

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

February 13, 2012 - 5:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

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PRESENT Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Johnny Williams, Kenn Wiltshire, Johnny Williams, and Ronnie Ables; City Manager Charles Barrineau, Assistant to City Manager Julia Wilkie, and City Clerk Steffanie Dorn; Rachel Gillion of GwdToday.com and Chris Trainor of the Index Journal.

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CALL TO ORDER The meeting in Council Chambers was called to order by Mayor D. Welborn Adams at 5:30 p.m.

Councilor Linda Edwards 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."

The City Manager, Charles Barrineau, stated that there was a quorum present.

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CONSIDER Under Old Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau noted to Council that Resolution 12-004 was tabled at the last meeting. A motion and second will be needed by Council to bring it off the table for consideration.

Resolution No. 12-004 Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Self Regional Healthcare, Wesley Commons, and Carolina Health Centers. Motion to bring Resolution 12-004 off the table was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

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

The motion passed.

City Manager Barrineau then recommended Council to move forward with approving the resolution.

Motion to approve Resolution 12-004 was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Niki Hutto.

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

The motion passed.

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CONSIDER

Hospitality  
Tax Funding  
Request from  
the Town of  
Ninety Six to  
Support the  
Fourth Annual  
Festival of  
Stars.

City Manager Charles Barrineau noted that Council proposed two Hospitality Tax requests to be placed on the agenda. The first is from the Town of Ninety Six for \$2,500 to support the Festival of Stars.

There were no questions for Ninety Six Mayor Arvest Turner at that time.

Councilor Kenn Wiltshire was concerned that providing funds for this event would open the door for other County events to request funds. City Manager Barrineau stated that, prior to the Town of Ninety Six hosting this event, the City gave \$500 annually to Piedmont Technical College for over a decade when it was just a fireworks display. Councilor Niki Hutto stated that the Town of Ninety Six has broadened the base of that festival and attendance has more than doubled. Mayor Adams stated that a lot of those visitors are eating at City of Greenwood restaurants.

A motion to approve Hospitality Tax funding to the Fourth Annual Festival of Stars was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

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

The motion passed.

Councilor Edwards asked Ninety Six Mayor Arvest Turner if they have been able to track the number of visitors and amount of money that benefited the Town. Mayor Arvest Turner stated that there is a method of tracking the visitation as well as out of town visitors because it's a requirement of any grant they receive. Because the visitors will eat at Greenwood restaurants and stay in hotels, the City of Greenwood will benefit from what takes place in Ninety Six. City Manager Barrineau clarified that Council authorizes these grants from a standard grant application which requires that receipts be submitted before any money is issued.

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CONSIDER

Hospitality  
Tax Funding  
Request from  
Greenwood  
American  
Legion Post 20  
to Support the  
Hosting of the  
2012 South  
Carolina  
American  
Legion  
Baseball  
Tournament in  
Greenwood.

City Manager Charles Barrineau stated the second request for Hospitality Tax is to support the State Legion Tournament this summer in Greenwood. Mr. Dale Kittles is the chairman and new Athletic Director of the Post 20 baseball committee and has outlined a request with a copy of the anticipated draft budget for the tournament.

Mr. Kittles stated that he was approached by the State Baseball Committee for Legions to bring the tournament back to Greenwood. One of the understandings that was posed to him was a 5 to 10 year contract. Post 20 is in a competitive process right now. If the State Baseball Committee likes the way Greenwood hosts it, a lot of good things can happen in Greenwood. He noted that after staying in Goose Creek for six days, he believes Greenwood County has so much more to offer.

Mayor Adams stated that Lander is agreeing to provide the use of their new baseball fields.

Betty Boles asked if the host pays all the expenses except travel. Mr. Kittles stated that it is required up to a certain mileage. The host wouldn't pay for Greenville to stay but would have to provide gas money for them to travel.

There are 15 teams and, with every player, you must assume that two to six people will come to watch that member play a game(s). He's anticipating a large crowd for a minimum of six to eight days in Greenwood if the weather is great.

Councilor Edwards asked if financing the total event is \$35,000. Mr. Kittles stated that amount is just for the State playoffs. He noted that this proposal is a draft but he will accept bargains if it will showcase Greenwood right.

Councilor Boles asked how many games will be played. Mr. Kittles stated that, between Lander Stadium and Legion Field, there will be six to eight games depending on the weather conditions.

Councilor Williams stated that it would've been nice if John Nave was still here to see this because he was an American Legion fan.

A motion to fund Hospitality Tax to American Legion Post 20 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

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D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk and Treasurer