

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

December 7, 2015 - 5:35 p.m.

**MINUTES**

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PRESENT Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Kenn Wiltshire, Johnny Williams, and Ronnie Ables; City Manager Charles Barrineau, Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, City Police Chief Gerald Brooks and City Attorney James Padgett; Brian King from gwdToday.com and Colin Riddle from the Index Journal.

ABSENT Councilor Betty Boles.

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CALL TO ORDER Mayor D. Welborn Adams called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:35 p.m.

City Manager Charles Barrineau gave the invocation.

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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.

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CONSIDER Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council of the appointment process for the Appointments to the Greenwood County Capital Project Sales Tax Committee. He recommended City residents Nicholas Beasley, Rector at Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, and Ann Gunby, A-Z Realty Agent, to represent the City of Greenwood. They then nominated Angela Evans, Town of Ninety Six resident and Wesley Commons Payroll Coordinator, to represent Hodges, Ninety Six, Troy and Ware Shoals because of their small municipal population.

A motion to appoint Nicholas Beasley, Ann Gunby, and Angela Evans to the Greenwood County Capital Project Sales Tax Committee was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Ronnie Ables commented that Ann Gunby is a resident in his Ward (6) and they've worked together on several projects. He believes that she will do a good job representing the City.

City Manager Barrineau showed Council the Greenwood County Capital Project Sales Tax Committee structure similar to what is being used by Sumter County, South Carolina.

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CONSIDER

Resolution No.  
15-015 to  
Authorize the  
City of  
Greenwood to  
Assume a Claim  
Deductible with  
the South  
Carolina  
Municipal  
Insurance Trust  
(SCMIT) Workers'  
Compensation  
Fund.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council that the City's first deductible with the SCMIT Worker's Compensation Fund was \$1,000 in 2007. In 2008, it was changed to \$10,000, requiring the City to pay that amount in medical costs for an injured employee before insurance covers the rest. This year, an evaluation from the SCMIT didn't show a lot of benefit from taking a deductible until the \$25,000 threshold and, based on the City's claim experience, he recommended reducing it to the \$2,500 level deductible that will make a difference in savings.

Mayor Adams commented that it didn't make sense for the SCMIT to do it that way. City Manager Barrineau commented that the City of Rock Hill has a high deductible which basically has them insuring themselves. He confirmed to Councilor Linda Edwards that, at the \$10,000 deductible level, the City was paying all the medical bills because the expense never got that high.

Councilor Ables inquired the difference between a \$1,000 and \$2,500 deductible. City Clerk and Finance Director Steffanie Dorn commented she didn't have the actual premium price but noted the projection under the \$1,000 deductible is the City will save about \$2,500; under the \$2,500 deductible, the City will save about \$3,700. Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie also noted that the evaluation was based on the City's history of claims over a period of time. City Manager Barrineau added that it also looked at the actual injuries involved.

A motion to authorize the City of Greenwood to assume a claim deductible of \$2,500 with the SCMIT Workers' Compensation Fund was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

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## CONSIDER

To Authorize the Allocation of Funding for the Demolition of Dilapidated Structure on 142 Hackett Street.

City Manager Charles Barrineau brought to Council's attention the dilapidated structure on 142 Hackett Street. It was still standing until the most recent flooding event in October where a tree fell through the middle of it making it an attractive nuisance that needs to be demolished. No tax had been paid on this house in five years and it is listed in the Forfeit Land Commission name.

Councilor Edwards asked why this house is being demolished when there are two houses in her Ward (2) that hasn't been demolished yet due to lack of funding. City Manager Barrineau commented that he hopes to get this house demolished for \$5,000 and a lien will be placed against the property.

Councilor Kenn Wiltshire was concerned for any possible lead and asbestos exposure. City Manager Barrineau stated that they will do their best to contain it since the house is already damaged.

City Manager Barrineau also informed Council that staff was able to get in touch with the owner who paid to demolish the house on 216 Smythe so the City didn't have to spend any money. He asked Council to authorize funding from the Community Development Account to demolish 142 Hackett Street.

A motion to allocate funding for the demolition of a dilapidated structure on 143 Hackett Street was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

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## RECOGNIZE

Reverend Dr. Robert Collins of the Mathews Mill Village Organization.

Under Public Appearance, City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized Reverend Dr. Robert Collins, a 15-month resident of Greenwood, who represented the Mathews Mill Village Organization. He commented that the Organization wanted their concerns to improve their community to be on record and showed a presentation with a proposal to increase the police department and provide more patrols in their neighborhood.

