

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

July 16, 2012 - 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, Johnny Williams, and Ronnie Ables. City Manager Charles Barrineau, Assistant to City Manager Julia Wilkie, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, City Fire Chief Strange, and City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler; City Attorneys Adam Bacot and Trip Padgett; Brian King of GwdToday and Chris Trainor of the Index Journal.

Niki Hutto entered the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting in Council Chambers was called to order by Mayor Adams at 5:35 p.m. and he welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Councilor Linda Edwards gave the invocation.

QUORUM AND
STATEMENT

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

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."

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Johnny Williams.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed proposed Ordinance No. 12-015.

Ordinance No. 12-015 Calling for a Referendum and Ballot Question to Authorize the South Carolina Department of Revenue to Issue Alcoholic Liquors by the Drink to Bonafide Nonprofit Organizations and Business Establishments for Consumption-on-Premises Sales.

No one spoke against the request.

Kevin Prater of 1122 Frazier Road in Ninety Six, SC, spoke in favor of the request. He thinks that it's nice to see voters decide on the sale of alcohol on Sundays and thanked Council for providing the opportunity to have this choice.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 12-015 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.

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(2nd reading)

Councilor Niki Hutto entered the meeting at 5:34 and didn't vote.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 12-016 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning a 1.91 Acre Parcel of Land Located at 200 West Kirksey Drive from HI (Heavy Industrial) to NC (Neighborhood Commercial).

(1st reading)

City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler discussed the request from Tatham Properties, LLC to rezone a 1.91 acre parcel of land on Kirksy Drive from Heavy Industrial to Neighborhood Commercial. Neighborhood Commercial is zoned across the street between Columbia and Lyman Avenues but this property will be more of a commercial nature as an open air market for the sale of produce and other grocery items to the surrounding area.

No one spoke for or against the annexation request.

DISCUSSION FROM COUNCIL:

Councilor Kenn Wiltshire asked what Neighborhood Commercial covers. Phil Lindler stated that it allows for small scaled retail uses within walking distance to a neighborhood. Because of a size limitation, it has to be a small, general purpose facility versus a large scaled big box.

Councilor Wiltshire also asked if the Oak Trees can be saved. Council Niki Hutto stated that the City does not have a tree ordinance.

Councilor Betty Boles inquired as to the identity of Tathan properties. Kenn Wilthsire stated that it is a salvage company that owns the rest of Greenwood Mill #5 site and cleans up railroad accidents.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 12-016 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 12-013 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) b Rezoning a 0.32 Acre Portion of Land Located at 535 Willson Street from R7 (High Density Residential) to OP (Office Professional).

(1st reading)

Under unfinished business, City Manager Charles Barrineau stated that this rezoning request was tabled last month pending the owner's signature. He recommended Council to table the item and not put it back on the agenda until the owner applies for the zoning change.

A motion to table proposed Ordinance 12-013 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Johnny Williams.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 12-014 Amending Ordinance 03-010, Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 4, Section 4.7.4.5. to Amend the Language Pertaining to Reroofing of Existing Structures in the O-GV (Old Greenwood Villiage Overlay District).

(2nd reading)

City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed proposed Ordinance No. 12-014 and stated that there were no changes since first reading.

Motion to approve Ordinance 12-014 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER
Acceptance of
Community
Infrastructure
Grant from the
Community
Development
Block Grant
(CDBG) Program
Approved for
the Water
Upgrades
Project.

Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau stated the CPW, on the City's behalf through the assistance of Upper Savannah Council of Governments, has secured the City's sixth grant since 2006 totaling \$286,364. This grant will upgrade waterlines in low to moderate income neighborhoods to include fire protection and fire hydrants. The streets that will be impacted will include Bailey Circle, Baldwin Avenue, Gary Court, Grendel Avenue, Hawkins Avenue, McDowell Street, Melody Lane, and Pelzer Street. A number of those streets are what remained from the last grant in the Grendel Community. It doesn't require a match on the City's part but the City is responsible for liability and paperwork.

A motion to accept the CDBG Grant for the water upgrades project was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
Authorizing the
City Manager to
Sign a Services
Agreement with
CTC Public
Benefit
Corporation for
Services in
Implementing
the Brownfields
Assessment
Grant.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council that at the last meeting they allowed the City to accept the \$300,000 Environmental Protection Agency grant. He recommends the City to work with the CTC Public Benefit Corporation which is the same firm that helped manage the cleanup of the Greenwood Mill #5 site. Their staff person, Gail Jeter, is a former DHEC employee that's very knowledgeable of their rules and regulations.

A motion to authorize the City Manager to sign a services agreement with CTC Public Benefit Corporation was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Appointments to Vacant Positions on the City of Greenwood Board of Architectural Review (BAR) to replace Carmen Kinney, Willie Lee, and Joyce Turner.

City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed the vacancies of the BAR but didn't have any recommendations for replacements at that time and asked Council to table this item. He did mention that Dr. Dan Harrison, Sociology Professor at Lander University who lives in the Old Greenwood Village Neighborhood on Blyth Avenue, is interested in serving. Councilor Wiltshire suggested Conway Vines because of his knowledge of construction. Mayor Welborn Adams requested Council Members to submit names at the next work session on August 6th. Councilor Hutto noted that BAR members need not live inside the City limits.

Motion to table this item until recommendations are available was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Johnny Williams.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Donation of Emergency Lighting to the Highway 34 Volunteer Fire Department.

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council of a decommissioned truck that the City used for HAZMAT. Some of the lighting on that truck does not fit any of the City's other equipment and has no value. The lighting does fit equipment that is owned by the Highway 34 Volunteer Fire Department but the City Manager would need authorization from Council to donate it.

Councilor Linda Edwards asked if the City has another truck. City Manager Barrineau stated that the City has a trailer that was contributed from Greenwood County to maintain.

Mayor Adams asked why the Highway 34 Volunteer Fire Department was selected as opposed to any other volunteer department. Fire Chief Terry Strange stated that they requested the equipment.

Motion to donate emergency lighting to Highway 34 Volunteer Fire Department was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER
COMMENTS

City Manager Charles Barrineau briefed Council on the following items:

- Bids on the Greenwood Mill cleanup are due Tuesday, July 24. He asked Council for a brief business meeting at the August 6 work session to consider approval of those bids and award the contract.
- City Attorneys completed their review of dilapidated housing and staff will execute the title research. The City will post those properties to make sure due diligence on final notification before requesting bids for demolition.
- The three arts agencies: Federal Building, Theater and Museum will update Council with what they've been doing with Hospitality Tax allocations at the August 6 work session.
- The State Accommodations Tax will be coming up soon. Council will review allocation requests at the September work session.
- Planning is underway for the Fall retreat in September or October to discuss the 2013 budget.
- The Festival of Discovery was very successful. He highly commended Julie, Steffanie, Billy, Fire & Police Department, and CPW for the major undertaking. There was a significant increase of 12,000 sample tickets and cleanup went well. Councilor Wiltshire stated that there were a lot of good comments about the City Police's discretion.

CITY COUNCIL
COMMENTS

Councilor Williams:

- Would like to ask County Council for a one percent sales tax referendum in November where citizens can vote to maintain and upkeep parks. He noted that everyone has used them but only City taxpayers have been paying for their maintenance. City Manager Barrineau will send an informal request for Mayor Adams, Councilors Hutto and Williams to be placed on the County Council agenda tomorrow night.
- Inquired when Station 3 will reopen. City Manager Barrineau stated that it will be discussed at the work session to discuss the impact.

Councilor Edwards stated it was nice to get money from the State.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda Edwards.

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

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer