of the Index Journal.

Niki Hutto arrived at 5:32 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

After the invocation was given by City Manager Charles Barrineau, Mayor Adams called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:31 p.m.

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.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Niki Hutto entered the meeting at 5:32 and did not vote.
RECOGNIZE

Under Public Appearances, City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized Lander University Championship Baseball Team.

RECOGNIZE

Mayor Adams presented a proclamation to Assistant Athletic Director Steve Grogan, Coach Kermit Smith, and their guests.

RECOGNIZE

City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized Jim Medford who thanked City Council for their support. He then showed a PowerPoint presentation to recap what was accomplished this year and gave a preview of next year. Some highlights included:

The Greenwood community is the only LPGA Tournament in South Carolina with 144+ professional golfers that competed. The attendance exceeded 10,000 people for the week, directly impacting the City of Greenwood with Hospitality taxes. The overall economic impact was $2 million.

The 2015 tournament will be held during Mothers’ Day weekend again and the theme will be, “Bigger, Bolder, Better”. It will feature the past, present, and future of the LPGA to include 18 legends and 18 current top LPGA players, attracting national media that covers golf. Mr. Medford plans to redirect City funds to provide parking inside the tournament venue.

Charles Barrineau then showed one of the commercials that aired on television.
CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 14-010 Amending Ordinance 03-010, Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 3, Section 3.3.4.2. Additional Conditional Uses Permitted in GC (General Commercial) and Section 3.3.5.2. (Additional Conditional Uses Permitted in CC (Core Commercial).

(2nd reading)

Under Unfinished Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the proposed zoning change that would allow mobile food truck vendors to operate in General and Core Commercial areas. There were no more changes since the last reading.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 14-010 was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 14-015 Amending the City of Greenwood’s Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning Two Adjacent Parcels of Land Located at 316 and 318 West Alexander Avenue Totaling 0.63 Acres from OP (Office Professional) to IP (Institutional Professional).

(2nd reading)

City Manager Barrineau reviewed Robbie Strickland’s request to rezone 316 and 318 West Alexander Avenue to operate an alcohol and drug in-treatment center for women.

A motion to accept Ordinance No. 14-015 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.
CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 14-016 Annexing Property Owned by Free Will Baptist Church

(1st reading)

Under New Business, City Manager Barrineau discussed Free Will Baptist Church’s request to annex its parsonage, located off of Milford Springs Road, into the City limits. He confirmed to Councilor Linda Edwards that the church is actually located in the City north of Durst Street across from the Avondale Subdivision.

A motion to approve the annexation request was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Resolution No. 14-005 Adopting a Blog and Social Media Policy.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council of the discussion during the past work session regarding a blog and social media policy of how the City manages and administer its various official Facebook, Twitter, and other social media accounts. This recommendation is a result of training that he and City Clerk Steffanie Dorn received from the City’s insurer.

A motion to adopt a blog and social media policy was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

An Application for the 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG (Grant) Program in the Amount of $30,751.

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council that funds have already been set aside for the Police Department to apply for a robot and 10 body cameras. The robot will be used by the SWAT team for sensitive circumstances so that Officer safety will not be at risk. The 10 body cameras will be used for surveillance and accountability.

The motion to apply for the 2014 Edwards Byrne Memorial JAG (Grant) Program was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.
CONSIDER

To Authorize the City Manager to Sign 60 Day Extension of Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund.

City Manager Charles Barrineau recalled Council’s approval for one extension to use the last $30,000 to $40,000 to fill the mill site basement area. The City has identified, tested, and obtaining clearance for the soil and is working with Greenwood Metropolitan District to use their pumps to extract water into an environmental bag. A contractor with an excavator will then deliver about 160 loads of dirt to cover that area. SCDHEC has agreed to grant the City 60 more days that it will need through the brownfield loan program.

A motion to authorize the City Manager to sign a 60 day extension of Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Barrineau noted that it is prime festival season with the Festival of Flowers, Festival of Stars, and Festival of Discovery taking place in the next three weeks.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Linda Edwards invited everyone to her retirement reception at Morris Chapel Baptist Church on Wednesday at 6 p.m. She served as their secretary for 16 years.

Kenn Wiltshire, Niki Hutto, and City Manager Barrineau discussed the constant visitors in Uptown viewing the topiaries.

Mayor Adams presented a proclamation to The Index-Journal reporter Christ Trainor who covered the City Council meeting for the last time before relocating to Lexington, South Carolina.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjoin the meeting was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

City Clerk and Treasurer