

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

March 14, 2011 - 5:37 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; Adam Bacot, City Attorney; Chris Trainor of the Index Journal.

Niki Hutto entered the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting in Council Chambers was called to order by Mayor D. Welborn Adams at 5:37 p.m.

Councilor Linda Edwards gave the invocation.

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

RECEIVE Mayor Adams opened the public hearing asking those who wish to comment to state their name and address and to speak for no more than 5 minutes. He then opened the floor to those who wanted to speak against the proposed ordinance.

Public Comment Regarding the Regulation of Smoking in Public Places.

Mr. Oscar Klugh who owns Mayo's Hot Dogs & More located at 127 Capital Street stated that he doesn't want State, Federal, and City Governments telling him what to do because he can control what happens at this place of business.

Mr. Alan Boatwright an Uptown Business Owner who lives at 302 Hunting Road stated that he is not willing to give up his or anyone else's freedom in favor of the illusion of government protection.

Mr. John Lumley of 304 Highway 72/221 stated that this is way too much government.

Ms. Jane (inaudible) of 210 Janeway stated that it should be her decision if it's her business as to whether smoking is allowed. It is an insult to her intelligence.

Coleen Tebo of 204 Main Street asked if the smoking ban will be for inside or outside Uptown buildings. She lives in Uptown and was concerned if smoking is allowed in or outside of residences.

Mr. Paul Bartolomeo of Millhouse Pizza stated that it's not the City's business as to what he can do with his business.

Mr. Mort Waltson 1324 72 ByPass agrees with previous speaker.

Joey Bagwell of Capris stated that this decision should be left to the individual owner.

Mayor Adams then opened the floor to those who are in favor of the proposed smoking ban ordinance.

Mr. Kevin Prater of 1122 Frazier Road who is part owner of Sports Break stated that he's in favor of the proposed ordinance but is concerned with the lines being drawn between the City and County of Greenwood. He also hopes that the City will work with the County for smokers and nonsmoker to exist together.

Nancy Chaney of 1064 Caroline Hill Road in Lexington, SC, is representing the American Heart and Lung Association. She stated that everyone deserves the right to breathe clean air.

Mr. Terry Taylor of the SC Tobacco Collaborative, a statewide organization, stated that he was glad that regulations are in place to make sure that people aren't at risk.

Ms. Ellen Boyce of 1404 Wilson Bridge Road, Ninety Six, SC represents SCDHEC. She asks to consider the health of workers at their workplace and stated that she is available for any services needed at the City.

Mr. Ralph N. Burchell of 107 Laurel Ridge Way agree with others who are for the ordinance because his work and health was affected by secondhand smoke while working on trains in Japan. He stated that the government exists for protection and he appreciates it.

After the last person spoke, Mayor Adams closed the public hearing at 6:08 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer