GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

October 15, 2018 - 5:48 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Council Members: 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, and City/County Planner Josh Skinner; Adam Benson from The Index Journal.

Mayor D. Welborn Adams entered the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

ABSENT

Councilor Niki Hutto.

After quarterly introductions of new employees, Kenn Wiltshire made a motion to elect Linda Edwards to preside over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Welborn Adams and Mayor Pro Tempore Niki Hutto. It was seconded by Councilor Ronnie Ables.

Those who voted in favor were Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, Matthew Miller, and Ronnie Ables. Linda Edwards abstained from voting.

The motion passed 4-1.

CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Linda Edwards called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:48 p.m.

STATEMENT AND QUORUM

Councilor Edwards 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.

City Manager Charles Barrineau gave the invocation.

Mayor Adams entered the meeting at 5:50 p.m.
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 Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

Under Public Appearances, Mr. Heath Watterson introduced himself to Council and announced his candidacy for Commissioner of Public Works with solutions to provide utility growth in other areas of Greenwood.

Mrs. Amanda Greer was absent.

Under the only Public Hearing, City Manager Barrineau reviewed the proposed ordinance that will update the Setoff Debt Collection Act language to keep up with legislative changes.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 18-018 relating to the recovery of collection costs as part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the Setoff Debt Collection Act was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.
CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 18-017 Amending the City of Greenwood’s Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning an Approximately 0.63 Acre Parcel of Land Located at 452 East Cambridge Avenue from R7 (High Density Residential) to IP (Institutional Professional).

(2nd reading)

Under the only Unfinished Business, City Manager Barrineau reviewed National Health Care’s (NHC) rezoning request to convert 452 East Cambridge Avenue into an office space.

City/County Planner Josh Skinner confirmed to Councilors Betty Boles and Linda Edwards that NHC is waiting on the rezoning approval before purchasing the building.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 18-017 to rezone 452 East Cambridge Avenue from High Density Residential to Institutional Professional was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Contract for Environmental Consultant Services for Foundry Road EPA Cleanup Grant.

Under New Business, City Manager Barrineau gave Council a follow-up report on proposed bids for the Foundry Road Park consulting services. He confirmed to Councilor Kenn Wiltshire that staff clarified synTerra’s proposed costs and reminded Councilor Boles that $200,000 was already awarded for the project.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with synTerra Corporation for their environmental consulting services of the proposed Foundry Road Park was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.
CONSIDER

Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Contract with Davis & Floyd for On-Call Professional Engineering Services.

City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed using Davis & Floyd Engineering, Inc., for on-call engineering services. After informing Council of staff’s research of services and pricing comparisons among several engineering firms in South Carolina, he recommended their approval for a two year contract based on Davis & Floyd’s location and history with the City.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau informed Councilors Wiltshire and Boles that Davis & Floyd, Inc., is one of the largest engineering firms in the State that has already worked with the City on numerous projects.

Councilor Ronnie Ables stated that he would like to see due process in selecting an engineering firm. Assistant City Manager Julie Wilkie assured him that various engineering firms were asked to submit proposals of their services and pricing. City Manager Barrineau noted that services from lower-ranking firms were more expensive.

Assistant City Manager Wilkie informed Councilor Edwards that Davis & Floyd, Inc., will be paid by contract, not monthly.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with Davis & Floyd, Inc., for on-call professional engineering services was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

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

The motion passed 5-1.
CONSIDER

Reappointing
Cecil Hill,
Wayne Kelley,
and Cecile Fite
to the Greenwood
City/County
Planning
Commission.

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Council that they all are willing to continue serving on the committee.

DISCUSSION:

City Manager Barrineau confirmed to Councilor Boles that committee members may not need to represent different wards.

A motion to reappoint Cecil Hill, Wayne Kelley, and Cecile Fite to the Greenwood City/County Planning Commission was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Matthew Miller.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER
COMMENTS

City Manager Barrineau reminded Council of their planning session on October 22nd at 12:30 p.m.

City Manager Barrineau also gave an update on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to demolish the Greenwood Mill Site Community Center. The South Carolina Department of Archives and History stated the community center has historical value and the City must perform mitigation steps for their demolition approval. By a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), the City must include an inventory of all mill houses in the village to be placed on the National List of Archives and History, with at least 50% of the surrounding neighborhood participating in the process. The City could still be awarded the CDBG without signing the agreement, but it cannot be used for demolition. After his negotiation to place a historical marker on the site was declined, he doesn’t feel comfortable applying for a CDBG until the MOA issue is studied further.

He confirmed the following:

Kenn Wiltshire: $250,000 is the demolition cost, but the City will still be required to take action if the building is totally dilapidated.

Betty Boles: City staff is doing its best to keep the building boarded up.
Councilor Edwards: He wasn’t sure if the SC Department of Archives and History have visited the site but sent pictures to them.

Councilor Edwards wanted to ask Fire Chief Strange for clarity regarding the high number of false alarms.

City Manager Barrineau asked Council for an Executive Session to receive information on a legal matter concerning a permit error.

A motion to enter into executive session was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Adams abstained from the executive session and exited the meeting.

A motion to appoint Linda Edwards to preside over the Executive Session was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

Those who voted in favor were Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, Matthew Miller, and Ronnie Ables. Linda Edwards abstained from voting.

The motion passed 4-1.

The meeting adjourned into executive session at 6:25 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:40 p.m.
CONSIDER
Action on Executive Session Matter.

Kenn Wiltshire made a motion to repay Terry Gibert $2,500 (due to a permit error) after certain conditions are met, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matthew Miller, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

Linda Edwards adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

City Clerk and Treasurer