

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

January 23, 2017 - 5:35 p.m.

**MINUTES**

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PRESENT Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, Matthew Miller and Ronnie Ables; City Manager Charles Barrineau, Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler, and City Attorney Tripp Padgett; Adam Benson from The Index Journal.

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CALL TO ORDER After the quarterly introduction of new staff members, Mayor D. Welborn Adams called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:35 p.m.

City Manager Charles Barrineau 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."

City Clerk Steffanie Dorn confirmed that a quorum was present.

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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 Betty Boles, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.

## RECOGNIZE

Bobby Ellis from  
Wilbanks  
Collision and  
Towing Service.

Under the only Public Appearance, City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized Mr. Bobby Ellis who stated that it wasn't fair for the City to ban rotation calls for towing services from businesses located in the County, unless at the owner's request. He feels the City should reconsider because all residents who've been in accidents should be able to use companies located in the County, or within a five mile radius, outside of City limits.

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Ellis confirmed to Councilor Kenn Wiltshire that he would get about one towing call a month, or a total of 12 calls a year, on rotation. Other wrecker companies located less than five miles from the City may receive up to three calls a month.

Mr. Ellis confirmed to Councilor Linda Edwards that she can still request her own towing service, but they would still be required to purchase a business license to operate in the City.

Mr. Jimmy Haynes, who has 28 years of experience in the towing business, doesn't agree with the decision to only use wrecker services located in the City because it is a part of his livelihood. He pays both City and County taxes and noted 15 other towing services located in the County whose businesses are affected by this decision.

Councilor Betty Boles asked to revisit the Wrecker Ordinance to allow the rotation of towing services within a five-mile radius outside the City limits.

## CONSIDER

Ordinance No.  
17-002 Approving  
the  
Comprehensive  
Plan.

Under the only Public Hearing, City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed the updated Comprehensive Plan that was presented by the City/County Planning Department.

No one spoke for or against the proposed updated Comprehensive Plan.

**DISCUSSION:**

(1<sup>st</sup> reading)

City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler confirmed to Councilor Niki Hutto that changes to zoning maps in the County are in reference to the updated Comprehensive Plan. He explained the County is moving towards expanding some zones outside of City limits to urbanize areas within the County that would encourage a density greater than the City.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve the updated Comprehensive Plan was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Adams, Niki Hutto, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, Matt Miller, and Ronnie Ables. Linda Edwards did not vote.

The motion passed 6-0.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 17-001 Authorizing the Renaming of Norwood Avenue to Norwood Avenue East and Norwood Avenue West.

(2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

Under the only Unfinished Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the City/County Addressing Department's request to rename Norwood Avenue to Norwood Avenue East and West.

**DISCUSSION:**

City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler confirmed to Councilor Boles that no one spoke against the renaming of Norwood Avenue at the City/County Planning Commission.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-001 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 17-003 Amending the Tax Levy for the City of Greenwood for 2017.

(1<sup>st</sup> reading)

Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau noted an error in the Tax Levy Ordinance that passed in December at 111.69 mills, when it should have been 110.3 mills, and asked Council to approve the correction.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to amend the tax levy for the City of Greenwood was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER  
Ordinance No.  
17-004 Amending  
the Compensation  
of the Mayor and  
Members of  
Council.

City Manager Charles Barrineau noted that the last pay increase for Council was in 1998 and discussed the proposed ordinance to increase the compensation of the Mayor and City Council by 50%. State Law stipulates proposed pay raises for Council members will go into effect after the next election in November 2018.

There was no discussion from Council.

(1<sup>st</sup> reading)

A motion amending the compensation of the Mayor and Council Members was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

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

The motion passed 4-3.

CONSIDER  
Consider  
Appointing a  
Replacement on  
the Upper  
Savannah Council  
of Governments  
Board of  
Directors.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council that a vote would be needed to elect Councilor Niki Hutto to fill the vacant Board of Directors position on the Upper Savannah Council of Governments, as discussed at the work session.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to elect Niki Hutto to the Upper Savannah Council of Governments Board of Directors was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Adams, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, Matt Miller, and Ronnie Ables. Niki Hutto did not vote.

The motion passed 6-0.

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**CONSIDER**

Acceptance of  
Asbestos Survey  
& Air Monitoring  
Services for  
Various Vacant  
and Dilapidated  
Structures in  
the City of  
Greenwood.

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council of the progress moving forward with the South Carolina Housing Project, in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity. He reported that D&H Associates, located in Greenwood County, presented the lowest bid for the first of a series of air monitoring and asbestos surveying during the demolition of seven houses.

**DISCUSSION:**

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Kenn Wiltshire that D&H Associates worked with the Railroad Historical Center project.

Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie confirmed to Councilor Hutto the stages of surveying, asbestos removal, and demolition of houses.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to accept D&H Associates' bid for asbestos survey & air monitoring services was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Matthew Miller.

The motion passed unanimously.

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**CITY MANAGER  
COMMENTS**

City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed a request from Ted Morton of the SC Society of Sons of the American Revolution, Cambridge Chapter, for the City to maintain an acre of land that holds the grave of John Montague, Captain of the Revolutionary War, located behind Gary Russ auto dealership. He noted that the City had previously refused three cemetery maintenance requests.

**DISCUSSION:**

City Manager stated to Councilor Hutto that he didn't know if it was already registered in the Historical Society.

Mayor Adams stated that the City cannot maintain gravesites without a funding source.

Councilor Boles stated the City cannot justify helping this organization after denying requests from others.

City Manager Barrineau will send a letter informing Mr. Martin of Council's decision not to maintain the gravesite.

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CITY COMMENTS	COUNCIL	<u>Councilor Edwards</u> stated that she missed the discussion on the proposed updated Comprehensive Plan and requested to put on record that she did not participate in the vote.
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CONSIDER  Executive Session Discuss:	to	City Manager Charles Barrineau requested Council to enter into an executive session to discuss a legal and contractual matter with American Tower, a contractual matter for financing terms, and a personnel matter regarding a request to change policy.
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A. A Legal and Contractual Matter with American Tower.		A motion to enter into executive session was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.
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The motion passed unanimously.

B. A contractual Matter for Financing Terms.		The Council meeting recessed at 6 p.m.
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C. A Personnel Matter Regarding a Request to Change Policy.		The Council meeting reconvened at 6:29 p.m.
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CONSIDER  A Request from American Tower.		City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed a request from American Tower to purchase a parcel of land that they're leasing from the City.
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There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to deny the request from American Tower was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Matt Miller.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER  Resolution No. 17-001 Approving Financing Terms.		City Clerk and Finance Director Steffanie Dorn discussed bids that were solicited for the purchase of a bucket truck using Hospitality Tax funds. She asked Council to approve the lowest bid from BB&T of 1.91%.
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There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 17-001 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

After City Manager Barrineau reminded Council of MASC Winter meeting dates and polled their attendance to the Greenwood Chamber annual dinner, Mayor Adams asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

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D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk and Treasurer