

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

December 18, 2017 - 5:32 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 Attorney Tripp Padgett; Adam Benson from The Index Journal.

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CALL TO ORDER Mayor D. Welborn Adams called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:32 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 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 Matthew Miller.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 17-022 to Authorize the City Manager to Issue CPW Revenue Bonds Anticipation Notes in 2018.

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

Under Public Hearings, City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the proposed ordinance regarding the CPW bond anticipation note that would allow them to purchase up to \$10 million of natural gas, if needed.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-022 to authorize the City Manager to issue CPW Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes in 2018 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 17-023 Amending Section 34-9 (3) & (4) Fee Schedule and Procedure for Billing of Chapter 34, Solid Waste, the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenwood

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

City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the proposed ordinance to increase sanitation collection rates for commercial businesses at 20 cents per cubic yard.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

**DISCUSSION:**

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Betty Boles that he did not receive any calls regarding the rate increase, but there was an article in the newspaper. If Council approves this ordinance, notices will be sent to commercial businesses.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-023 amending Section 34-9 (3) & (4) fee schedule and procedure for billing of Chapter 34, Solid Waste, the Code of Ordinances of the City of Greenwood was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER  
Ordinance No.  
17-024 to Adopt  
the Budget for  
2018.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed highlights of the proposed 2018 general, hospitality, accommodations tax, & Victim Services fund budgets that are balanced without a property tax nor employee cost of living increase.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

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

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-024, the budget for 2018, was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER  
Ordinance No.  
17-025 to Adopt  
Hospitality  
Budget Line Item  
(Emerald  
Triangle) for  
2018.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed Council's three-year agreement to provide \$200,000 in hospitality tax revenue to the Arts Center, Theatre, and Museum for operations and maintenance funds. He noted that Councilors Niki Hutto and Matthew Miller will abstain from voting due to their conflict of interest on this agenda item.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

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

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-025 to adopt the hospitality budget line item for 2018 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed 5-0.

Those who voted in favor were Mayor Adams, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, and Ronnie Ables. Niki Hutto and Matthew Miller did not vote due to a conflict of interest.

CONSIDER  
 Ordinance No. 17-026 Adding Section 132 to the City of Greenwood Business License Ordinance, Chapter 10, Article II of the City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the proposed ordinance that would require contractors, with annual business licenses with the City, to purchase a decal to be placed on their vehicle.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance 17-026 adding Section 132 to the City of Greenwood Business License Ordinance, Chapter 10, Article II, of the City of Greenwood Code of Ordinances, was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER  
 Ordinance No. 17-027 to Levy Tax for the City of Greenwood for 2018.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council that there will be no tax increase for 2018 and the City's millage rate would remain at 110.3 mills.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

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

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-027 to levy tax for the City of Greenwood for 2018 was made by Ronnie Ables, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER  
 Offer from Greenwood School District 50 for Acceptance of the Former Old Central School (807 Gage Street) and adjoining 804 Gage Street.

Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed a letter he received from Greenwood School District 50 Superintendent, Dr. Darrell Johnson, offering the Old Central School and the house across the street from the school. He requested direction from Council for a response.

**DISCUSSION:**

Mayor Adams stated, and Councilor Niki Hutto agreed, that the City cannot take on another project due to its current financial state.

Councilor Hutto noted that the City has no use or need for the property and the house should be condemned.

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Boles that School District 50 received ownership of the house in 2010.

Councilor Kenn Wiltshire asked if the house could be demolished for Habitat for Humanity greenspace. City Manager Barrineau noted that asbestos abatement would be needed and all the Habitat for Humanity project money has been allocated.

Councilor Linda Edwards commented that the City doesn't have the money to demolish all the houses along that street, plus the school, because they all should be condemned.

A motion to decline the Greenwood School District 50 Superintendent's offer to accept the Old Central School and 804 Gage Street was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Executive Session to:  
\*Discuss Economic Development "Project Down" and  
\*Receive Legal Update from City Attorney Regarding Post-Employment Benefits.

City Manager Charles Barrineau asked Council to enter into an Executive Session to discuss economic development "Project Down" and receive a legal update from the City Attorney regarding post-employment benefits.

A motion to enter into the Executive Session was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 5:44 p.m.

The executive session started at 6 p.m.

The executive session ended at 6:23 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

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D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk and Treasurer