

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

July 21, 2014 - 5:35 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 to City Manager Julia Wilkie, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, and Police Chief Gerald Brooks.

CALL TO ORDER After the quarterly new staff introductions, Mayor Adams called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:35 p.m.

The invocation was given by City Manager Charles Barrineau.

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 Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

RECOGNIZE Under Public Appearances, City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized Mr. John Slaughter who presented a video showing the City of Greenwood Fire Department Confined Space Rescue Team assisting researchers at the Revolutionary War Era tunnel at the Ninety Six National Historic Site last April. By testing new equipment in a real time, nonemergency scenario, the City Fire Department rescue team ensured that the researchers could enter the tunnel safely and the National Park Service was able to capture data that would help preserve the only Revolutionary War military tunnel in existence.

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Mr. Slaughter then presented the City Fire Department with the Arrowhead Award in recognition for exceptional professionalism demonstrated by the Confined Space Rescue Team in support of mapping and preserving the Revolutionary War Era "Kosciuszko Tunnel" at the Ninety Six National Historic Site.

RECOGNIZE City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized Mrs. Walters, a resident of Greenwood since 1981, who discussed her concern about political campaign signs displayed within the City limits of Greenwood. She asked Council to either enforce the Sign Ordinance regarding political signs or eliminate it before the general election in November. Mrs. Walters suggested having the major political headquarters that are set up in the City, or the Greenwood County Voter Registration Office, to contact the candidates to pay their fees or remove their signs.

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Councilor Linda Edwards inquired about the location of campaign signs. She believes that, if local candidates must register and pay fees, state and national candidates must do the same also.

Councilor Niki Hutto agrees that all candidates should pay their fees; however, she'd rather they be fined for not removing their signs than paying campaign sign fees prior to elections.

Councilor Betty Boles inquired if all the candidates were already paying the registration fees.

City Manager Barrineau stated that there were campaign signs all over the community during the preliminaries in May.

He noted the difficulty in contacting statewide and national headquarters to remit fees, along with freedom of speech issues. The City Manager will use more staff to enforce the sign ordinance and have the City Attorney review eliminating the section regarding campaign signs fees.

Councilor Kenn Wiltshire suggested charging each political party \$1,500.

CONSIDER
Ordinance No. 14-016 Annexing Property Owned by Free Will Baptist Church
(2nd reading)

Under Public Hearings, City Manager Barrineau reviewed Free Will Baptist Church's request to annex its parsonage, located off of Durst Avenue, into the City limits.

No one spoke for or against the annexation.

There were no comments from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance 14-016 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER
Acceptance of Community Infrastructure Grant from the CDGB Program Approved for the CPW Water Upgrade Project.

Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed the Community Infrastructure Grant award of \$487,700. This is the seventh award over the last decade totaling close to \$3 million in water improvements. He commended the Upper Savannah Council of Governments, the CPW, and City staff for their credibility during the application process and achieving these awards. The streets slated for water upgrade improvements are:

Keisler (Ward 1); Alma, Glendale, Orchard (Ward 4); Curtis, West Sproles (Ward 5); Ashwood, Cottonwood, Redwood, Wright (Ward 6)

A motion to accept the Community Infrastructure Grant was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Allowing City
Manager to
Submit Letter
of Commitment
toward
Greenwood
Museum Railroad
Center Grant.

City Manager Barrineau reviewed Council's discussion at the work session regarding the \$100,000 South Carolina Heritage Corridor Grant for the Greenwood Museum Railroad Center. If approved, the matching \$100,000 pledged by the City will not be spent until 2015.

A motion to allow the City Manager to submit a Letter of Commitment for the Greenwood Museum Railroad Center Grant was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Reappointment
Thurman Dwight
"Ike" Shaw to
the Housing
Authority Board
of
Commissioners.

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council that Mr. Shaw would like to continue serving on the Board of Commissioners.

A motion to reappoint Thurman Dwight Shaw to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER
COMMENTS

City Clerk Steffanie Dorn informed Council that campaign filing starts August 1st and ends August 15th. Candidates must complete the Statement of Economic Interest online first before filing at the Greenwood County Voter Registration Office.

City Manager Charles Barrineau updated Council on the following projects:

- Uptown Market Project. There were no unanticipated results from the five test pits at the site. Some dirt must be removed from the proposed market and splash pad sites.
- Greenwood Mill site. It should be finished by the end of August. Brownfield Loan Funds will be used to remove the water and fill in the basement. Greenwood Metro agreed to provide the pumping service to remove the water and City staff will put up stormwater fencing. The tested and cleared soil from Greenwood County will be graded by a contractor and the Greenwood Fire Department will provide HAZMAT supervision as required by DHEC.

The City Manager also noted that Ruth Laforge, from the Upper Savannah Council of Governments, announced her retirement in October. He expects Pam Davenport to replace her. Councilor Wiltshire suggested that the City should do something in her honor.

CITY COUNCIL
COMMENTS

Mayor Adams informed City Manager Barrineau that the Mathews Pond dried up due to a waterline pump disturbance caused by the Mathews Mill demolition.

Councilor Boles inquired of the incentive plan for new hires at the Police Department. The City Manager noted that two new officers were hired because of the tiered-structured program.

Councilor Wiltshire noted that the Lander University President's House was demolished because it was structurally unsound. Mayor Adams stated that although it was registered as a National Historical Landmark, it wasn't located in the Greenwood Village Overlay.

CONSIDER

Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel and Contractual Matter.

City Manager Charles Barrineau requested an Executive Session to discuss a personnel and contractual matter. He did not anticipate any action to be taken.

A motion to exit into Executive Session was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer