

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

February 24, 2020 - 5:31 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT Council Members: Mayor Brandon Smith, Niki Hutto, Betty Boles, Johnathan Bass, Matthew Miller, and Ronnie Ables; City Manager Julia M. Wilkie, Assistant to the City Manager Ryan Thomas, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, City Public Works Director Billy Allen, and City Attorney Tripp Padgett.

ABSENT Linda Edwards.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Brandon Smith called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:31 p.m.

Bishop McCray gave the invocation.

STATEMENT AND QUORUM Mayor Smith 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 Smith 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.

CONSIDER Under New Business, City Manager Julia Wilkie clarified to Council that this is a consolidation of all existing retiree health insurance benefit ordinances. No changes were made to any them, other than they're all combined into one. She confirmed to Mayor Smith that there were at least 11 ordinances in some form regarding City retirees' health insurance since 1999.

Ordinance No. 20-003 Consolidated and Restated Healthcare Ordinance for Participation by the City of Greenwood in the Costs of Health Insurance for Eligible Retirees.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 20-003 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Matthew Miller.

There was no discussion from Council.

(1st reading) The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER City Manager Wilkie informed Council that having a Code of Conduct policy posted at any City owned property (such as the Arts Center, Municipal Building, and parks) gives the City flexibility to place violators on a "No Trespass" notice, not to exceed a year. Exceptions can be made, at the City Manager's discretion, for that individual to conduct business in a City establishment.

Resolution No. 20-003 Establishing a Code of Conduct for City Owned Properties.

DISCUSSION:

City Attorney Tripp Padgett confirmed to Mayor Smith that the freedom to assemble at a public property is anyone's fundamental right, unless it interfered with an employee's job and safety. City Manager Wilkie informed Councilor Niki Hutto that she will discuss this with the County Manager because the Arts Center is jointly owned by the City and County and noted to Councilor Betty Boles that it will be more challenging to post a Code of Conduct policy at City parks, as there are multiple ways in and out.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 20-003 to establish a Code of Conduct for City owned properties was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

There was no further discussion from Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Resolution No. 20-004 to Reaffirm the Importance of On-The-Job Safety for the City of Greenwood.

City Manager Wilkie reminded Council that they have passed this resolution every year, as required by the City's insurance company, to receive a discount in premiums. She confirmed to Mayor Smith that only SC Municipal Insurance Trust (SCMIT) and SC Municipal Insurance and Risk Financing Fund (SCMIRF) members are required to pass this resolution.

There was no further discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 20-004 was made by Matthew Miller, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Acceptance of Section of Pascal Drive.

City Manager Wilkie informed Council that, because of so many complaints from residents regarding a small section of Pascal Drive, they requested Mr. Dewey Brothers to give the City a quitclaim deed so the City can bring it up to standard. She noted the City already owns 4,000 linear feet of this road and this is the only section the City does not own.

City Clerk Steffanie Dorn informed Councilor Hutto that she believed this section was not built to City standards and was never accepted into the City. City Public Works Director Billy Allen noted that the other side of the street is undevelopable.

Mayor Smith does not want to encourage other developers to abandon their property for the City to fix. City Public Works Director Allen noted he was not aware of any other areas with similar road issues where the City owned the remainder of the road. City Manager Wilkie confirmed that the County Transportation Commission (CTC) will finance the upgrade, and requests for construction bids can go out as soon as next week. The owner has nothing to gain by signing this quitclaim deed and the City will accept liability from this date forward, but nothing prior.

A motion to accept a section of Pascal Drive was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Matthew Miller.

DISCUSSION:

City Clerk Dorn confirmed to Mayor Smith that Mr. Brothers owned that road for a long time; at least since 1996. City Public Works Director Allen confirmed that former City Manager Steven Brown once asked him to patch that section of road a long time ago.

Those who voted in favor of accepting a section of Pascal Drive were Mayor Smith, Niki Hutto, Johnathan Bass, Matthew Miller, and Ronnie Ables. Betty Boles voted against.

The motion passed 5 -1.

CITY COMMENTS	MANAGER	City Manager Wilkie informed Council of School Crossing Guard and Police Department vacancies and discussed several upcoming events happening at the end of February and early March.
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CITY COMMENTS	COUNCIL	<u>Councilor Johnathan Bass</u> expressed his concerns about Municipal Court bond releases and wanted a better understanding of the process. City Attorney Tripp Padgett explained that the 5 th Amendment of the Constitution and South Carolina Chief Justice Ordinance states individuals are entitled to a reasonable bail, and jails are not set up to hold people indefinitely on lower-end offenses.
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ADJOURNMENT	A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Johnathan Bass, seconded by Betty Boles.
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The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Brandon Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer