

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

June 18, 2018 - 5:31 p.m.

MINUTES

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, and City Attorney Tripp Padgett; Adam Benson from The Index Journal.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor D. Welborn Adams called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:31 p.m.

Bishop Oliver T. McCray gave the invocation.

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.

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.

ORDINANCE
 Consider
 Ordinance No.
 18-011 Amending
 Ordinance 17-014
 by Deleting
 Section 8-44 (A)
 (5) and Amending
 Section 20-1.

(1st reading)

Under New Business, City Manager Barrineau recognized City Clerk Steffanie Dorn who informed Council that this proposed ordinance will remove fire codes from Chapter 8 and places them in Chapter 20, with the addition of fines and fees as recommended by the International Codes Council.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to amend Ordinance 17-014 by deleting Section 8-44 (A) (5) and amending Section 20-1 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Ordinance No.
 18-012 Amending
 Ordinance 15-023
 Greenwood City
 Code of
 Ordinances
 Chapter 8 -
 Buildings and
 Building
 Regulations
 Section 8-83-
 Fees-Building
 and Chapter 20
 Fire Prevention
 and Protection
 Section 20-6. -
 Fire Re-
 inspection Fee.

(1st reading)

City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed proposed increases in Building and Fire Department service fee schedules, as suggested by the International Code Council.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Betty Boles asked if there was any public feedback and when fee increases will take effect. City Manager Barrineau confirmed that the Lakelands Homebuilder Association asked for fee increases to be phased in. The first increase will be 65% next year and 85% the following year. If the first reading is passed, he will ask Council to consider second reading on Monday, June 25th, for the ordinance to be in effect on July 1st.

City Manager Barrineau also confirmed to Councilor Kenn Wiltshire that, after checking with other counties in the area, City's fees were very low.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to amend Ordinance 15-023 Greenwood City Code of Ordinances Chapter 8 - Buildings and Building Regulations Section 8-83 - Fees-Building and Chapter 20 Fire Prevention and Protection Section 20-6. Fire Re-inspection fee was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.
 City Manager Barrineau noted that County Council will be

voting on the same fee schedule increase at their next meeting.

CONSIDER

Resolution 18-003 to Adopt the Audit Committee Policy.

City Clerk Dorn reminded Council that they're responsible for the oversight of the City's financial reports. She then requested them to consider approving the Audit Committee Policy, and for Mayor Adams to select three members of Council to serve.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Linda Edwards noted that the policy requires the Mayor to select committee members and asked if terms can be rotated amongst Council, similar to the Mayor Pro Tempore selection process. City Clerk Dorn suggested the Mayor's first selection installment can be for two years to start the cycle and the following rotation will be every four years.

Councilor Ronnie Ables wants the selection to be made under a new mayor after this year's election, and requested more time to discuss term limits.

Councilor Niki Hutto suggested term limits be amended into the resolution. City Clerk Dorn noted the resolution can be passed without term limits, at the decision of the Mayor, and confirmed that training will be provided.

Councilor Wiltshire noted that terms will not be served concurrently.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Resolution 18-003 to include a 2-year inaugural term to be followed by 4-year terms, in conjunction with City Council elections, was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

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

The motion passed 6-1.

CONSIDER

Resolution 18-004 Supporting Greenwood County Council's Call for a Referendum and Ballot Question to Support Sunday Beer and Wine Retail Sales.

City Manager Barrineau informed Council that the City doesn't need to adopt the policy if Greenwood County Council approves to have a referendum and ballot question to allow Sunday beer and wine retail sales. This proposed resolution is only in support to have this question placed on the election ballot.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Edwards that, if the referendum is passed, beer and wine can be sold in stores at 8 a.m. Sunday morning.

Councilor Ables noted that the referendum will be placed on the election ballot for the people to decide.

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Matthew Miller that the State will not require additional permits for Sunday alcohol retail sales if the referendum passes.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Resolution 18-004 to support Greenwood County Council's call for a referendum and ballot question regarding Sunday beer and wine retail sales was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

A Memorandum of Understanding for Mosquito Control Services.

Assistant City Manager Julie Wilkie reminded Council of a grant the City received from DHEC last year to purchase supplies for mosquito control services throughout the County. This memorandum of understanding with the County and other municipalities will ensure the City will be reimbursed by DHEC for jurisdictional abatement cooperation.

DISCUSSION:

Assistant City Manager Wilkie assured Mayor Adams that the Beekeepers Association will provide lists of beehive locations before there is any spraying in their area. She noted to Councilor Hutto that part of the grant is also for mosquito abatement education.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve a memorandum of understanding for mosquito control services was made by Matthew Miller,

seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Acceptance of
Bids and Award
Contract for
East Court
Avenue
Streetscape.

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council that the lowest bid of \$599,505.60 for the East Court Avenue Streetscape project came from Sossamon Construction Company, LLC, located in Gaffney, SC. After discussing expenses related to the project, he reminded Council that \$275,000 of added expenses outside the CDBG grant will be paid by City funds, but he will ask the Inn on the Square to share some of the expense related to their property. If approved, the City Manager will ask Council to amend the budget for an extra \$70,000 from the Hospitality Tax fund.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Wiltshire that this grant does not have a deadline, similar to the EPA grant, and any unused moneys are required to be returned.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to accept bids and award contract for East Court Avenue Streetscape was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Barrineau reminded Councilor Edwards that Sossamon Construction Company, LLC, completed Magnolia/Riley and Oak/Maxwell Streetscapes.

CONSIDER

City Manager Charles Barrineau showed Council a picture of 511 Hall Street and requested \$25,000 from the City's

Authorizing City Manager to Expend up to \$25,000 from the City's Community Fund Account for the Demolition of Vacant and Dilapidated Structures.

Community Fund account to demolish several vacant and dilapidated structures. He advised Council they can vote now or wait to be provided a list of structures to be demolished.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Hutto asked if sections can be cleared to attract developers and suggested forfeited land sales to fund future demolitions. City Manager Barrineau noted that placing liens on properties is actually useless and DHEC considers the demolition of more than 1 structure on a street as an organized project.

Councilor Edwards doesn't want to wait for a list because there is another abandoned house next to 511 Hall Street that must be demolished and noted that empty houses are targets for criminal activity.

Councilor Ables is in favor of demolishing one house at a time.

Councilor Wiltshire noted that community funds were just used to pay for the underground stormwater pipe repair at the Kitson Mill site. City Clerk Dorn confirmed that the Community Fund balance is \$115,000, and \$40,000 was used for the Kitson Mill site.

Councilor Boles suggested demolishing 511 Hall Street now and providing a list of structures to be considered later.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to authorize the City Manager to use the City's Community Fund account to demolish 511 Hall Street and provide Council with a list of structures to be demolished was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Appointment of
Lesley Lane to
the Board of
Architectural
Review.

City Manager Charles Barrineau asked Council to consider appointing Lesley Lane to fill a vacant position on the Board of Architectural Review. He noted that, as the Director of Greenwood Development, LLC, she will be a great representative for the Uptown area.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to appoint Lesley Lane to the Board of Architectural Review was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Adams thanked Ms. Lane for agreeing to serve on the board.

CITY MANAGER
COMMENTS

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council of the following:

- Engineers will start working on the Kitson Mill stormdrain pipe on Thursday.
- The Wells Subdivision stormwater drainage project has stalled due to equipment failure.
- There are currently 91 cook teams signed up to participate during the SC Festival of Discovery. Assistant City Manager Wilkie is considering allowing the remaining cook teams on the waiting list to participate for a total of 95. There will be 16 BBQ vendors, along with other food vendors. He asked Council if they were interested in being celebrity judges on Friday, July 13th.

CITY COUNCIL
COMMENTS

There were no comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

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

