

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

March 21, 2016 - 5:47 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, and City Attorney Trip Padgett; Brian King from gwdToday.com and Matthew Hensley from the Index Journal.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Adams called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:47 p.m.

Councilor Linda Edwards 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 Johnny Williams, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER Under Unfinished Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the name change request for a section of road because of a duplication. At this point, there are no houses that have been developed.

Ordinance No. 16-003 Renaming Sable Lane to Windstone Drive. There was no discussion from Council.

(2nd reading)

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-003 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized City Clerk and Finance Director Steffanie Dorn who reminded Council of their approved budget that included purchasing a Sanitation side-loader truck and a knuckle-boom truck. She asked Council to approve a five-year capital lease agreement with South State Bank who submitted the best bid at a rate of 1.32 percent.

Resolution No. 16-003 Approving Financing Terms.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 16-003 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council of the annual Fair Housing Resolution requirement for the Community Development Block Grant program.

Resolution No. 16-004 Fair Housing. There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 16-004 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
Allocation of
Accommodations
Tax Fund to
Match Heritage
Corridor Grant
for the
Historical
Railroad Center
Restoration.

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council of the South Carolina Heritage Corridor second award of \$100,000 to the Railroad Museum. The grant also requires a \$100,000 match that he recommended can be taken from the Accommodations Tax fund, as unanimously agreed by the Visitors and Tourism Advisory Committee. If approved by Council, the year-end budgeted fund balance of \$250,000 will then be \$150,000.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Johnny Williams that accommodations tax is collected county-wide by the City which allows the City and County to partner together for projects. Councilor Kenn Wiltshire stated that it's better for the City when the County contributes. City Manager Barrineau also confirmed to Councilor Betty Boles that the County hotels provides 40% of the funds and the City hotels provides 60%. If approved, Council must pass a budget amendment ordinance that will require two readings at a later date. He hopes that all four railroad cars will be completely renovated and noted that Mr. Dougherty has been working with Sage Automotive, from Abbeville, to obtain a donation for their interior.

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Linda Edwards that this request is to consider allocating funds for the \$100,000 grant match, but a budget amendment ordinance will be presented to Council in the future.

A motion to approve the allocation of \$100,000 in Accommodations Tax funds to match the Heritage Corridor Grant for the Historical Railroad Center restoration, was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
Greenwood County
Transportation
Committee (CTC)
Paving List of
Streets for
2016.

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council that the proposed 2016 list of streets for repairs has changed since it was last discussed at the work session. Because of a sewer project along Towers Drive in the next 18 months, he recommended that it be replaced with the City owned entrance to Carolina Pride, Packer Avenue, because it is in need of repair.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Wiltshire stated he appreciates all that Carolina Prides does for the Festival of Discovery, but believes a residential street should be more of a priority than an entranceway.

Councilor Ables recommended replacing Packer Avenue with Virginia Avenue because it has 43 residential houses on it and is in need of repairs right now. City Manager Barrineau noted staff believes the volume of commercial traffic is greater, particularly with an average of 65 trucks that travel on Packer Avenue.

Councilor Williams stated, and Mayor Adams agreed, that residents should be considered first because they're tax payers. Councilor Niki Hutto noted that corporations pay taxes, too. She also noted that Ward 6 is getting more consideration than Wards 1, 3, and 4.

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Boles that the CTC will determine the cost for road repairs. He also confirmed to Councilor Wiltshire that Virginia Avenue still has a sewer issue, but all streets located in Blyth Heights and Wisewood will be crack-sealed.

Mayor Adams was concerned if the CTC will approve the change. Councilor Ables suggest submitting it to them for their response.

Councilor Edwards commented that, although some people don't live in \$100,000 houses, they want the same consideration for their roads and Council should meet with the CTC and inform them of their residential area needs. City Manager Barrineau stated that he will fight to get Virginia Avenue on the list. He also noted that the Greenwood CTC does allow the City to submit a list when a lot of CTCs don't give any attention to City streets.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve the Greenwood CTC paving list of streets, with the addition of Virginia Avenue to replace Packer Avenue, was made by Ronnie Ables, seconded by Johnny Williams.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Adams, Kenn Wiltshire, Johnny Williams, and Ronnie Ables. Those who voted against were Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, and Betty Boles.

The motion passed 4-3.

CITY COUNCIL Mayor Adams recognized three members from the Habitat for
COMMENTS Humanity Neighborhood Association.

CITY MANAGER There were no comments at this time.
COMMENTS

CONSIDER City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council that he
Executive Session to has two additional contractual matters to discuss along
Discuss a with the one regarding Self Regional Healthcare.
Contractual Matter with Self Regional Healthcare. A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Kenn
Healthcare. Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.
The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer