

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

June 20, 2011 - 5:37 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Niki Hutto, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, Johnny Williams, and Ronnie Ables. City Manager Charles Barrineau; Assistant to City Manager, Julia Wilkie, and City Clerk Steffanie Dorn; City Attorneys Adam Bacot and James Padgett, III; Leslie Lane of GreenwoodToday.com and Chris Trainor of the Index Journal.

ABSENT Linda Edwards

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.

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

City Manager Charles Barrineau 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 Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 11-011 Amending Ordinance 10-021, the City of Greenwood 2011 General Budget.

Mayor Adams read the only Public Hearing and recognized City Manager Barrineau who discussed changes to the budget. There is a \$20,000 building expense increase that includes a \$7,000 dedicated air system and \$4,700 for cleaning of the ventilation in the courtroom, along with other miscellaneous design fees. Even with the added expense from the first reading, the project is still within budget.

(2nd reading)

Natalie Parramore of the Greater Greenwood Parks and Trails Foundation stated that the Grace Street Property plans will not add to the City's upcoming budget.

Councilor Kenn Wiltshire asked about the tiles in the courtroom. City Manager Barrineau stated that the tiles will be cleaned.

Motion to accept the Ordinance 11-011 was made by Ken Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Acceptance of the Grace Street Water Plant Property Quitclaim Deed from the Commissioners of Public Works.

Under New Business, Mayor Adams noted that this issue is not a public hearing but asked for a show of hands from those who are for and against the City's acceptance of the Grace Street Property. He then asked for a show of hands from City residents and business owners.

City Manager Charles Barrineau stated that he is not opposed to the acceptance of the Quit Claim Deed if a funding source for the upkeep of the property is found.

Natalie Parramore stated that the Greater Greenwood Parks and Trails Foundation has secured funding at a minimum of \$15,000 per year for five years for the maintenance of the property which is more than what CPW currently spends.

Councilor Johnny Williams stated that his main concern is the maintenance of the park and the liability of the property once the quitclaim deed is accepted. He suggests that responsibility be shared between the City and County of Greenwood.

Councilor Niki Hutto made a motion to accept the Grace Street property under the condition that the Greater Greenwood Parks and Trails Foundation sign a lease agreement accepting the maintenance, utilities, security, and liability of the property. She suggests that the Foundation present a plan for a park to City Council for approval because the City will be the landlord.

Mayor Adams called for the vote.

The motion was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

Mayor Adams, Niki Hutto, Betty Boles, and Kenn Wiltshire voted in favor of accepting the quitclaim deed. Johnny Williams and Ronnie Ables voted against.

The motion passed.

CONSIDER
Resolution No. 11-004 Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Giving Consent for the Greenwood County Council to Add Certain Property to the Comprehensive Joint County Business and Industrial Park. (Project Pursuit)

Mayor Adams read the second item and recognized City Manager Charles Barrineau who stated that this resolution will give the City of Greenwood's consent to a joint business and industrial park with Greenwood County. He also noted that Greenwood County Council has already approved Project Pursuit which will bring 30 jobs to Greenwood.

There were no comments from City Council.

Motion to accept Resolution 11-004 approving the intergovernmental agreement was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Resolution No. 11-005 Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Giving Consent for the Greenwood County Council to Add Certain Property to the Comprehensive Joint County Business and Industrial park (Project Smoke).

Mayor Adams read the next item and recognized City Manager Charles Barrineau who stated that this resolution will give the City of Greenwood consent to a joint business and industrial park with Greenwood County. He noted that Project Smoke will receive a 90% reimbursement of taxes for a 15 year period but will bring 200 jobs to Greenwood.

There were no comments from City Council.

Motion to accept Resolution 11-005 approving the intergovernmental agreement was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Johnny Williams.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Resolution 11-006 Authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to Execute a Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Enforcement Agreement between the Greenwood County Sheriff's Department and the City of Greenwood Police Department.

Mayor Adams read the next item and recognized City Manager Barrineau who asked if he could discuss Resolutions 11-006, 11-007, 11-008, and 11-009 that all involve the City of Greenwood Police Department partnering with the Greenwood & Abbeville Counties Sheriff Departments and the City of Spartanburg Public Safety Department. He stated that the Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Enforcement Agreement allows for mutual assistance in criminal drug investigations. The Mutual Aid Agreements allows for the temporary transfer of law enforcement officers in response to any law enforcement related need.

There was no discussion from Council.

Motion to authorize the City Manager and Chief of Police to execute a multi-jurisdictional drug enforcement agreement with the Greenwood County Sheriff's Department was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

A motion to authorize the City Manger to execute a mutual aid agreement with the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

Resolution No.
11-007

Authorizing the
City Manager to
Execute a
Mutual Aid
Agreement with
the Greenwood
County
Sheriff's
Office.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

A motion to authorize the City Manger to execute a mutual aid agreement with the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office was made by Ronnie Ables, seconded by Betty Boles.

Resolution No.
11-008

Authorizing the
City Manager to
Execute a
Mutual Aid
Agreement with
the Abbeville
County
Sheriff's
Office.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

A motion to authorize the City Manger to execute a mutual aid agreement with the City of Spartanburg Public Safety Department was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Betty Boles.

Resolution No.
11-009

Authorizing the
City Manager to
Execute a
Mutual Aid
Agreement with
the City of
Spartanburg
Public Safety
Department.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER
The Acceptance of the U.S. Department of Justice JAG Grant for the Greenwood Police Department in the Amount of \$26,107.

Mayor Adams read the next item and recognized City Manager Barrineau who suggested accepting the JAG Grant that will be used to purchase technological items such as radio equipment upgrades, mobile scanners and the ability to print electronic tickets. No local match will be required.

Police Chief Gerald Brooks stated that the fees from DUI fines are used to help pay for video equipment in the police cars.

There was no discussion from Council.

Motion to accept the U.S. Department of Justice JAG Grant was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER
Resolution No. 11-010
Acceptance of the Proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract for Greenwood Mill Located at 700 Kitson Street and Assignment of Property in the name of the City of Greenwood.

Mayor Adams read the next item and recognized City Manager Barrineau who recommended the City to enter into a contract for the former mill property to be cleaned and reused in accordance with SC DHEC guidelines. The property must be in the name of the City of Greenwood to receive grants to help offset the cleanup costs and the purchase of the land will be through a tax sale. He anticipates an asbestos survey to cost less than \$5,000.

Councilor Hutto asks if there was a timeline to have the cleanup completed. The City Manager stated that there is no set time for this project.

Mayor Adams stated that this property will not be used for residential. City Manager Barrineau noted that the property will be used as a parking lot or covered with grass. Councilor Williams agreed that the area can be used as green space or light industrial.

City Manager Barrineau recommends that fencing be erected on the sides if Council accepts this contract. The City can rent the fencing for \$15,000 per year or look into purchasing. He will discuss this item further at the next work session.

Councilor Betty Boles inquired of the amount of space to be covered. The City Manager stated that only six acres of the immediate area will be tested and cleaned.

A motion to accept the proposed voluntary cleanup contract for Greenwood Mill located at 700 Kitson Street was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

Mayor Adams, Niki Hutto, Kenn Wiltshire, Johnny Williams, and Ronnie Ables voted in favor of accepting the proposed voluntary cleanup contract for Greenwood Mill. Betty Boles voted against.

The motion passed.

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CONSIDER

Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Retention Schedule for Burning Permits.

Mayor Adams read the next item and recognized City Clerk Steffanie Dorn who stated that the City is required by State Law to maintain records for a period of time. The City of Greenwood has created records that are not registered with the SC Department of Archives and History. These particular files originated at the Fire Department where permits were issued for bon fires. The forms also included instructions and where not to have them. Fire Chief Strange has already signed the records retention schedule forms.

Councilor Williams stated that it was his understanding that SC DHEC only issued burning permits. Ms. Dorn noted that the City Fire Department still issues permits for specific items.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the retention schedule for burning permits was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
Appointment to
Vacant Position
on the City of
Greenwood Board
of
Architectural
Review to
Replace Anne
Norton.

Mayor Adams read the next item and recognized City Manager Charles Barrineau who recommended that Council consider replacing Anne Norton with someone who shares the same historian background.

Councilor Hutto will contact Mr. Pruitt for any recommendations. City Manager Barrineau suggested that Ms. Bowen is a good historian that lives in the City. He advised Council to table this item for now and discuss it further at the next work session.

Motion to table the appointment to fill the vacant position of the City of Greenwood Board of Architectural Review was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL
COMMENTS

Councilor Williams asked about the condition of the courtroom ceiling. City Manager Barrineau stated that he didn't budget for the courtroom ceiling tile because it is on a separate cooling system. He will have them cleaned or replaced.

CITY MANAGER
COMMENTS

City Manager Barrineau suggested the next work session be held on Monday, July 11, because of the July 4 holiday.

The Greenwood Chamber will be presenting the "State of the City" Program and Breakfast on Tuesday, July 12, at 8:15 a.m. in the Federal Building.

City Attorney Tripp Padgett clarified the DUI issue he had with the quality of the tapes. He noted that the new high definition television in the courtroom has made a tremendous difference.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

City Clerk and Treasurer