

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

January 25, 2015 - 5:37 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, Police Chief Gerald Brooks, and City Attorney James 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 5:37 p.m.

STATEMENT AND QUORUM After quarterly introductions for new staff, 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.

City Manager Charles Barrineau gave the invocation.

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 Johnny Williams, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Ordinance No. 15-036 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning One Parcel of Land Located at 209 Booker Street Totaling .35 Acre from R7 (High Density Residential) to NS (Neighborhood Services).

(2nd reading)

Under Unfinished Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the owner's request to rezone 209 Booker Street to Neighborhood Services that will allow a limited number of uses within the site.

Councilor Betty Boles commented that residents weren't against the rezoning of the property, but were concerned about the hours of operation and the ability for a store to sell beer and wine.

A motion to pass Ordinance No. 15-036 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Linda Edwards that the owner is aware of allowed uses for Neighborhood Services zoning designation, but the last potential buyer is no longer interested in the property.

There was no further discussion from Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Ordinance No. 16-001 Amending Chapter 10, Article II, Business License, Divisions 1 through 4.

(1st reading)

Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized City Clerk and Finance Director Steffanie Dorn who discussed changes to the Business License Ordinance terminology and language. There were no additional changes to the proposed ordinance since it was discussed at work session.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to amend Chapter 10, Article II, Business Licenses, Division 1 through 4, was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Ordinance No. 16-002
 Authorizing City Manager and City Clerk to Convey an Easement to Greenwood Metropolitan District for a Portion of Parcel ID# 6855-054-870.

(1st reading)

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council that the Greenwood Metropolitan District is in the process of updating their right-of-way, located at the rear of the City Shop along Greene Street, as part of their Community Development Block Grant sewer upgrade project. He confirmed to Councilor Kenn Wiltshire that there may be some construction challenges but it will not affect the access to gas pumps that are located at the opposite side of the shop.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to convey an easement to the Greenwood Metropolitan District was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Appointment to the City/County Planning Commission.

City Manager Charles Barrineau recommended Cecile Fite to serve on the City/County Planning Commission. She lives on Lee Street and is currently the Greenwood Mill Village Association President.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Boles commented that Mrs. Fite gets jobs done.

Councilor Wiltshire commented that it's good to have a "Fighting Fite" on the Commission.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to appoint Cecile Fite to the City/County Planning Commission was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council of two vacancies on the Accommodation Tax Advisory Committee and asked them to approve Claire Griffith, Events Manager at the Inn on the Square, to replace Howard Greene who represented hoteliers.

Appointments to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to appoint Claire Griffith to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.

He informed Councilor Wiltshire that he will ask George Ligon to replace Roberta Major who represented the arts and cultural community.

CITY MANAGER
COMMENTS

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council of the following:

City/County Food Drive: Six thousand pounds of food was donated overall from both the City and County to benefit the Greenwood Soup Kitchen, Food Bank, and United Ministries. The City Manager thanked Julie Wilkie, staff, and other agencies for their efforts in the City's third consecutive win.

The Veterans Center Plaza: Davis & Floyd created an engineered drawing recommendation to be presented to County Council for their consideration. If approved, it will be presented to City Council. Construction of the first phase, which will be the main walkway along with the Eagle statue, will begin in the Spring or Summer. Councilor Wiltshire noted that the Veterans Center will receive more donations once people see construction on the project.

Heritage Corridor Grant: The City has been awarded a \$100,000 grant for the Railroad Museum project that will be presented at the February meeting. He will be working towards a \$100,000 match for Council's acceptance of the award.

South Carolina Legislative Session: South Carolina

Governor Haley recommended total funding for the Local Government Fund, but he doubts if it will pass.

Business License Changes: The Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) is working with the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce to create some business license changes, such as an online payment portal. He will keep Council informed on efforts to standardize the process.

MASC: The Association is working to get indigent defense expenses to be covered by the State in the future.

Capital Project Sales Tax: Applications are due Friday and he will be meeting with committees over the next couple of months. City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Boles that listed projects will be considered first. He also confirmed to Councilor Hutto that City and County staff are working simultaneously on the proposed Joint Public Safety Building.

CITY COUNCIL There were no further comments at this time.
COMMENTS

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

Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer