

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

December 20, 2010 - 5:31 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, Assistant to the City Manager Julia Wilkie; City Clerk Steffanie Dorn; City Attorneys James Padgett III, and Adam Bacot; Leslie Lane of GwdToday.com, and Chris Trainor of the Index Journal.

Niki Hutto entered the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting in Council Chambers was called to order by Mayor Adams at 5:31 p.m.

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.

Councilor Linda Edwards 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 Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER Under New Business, Mayor Adams read the first item and asked for public input.

Ordinance No. 10-017 Authorizing Road Closure Approval of a 63 Foot Portion of Graydon Avenue. (2nd reading)

No one spoke in favor or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 10-017 was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER Mayor Adams read the second item and asked for public input.

Ordinance No. 10-018 Governing Alarms Responded to by the Greenwood Fire Department. (2nd reading)

No one spoke in favor or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 10-018 was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER Mayor Adams read the third item and asked for public input.

Ordinance No. 10-019 Amending the Ordinance 03-010, Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 6, Supplemental Regulations, Article 9, Dumpster Screening.

(2nd reading)

No one spoke in favor or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 10-019 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER Mayor Adams read the fourth item and asked for public input.

Ordinance No. 10-020 Authorizing the Issuance and Delivery from Time to Time of One or More City of Greenwood, South Carolina, Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$10,000,000, in Anticipation of the Receipt of the Proceeds of the Sale of Junior Lien Combined Public Utility System Revenue Bonds of the City of Greenwood.

(2nd reading)

No one spoke in favor or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

Motion to approve Ordinance 10-020 was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER Mayor Adams read the fifth item and asked for public input.

To Adopt the Budget for 2011. No one spoke in favor or against the proposed ordinance.

(2nd reading) There was no discussion from Council.

Motion to approve Ordinance 10-021 was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER Mayor Adams read the sixth item and asked for public input.

Ordinance No. 10-022 to Levy Tax for the City of Greenwood for 2011. No one spoke in favor or against the proposed ordinance.

(2nd reading) City Manager Charles Barrineau stated, and Mayor Adams repeated, that there is no tax increase in this ordinance.

Motion to approve Ordinance 10-022 was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER Mayor Adams read the seventh item and asked for public input.

Ordinance No. 10-023 to Authorize the City Manager to Issue Tax Anticipation Notes in 2011. No one spoke in favor or against the proposed ordinance.

(2nd reading) There was no discussion from Council.

Motion to approve Ordinance 10-023 was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER Mayor Adams read the last public hearing item and asked for public input.

Ordinance No. 10-024 Amending the Business License Ordinance for 2011. (2nd reading)

No one spoke in favor or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

Motion to approve Ordinance 10-024 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER Under New Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized City Clerk and Financial Director Steffanie Dorn.

Resolution 10-012 Amending the Fund Balance Policy.

Steffanie Dorn discussed changing the recommended level of fund balance for the Accommodations Tax Fund. Staff would like to ensure that the City has funds available in the balance to continue operations in case of a disaster and recommends 25% in the account. This is strictly a guideline staff tries to follow to ensure that there is enough funds in place to carry the City through the darker days.

Mayor Adams asked if the fund will be the same through all budgets. Steffanie Dorn stated it's only for that particular fund. The percent balances are slightly different for the other funds based on their makeup.

Councilor Hutto asked if this will fluctuate according to the commitment that the City has made or is it a percentage of the total revenue. Steffanie stated that it is the percentage of the expenditures.

Motion to approve amending the fund balance policy was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed the new CDBG award of \$411,181 for West Court Avenue that requires a 25% match commitment which is included in the approved 2011 Hospitality Tax budget. The CPW has committed \$25,000 of in-kind services for this project by installing seven acorn lights and a substantially sized power system that will be placed underground.

Acceptance of Community Enrichment Grant from the Community Development Block Grant Program for Streetscape Improvements on West Court Avenue.

Motion to accept the Community Enrichment Grant was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council that they've been anticipating for a number of years to be designated as a municipal stormwater community by DHEC. Rural Water is coming up with a partnership to assist the City and all the other communities in this area. A commitment would be required that the City put \$5,000 for the next three years towards their program that's working to write a number of Federal Grants in hopes of securing some funding.

Entering in an Agreement with the SC Rural Water Association in Regards to a MS4 Stormwater Assistance Program.

Councilor Edwards asked where the \$5,000 will come from. City Manager Barrineau stated that it will come out of the public works budget but will be a partnership with other communities. The assistance program will help the City to develop its ordinances, plan, and some of the education pieces regarding stormwater. Because the SC Rural Water Association is actively seeking grant funds, they're asking that the City help pay their staffers who are working to secure these funds.

Councilor Hutto wanted to know who all was included. Mr. Barrineau stated that they're working with the communities in Greenwood County, Clinton, and Laurens. Laurens and portions of Greenwood are the two counties, along with the City of Greenwood, that are going to be designated next year. The Simpsonville area is already designated.

Councilor Wiltshire thought the City Manager wasn't going to participate. City Manager Barrineau said he thinks it's a good program and that the City has already put in a lot of training to get to this point.

Mayor Adams stated that this designation is an unfunded mandate coming from the State so the City of Greenwood will have to participate to seek any help available.

Councilor Wiltshire commented that the City is helping the Rural Water Association, not necessarily them helping the City. City Manager Barrineau stated that the City is basically partnering with other communities to get a regional grant through the USDA.

Councilor Hutto stated that it makes sense to participate regionally because the watershed is shared regionally. The City of Greenwood should use this avenue to get the entire Greenwood County on board because it'll be cheaper to have everybody on the same page.

City Manager Barrineau stated that the Rural Water Association has put on a number of programs over the past year to make every effort for county employees and council, along with City Council, to attend a number of these training sessions. He noted that the he and Mayor Adams attended one in Laurens County.

Councilor Edwards asked will it help the City of Greenwood if there were more partners writing for grant monies. Charlie stated that the City will be one of the recipients and he anticipates the City being designated by DHEC around March 2011. The City will then have approximately six months to develop the plan and about five years to actually implement it. There are a number of steps to be taken but Mr. Barrineau reminded Council that the City has already begun implementing a number of the steps. Council has invested a significant amount of money to map the entire stormwater system and it is now digitally available on the GIS online system. He also added that the City may be able to go another year or two without hiring staff or finding another revenue source but the City has to find revenue to pay for this no later than 2013.

Councilor Wiltshire asked what the South Carolina Rural Water Association is going to do for the City. City Manager Barrineau stated that right now they're writing a number of federal grants in hopes of securing money. They're also doing a lot of research to see what other communities are doing as far as stormwater, ordinances, best management practices, and low impact development to distribute among elected officials and staff. All of this will be great information to help educate the public. The Cities of Clinton and Laurens and Laurens County have all signed on.

Motion to enter into an agreement with the SC Rural Water Association was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Linda Edwards.

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

The motion passed.

CONSIDER

A Grant to the Healthy Greenwood Neighborhood, Inc., for the 2010 Awards Event.

City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed the Healthy Greenwood Neighborhoods, Inc., request of \$1,000 to assist in their annual banquet which is a celebration and "thank-you" for all the hard work that many neighborhoods in the City have done throughout the year. If Council chooses to award this grant, as they have done for the past two years, he recommends that it is taken out of the community account.

Motion to grant \$1,000 to Healthy Greenwood Neighborhoods, Inc. was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

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

The motion passed.

CONSIDER

The Appointment of One City Council Member to Serve on the Healthy Greenwood Neighborhoods, Inc. Board.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reminded Council that the City needs representation on the board to replace Barbara Turnburke.

Motion for Ronnie Ables to serve on the Healthy Greenwood Neighborhoods, Inc., Board was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Niki Hutto.

Everyone voted in favor except for Mr. Ables who accepted the nomination.

The motion passed.

CONSIDER City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed how the Upper Savannah COG has created the Greenwood County Home Consortium and obtained new federal funding through the US Housing and Urban Development home program. For them to expend those funds, they will need to leverage local funds. They have requested \$25,000 as a 25% commitment on their \$100,000 and, if the City can fund \$25,000, it could probably rehabilitate probably five to eight homes. The funds can only be used for owner occupied rehab and home ownership assistance. Greenwood is the lead county of the six county Upper Savannah region and will be the first of the communities to work with the COG.

To Authorize the City Manager and Finance Director to Expend Funds as a Match for a Program with the Upper Savannah Council of Government (COG) to Rehabilitate Low-to Moderate Income Housing.

Motion to authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to expend funds as a match was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS City Manager Charles Barrineau thanked City Council for a great 2010 and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS Councilor Edwards thanked everyone for a great year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. She looks forward to seeing everyone next year.

Mayor Adams wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilor Wiltshire stated that he is very much honored to be working with everyone.

Councilor Boles asked if Council members received a community forum letter and if they plan to attend.

ADJOURNMENT A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda Edwards.

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer