

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

March 19, 2012 - 5:32 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Johnny Williams, and Ronnie Ables. City Manager Charles Barrineau, Assistant to City Manager Julia Wilkie, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, Police Chief Gerald Brooks, City Attorneys Bacot and Padgett, and City/County Planner Director Phil Lindler; and Chris Trainor of the Index Journal.

Kenn Wiltshire entered the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting in Council Chambers was called to order by Mayor Adams at 5:32 p.m. and he welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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 Clerk, Steffanie Dorn, stated that there was a quorum present.

Councilor Linda Edwards gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Adams asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Ordinance No.
 12-005 Amending
 Ordinance 11-
 008 to Amend
 Participation
 by the City of
 Greenwood in
 the Costs of
 Health
 Insurance for
 Eligible
 Employees
 Retiring after
 December 31,
 2008 and Before
 January 1,
 2012.

Under Public Hearings, City Manager Barrineau stated there were no changes since first reading.

No one spoke in favor or against the ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 12-005 was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Johnny Williams.

The motion passed unanimously.

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(2nd reading)

CONSIDER
 Ordinance No.
 12-006 Amending
 Ordinance 11-
 008 to Amend
 Participation
 by the City of
 Greenwood in
 the Costs of
 health
 Insurance for
 Eligible
 Employees
 Retiring after
 December 31,
 2011.

City Manager Charles Barrineau stated that there were no changes since first reading of this proposed ordinance.

No one spoke in favor or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 12-006 was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

Council Kenn Wiltshire entered the meeting at 5:34 p.m. and did not vote.

(2nd reading)

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CONSIDER

Ordinance No.
12-008
Authorizing the
City Manager
and City Clerk
to Execute a
Quitclaim Deed
to Upper
Savannah
Development
Corporation
conveying
Property off of
Helix Road.

(2nd reading)

City Manager Barrineau stated there were no changes since the first reading. He noted that the proposed ordinance should be the final step for the Upper Savannah Council of Governments to secure the new building.

No one spoke in favor or against the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Adams told Councilor Edwards that the Upper Savannah Council of Governments will annex into the City once the building is completed.

A motion to accept Ordinance No. 12-008 was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 12-004 Amending the City of Greenwood Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning Four Parcels of Land Located at 409 Montague Avenue & 403, 405, and 411 Graydon Avenue from GC (General Commercial) and R12 (High Density Residential) to PDD (Planned Development District) along with the Use of Wayfinding Signage As needed within the Jeff May Sports Complex.

(2nd reading)

Under Unfinished Business, City Manager Barrineau stated that no changes have been made to the request from Lander University since first reading.

There were no questions for City/County Planning Director Phil Linder or comments from Council.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 12-004 made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Fair Housing Resolution 12-007.

Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau stated that the City is yearly required to promote fair housing for its CDBG program. Resolution 12-007 will recognize April as Fair Housing Month.

Motion to approve the Fair Housing Resolution was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Allocation of
Insurance Proceeds
to Purchase Used
Vehicle.

City Manager Charles Barrineau stated that the City Police Department had two accidents in recent months and received a total of \$14,428.82 in insurance proceeds. The City staff searched within the City Limits to purchase a used car as a replacement and located a 2006 Ford Explorer from Gary Russ. The sale value is slightly over insurance funds but the remaining balance can be paid through the City's drug forfeiture fund.

Councilor Nikki Hutto inquired of the Ford Explorer gas mileage. City Manager Barrineau stated that it is comparable to the Crown Victoria or slightly better.

Councilor Kenn Wiltshire asked if this purchase will be covered by the six vehicles that the City is buying on lease. City Manager Barrineau stated that the six vehicles the City is buying are patrol unit vehicles. The replacement will be a detective car that the City is currently at a loss for. Councilor Johnny Williams stated that he thought a detective can ride in a regular police car as long as it wasn't marked. City Manager Barrineau stated the City is looking for more of a civilian style vehicle to give the Police Department some flexibility with all the equipment that needs to be carried for the SWAT Team. Councilor Ronnie Ables asked how many cars does the City have and why the detective can't take a regular police car. City Manager Barrineau stated that he thinks there are more than 30 cars that are being driven and rotated among staff.

A motion to approve the purchase was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

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

The motion passed.

CONSIDER

To Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions with South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for City Owned Property.

City Manager Barrineau stated this is the final step in the Voluntary Responsible Party Cleanup Contract for the Valley Brook Road property. The City agreed to enter into deed restrictions for the site as a part of the contract. He noted the City has no intentions to recommend any use of the property other than vegetation.

Councilor Kenn Wiltshire inquired of the form to be turned in annually. City Manager Barrineau stated the City only has to verify that nothing is happening with the property.

Councilor Betty Boles noted that the property can't be sold unless the restrictions are verified. City Manager Barrineau stated that the property can be sold but will never be used for residential purposes.

A motion to authorize the City Manager to execute a declaration of covenants and restrictions was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Boles stated that Council discussed placing a fence around the property from the old Greenwood Mill site. City Manager Barrineau stated that it was what he understood at the last discussion. The 'No Trespassing' signs are still at the Valley Brook site and staff will continue to maintain the property.

CONSIDER

Executive Session to Receive Economic Development Update from Mark Warner of the Partnership Alliance.

City Manager Charles Barrineau stated something has changed with the information that staff was given so he thought it best to delay this action.

CITY MANAGER There were no comments at this time.
COMMENTS

CITY COUNCIL Councilor Wiltshire wanted to go on record to thank
COMMENTS Executive Secretary Tiffany Albert for her transcriptions
 of both business license denial hearings. He also
 inquired about the discontinuation of the mosquito
 control program. City Manager Barrineau stated the
 program is still in the budget and will continue on a
 case by case basis.

Councilor Wiltshire then asked about Saturday Market
Stand openings. City Manager Barrineau stated that there
isn't a farmer for Saturday because it is the extreme
early part of the season. There are four to five farmers
that want to be involved during the peak season and there
was discussion of having an expanded "Meet Your Farmer
Day" one Saturday a month.

Councilor Wiltshire finally noted that Helen Reeder of
Park Seed has more seeds to donate to the City. City
Manager Barrineau stated the City will be glad to receive
them.

ADJOURNMENT After no further comments, Linda Edwards made a motion to
 adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer