

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

March 20, 2006 - 5:34 p.m.

**MINUTES**

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PRESENT

Council Members: Mayor Nicholson, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Herbert Vaughn, and Johnny Williams; City Manager; Assistant City Manager; City Clerk; City Attorney; Megan Varner from the Index-Journal, and Mike Hatfield of WCRS.

Council Member, Barbara Turnburke, arrived at 6:05 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting in Council Chambers was called to order by Mayor Nicholson at 5:34 p.m.

The Mayor then welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized the new Executive Director of the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce.

ANGELLA LABORDE

"Thank you, Mayor. My name is Angelle LaBorde and I'm glad to be here in Greenwood."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Thank you. She comes from the New Orleans area of Louisiana. After being here for a few weeks, she's hit the ground running. I ask all Council members, if you haven't met her personally, to drop by and see her at your convenience. We're delighted to have you in our community."

The Mayor then gave the invocation.

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STATEMENT AND  
QUORUM

Mayor Nicholson 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 Mayor then asked the City Clerk, Steffanie Dorn, if a quorum was present. She said, "Yes, Mr. Mayor, we have a quorum present."

APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nicholson asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Betty Boles.

The Mayor asked, "Is there any discussion or corrections? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No.  
06-008 Amending  
Ordinance 03-  
010, Zoning  
Ordinance,  
Chapter 11,  
Zoning District  
Regulations,  
Section 11.9.2.,  
Membership of  
the Board of  
Architectural  
Review.

Under public hearings, Mayor Nicholson said, "The format that we employ at the public hearings is, if there is anyone here to speak, we ask that you come to the podium, state your name and address for the record and try to limit your comments to not more than three or four minutes."

Mayor Nicholson then read the first public hearing and asked, "Do I have anyone here to speak in favor of this ordinance?"

(2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

KIM CLARK

"My name is Kim Clark and I live at 109 East Cambridge Avenue. I put some pamphlets in front of you because it's much more eloquent than I could be. I can beg to protect Greenwood's treasures, and I know this is the first step in doing that, but this is the bottom line. The State paid for a study to see what the Boards of Architectural Review would do. The Federal Government actually paid for the printing of this nationwide brochure, even though a lot of this has to do with South Carolina and other areas where they've done what you're considering right now. The cover says, 'Historic Districts are Good for Your Pocketbook'. I'll go through the highlights very rapidly because I know we're tight on time.

Kim Clark then read excerpts from the brochure.

"I hope that we get to see this come to fruition. Thank you so much for your time."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Thank you, Ms. Clark. Is there anyone else to speak in favor of this ordinance dealing with the membership of the Board of Architectural Review? Is there anyone opposing? Seeing and hearing no other, we will close the public hearing.

Now I will call for action by Council. As you know, this is the second and final reading of the ordinance. Do I have a motion from Council?"

A motion to approve the request was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

"Are there any questions? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Ordinance No.  
06-009 Amending  
Ordinance 03-  
010, Zoning  
Ordinance,  
Section 6-2-15  
(1) c, Greenwood  
City Land  
Development  
Regulation, so  
that the Minimum  
Standards for  
Design of  
Private Streets  
Meet the Public  
Road Standards.

(2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

Mayor Nicholson read the second public hearing and asked, "Is there anyone here to speak in favor of this change? Is there anyone opposing? Alright. Seeing and hearing none we will close the public hearing.

Again, you know this is to consider the second and final reading of this ordinance. Do I have a motion?"

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

"Are there any questions or further discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Ordinance No.  
 06-010 Amending  
 City of  
 Greenwood's Code  
 of Ordinances,  
 Section 24-51,  
 to Extend from  
 Two years to  
 Five Years the  
 Exemption from  
 Municipal Ad  
 Valorem Taxes  
 for  
 Manufacturers  
 Located within  
 the Jurisdiction  
 of Greenwood,  
 South Carolina  
 which Otherwise  
 Qualify for Such  
 Exemption  
 Pursuant to  
 Article X,  
 Section 3 (g) of  
 the South  
 Carolina  
 Constitution.

(2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

STEVEN BROWN

Mayor Nicholson read the third public hearing and said, "We're talking about changing the ad valorem taxes from two years to five years. Is there anyone in favor? Is there anyone to speak in opposition? Seeing and hearing none, we will close the public hearing.

Again, this is the second and final reading of this ordinance. Do I have a motion?"

A motion was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

"Mr. Mayor, may I point out a change before you vote on the motion? There was some concern after our last meeting that, while this ordinance doesn't specifically name Greenwood Plating, the original interest in changing this comes from them. Because their transactions occurred during the year 2005, they will not become eligible for the exemption until 2006. There was some concern that we needed to word this ordinance so that they would be eligible. Mr. Welch, in working with Mr. Hinkle, Mr. Treeter and me, suggested that we add four words on the first page under (b) at the very bottom of the page. At the last sentence, 'Such additions shall include additional machinery and equipment installed in the existing plant...', remove the period and add '...or new manufacturing establishments.' Mr. Welch has reviewed this and can give you his opinion as to how this would affect the ordinance."

STEVE WELCH "Mr. Mayor, I can tell you I don't think it's going to affect you whatsoever. I think this change makes it a little clearer."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "Okay, thank you. Are there any questions for Mr. Brown or Mr. Welch in reference to the changes?"

STEVEN BROWN "In your motion, I would like for it to include the additional wording."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "Ms. Hutto, will you include this as a part of your motion?"

BETTY BOLES "What if another company such as Greenwood Plating wants to do the same thing? Will they be eligible for 2005 as well?"

STEVEN BROWN "The key here is, we're not really concerned about when the transactions take place, they must qualify for the exemptions in tax year 2006. So if they qualify, for the first year of an exemption in 2006, then this ordinance would include them. If they have qualified prior to year 2006, the most they can gain is a two year exemption. So this could be for new applications beginning in 2006 and, from that point forward, they can have a five year extension. Because they have qualified prior to 2006, the max is two."

STEVE WELCH "They must qualify at the end of December in the year previous. That's why it says, '...December 31, 2005...' It's for the year 2006."

STEVE BROWN "Allen (Treeter of Greenwood Plating), you qualify by submitting your tax returns in April of 2006, right?"

ALLEN TREETER "Yes. Based on my understanding, it is according to what assets you have on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year or December 31<sup>st</sup> and prior."

STEVEN BROWN "But that's done by you filing your returns by April 15<sup>th</sup> with the State Tax?"

ALLEN TREETER "Actually, we'll be paying our property taxes on April 30<sup>th</sup>. That would be the taxes we pay between December and January of the upcoming round. We have already paid our taxes for 2005."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "Okay. Are there any other questions?"

A motion to include the additional wording at the end of part (b) was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

"Is there any further discussion or questions? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Ordinance 06-011 Amending the City of Greenwood's Official Zoning Map (Ordinance No. 04-020) by Rezoning Property (Approximately 1.34 Acres) Located at 302, 304, and 308 Seaboard Avenue, from R7 (Residential-High Density) to NC (Neighborhood Commercial).

(1<sup>st</sup> reading)

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor, several months ago there was a request for the Planning Commission to rezone this property owned by Mr. Mays. The Planning Commission recommended that the property be rezoned to General Commercial and included the existing businesses fronting Seaboard. We would've had four properties rezoned, but you did not agree to rezone Mr. Mays property to General Commercial. Instead, you asked us to send the other two properties, owned by the Thorpes and Prices, back to the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission has reviewed those properties and has now recommended rezoning the three buildings on two properties to Neighborhood Commercial, not General Commercial. They are nonconforming now but, if you rezone them, they will be conforming in Neighborhood Commercial."

LINDA EDWARDS

"Okay. So the first building is the vacant building next to the vacant lot, right?"

STEVEN BROWN

"The old liquor store that the Prices own beside the Mays property is vacant. As you move towards the hardware store, there are two other buildings owned by the Thorpe Family. Both of those properties would become Neighborhood Commercial."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"One is the ABC store and the other little vacant building is what the Thorpes own. I don't know if anything is in it right now."

STEVEN BROWN

"It's some kind of finance company. This is the only one occupied right now."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Is there anyone here to speak in favor of the zoning change? Is there anyone opposing? Okay. Seeing and hearing none, we will close the public hearing.

As you know, this is the first reading of this proposed ordinance and it was recommended for approval by the Joint Planning Commission. Do I have a motion?"

A motion was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Betty Boles.

"Are there any questions or further discussion?"  
All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously

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CONSIDER

Ordinance No.  
06-006 Amending  
the City of  
Greenwood's  
Official Zoning  
Map (Ordinance  
No. 04-020) by  
Rezoning  
Property  
(Approximately  
0.3 Acres)  
Located at 536  
Cambridge  
Avenue East  
from  
(Residential-  
High Density)  
to NC  
(Neighborhood  
Commercial).

(2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

Under unfinished business, Mayor Nicholson read the first item and said, "This is the second reading. Mr. Brown, please explain to the general public where these are located."

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor, it is not directly across from Workman's but very close. It's also beside the small grocery store that's near the end of Pelzer Street as it intersects with East Cambridge. This property was Neighborhood Commercial prior to our Zoning Ordinance approval and we mistakenly put it back residential. We're asking you to correct our mistake."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Will that make it conforming now?"

STEVEN BROWN

"There have been good businesses in the building for years."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Do I have a motion? This is the second reading."

A motion was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Niki Hutto.

"Are there any questions or further discussion?  
All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Appoint one (1)  
Motel  
Representative  
to the  
City/County  
Visitors &  
Tourism  
Advisory  
Committee.

Mayor Nicholson read the second item and said,  
"I've spoken to Russ Ritson, General Manager at the  
Inn on the Square, and he is interested in serving.  
The Inn on the Square is very vital to Uptown  
Greenwood and I think it would be appropriate if we  
had someone from that capacity to serve on the  
committee. Do I have a motion that we appoint  
Russ?"

Motion was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Herbert  
Vaughn.

"All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance 06-  
012 Amending  
Ordinance No.  
05-042 Section  
3 (c),  
Establishing A  
Local  
Hospitality Tax  
on the Sales of  
Prepared Meals  
and Beverages  
in  
Establishments  
within the City  
of Greenwood,  
South Carolina.

Under new business, Mayor Nicholson read the first  
item and recognized the Assistant City Manager.

(1<sup>st</sup> reading)

CHARLES  
BARRINEAU

"Mr. Mayor, when we had our meetings a few months ago regarding the Hospitality Tax, some of the local restaurants asked Council to consider giving a two percent reduction in their submission. It is similar to what they get through the State Department of Revenue Retail Tax at five percent. We researched it and found numerous cities that provide the two percent reduction. Those cities include Florence, Spartanburg, and Anderson. If Council so chooses, we see no reason not to deny that."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Do I have a motion?"

Motion was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

"Are there any questions or further discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Mayor Nicholson read the second item and recognized the City Manager.

Ordinance 06-  
013 Annexing  
47.25 Acres  
Owned by the  
City of  
Greenwood  
Commissioners  
of Public  
Works, Located  
off Highway 246  
North.

(1<sup>st</sup> reading)

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor and City Council, as you can see, this property is contiguous with the City Pond Property. I think there are two reasons why the Commissioners

purchased this property. There was very little or at least a very small area that they owned.

They felt the eastern side of the pond would be more marketable if they had a wider area on that side of the pond. Also, purchasing this property gives two accesses to the property, one off of Highway 246 North and one off the Old Laurens Highway. It is being zoned the same zoning as the other 600+ acres in that tract and they are asking you to annex it. If there are any other questions, Mr. Monaghan and Mr. Reeves are here to answer any questions that you have."

LINDA EDWARDS

"Exactly where is this?"

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"This is off of Highway 246."

STEVEN BROWN

"In the State Prison area off Highway 246 past Oakland School."

NIKI HUTTO

"What is the property zoned? Is it a PDD or residential?"

STEVEN BROWN

"The property is presently zoned R2."

NIKI HUTTO

"County R2 or our R2?"

STEVEN BROWN

"Ours."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Are there any plans right now?"

STEVE REEVES

"Not currently. (Inaudible)"

NIKI HUTTO

"Is it R1, single-family, one acre lots? Okay."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Are there any other questions? Do I have a motion?"

Motion was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Niki Hutto.

"Is there any further discussion or questions? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Mayor Nicholson read the third item and recognized the City Manager.

Allowing the City Police Department to Accept a \$23,173.50 JAG Grant Award from the Department of Justice.

- AND -

CONSIDER

Disposal of Police Department Surplus Property.

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor, I've asked Chief Brooks to speak, not only to this item, but also to Number 4."

POLICE CHIEF  
BROOKS

"Mr. Mayor and Council, these JAG grants don't miss much of being automatic. They essentially replaced the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants that we got for so many years. Unfortunately, they're much smaller and we don't apply for a particular amount that we have in mind. Instead, the Justice Department has a formula that determines what the local jurisdictions are entitled to. Then, they'll notify us of a certain amount, if we apply. We don't have to tell them up front how we intend to use the money but, before we ultimately notify them, we have certain guidelines and criteria that we must comply with.

The bottom line is we must have your consent to accept this grant. Later, you will have an opportunity to approve whatever method to spend this money on. So we will be back before you to let you know.

Again, the amount is \$23,173.50, and we can use

that money for anything that falls under traditional law enforcement equipment such as weapons, surveillance, communication, and personal protection equipment. We can also use it for information technology such as software, hardware, or systems development and improvement.

Unless something changes between now and the time we would actually spend that money, I guess we'll spend it updating the mobile data terminals, or laptops, that are in our patrol vehicles but there's no final decision on that yet.

I'll be glad to entertain any questions that you might have."

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor, the total amount of money that was awarded was \$46,347. There's a term that the Justice Department uses called, 'Disparate Jurisdiction', which means that we must negotiate with the County on how this money will be divided before it is awarded. I guess there are all kinds of ways it could've been split but 50% is the easiest and most simple distribution. The County will be receiving \$23,173.50 as we will."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Are there any questions for Chief Brooks on the first item dealing with the JAG Grant? Alright Chief, we'll let you go to the second one."

Barbara Turnburke entered into the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

POLICE CHIEF  
BROOKS

"Thank you, Mr. Mayor. The second has to do with the disposition of some surplus equipment that the department owns. Several years ago, it became obvious to everybody in law enforcement that more activities can be filmed on videotape, so it became real popular to put video cameras in police cars. It was also recognized on the State level and many departments began installing video cameras in their breathalyzer, or data master, rooms.

Some DUI legislation was amended several years ago that allowed for an assessment fee to be added to fines for DUI. That assessment fee was earmarked to purchase video equipment for law enforcement in the detection, apprehension and prosecution of these cases. A formula was devised as to spread that money out across the State, in somewhat of a lottery system, so that each department could eventually get the money for these video cameras. The process started out very slow and, as each year

wore on, the departments found that they weren't getting the video cameras. All the money was being spent to put a video camera in every data master room on the State level. Because of that, our department, and many other departments, began purchasing video cameras with other funds. In our case, we used Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds to buy those video cameras.

Over a period of several years, we were ultimately able to outfit all our patrol cars with them. A year or two after that, the State had finished outfitting all of their data master rooms and began distributing video cameras to the various departments. For the first two years, we didn't get any of those cameras but, after that, they began to come in.

On the one hand, we had video cameras. On the other hand, the State was offering free video cameras that were newer, more state of the art and maintained by the State. So we retired, or began to retire, the video cameras we had purchased with the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant money and replaced with them with the cameras provided by the State. Over the last couple of years, that 'Phase-in' and 'Phase-out' process has been completed. Now, all of the video cameras in our cars have been given and maintained by the State.

We are left with a number of video cameras that are now surplus property and collecting dust in storage awaiting the City Auction. These cameras aren't really attractive to anybody I can think of other than law enforcement. Now that all law enforcement in South Carolina has cameras donated by the State, there are not any law enforcement agencies in South Carolina that would have much use for these cameras. If we dispose of them the way we normally would in a City Action, it's very unlikely that anybody is going to bid on them.

To that end, we discovered the State of Georgia still has agencies that are buying these cameras. There's a police department in Georgia (I apologize that I don't have the name of that particular city.) that would like to exchange equipment with us. They're willing to provide us with two, brand new, 'in the box' radar units in exchange for six of our surplus video cameras. Those video cameras originally cost us about \$3,200 each. If we depreciate them at the rate of 20% per year, they're now worth about \$1,280 each. Having said

that, I don't think they're worth that money in South Carolina because of all the cameras that were given by the State. The radar unit we would like to get from this department would cost us \$2,000 each for a total of \$4,000.

We have an opportunity to exchange six, non marketable, video cameras that we have no use for in exchange for about \$4,000 worth of new radar equipment. I'm here tonight seeking your approval to make that exchange.

I'll be glad to answer any questions."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Does anyone have any questions? Thank you, Chief. Well, we just heard two reports coming from our Chief of Police. Now, we'll go back to item number 3. Do I have a motion?"

Motion was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Betty Boles.

"Are there any questions or further discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

"The fourth item is to consider the disposal of department surplus property. Do I have a motion?"

Motion was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Linda Edwards.

"Are there any questions or discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Mayor Nicholson read the fifth item and recognized the City Manager.

Gerry            Lance  
Zoning        Request  
- 120        Plowden

Street, 122  
Plowden Street,  
& 1076 Phoenix  
Street.

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor and City Council, on July 21, 1997, City Council passed an ordinance rezoning these three properties from R6, Multi-family, to what was then known as C2, General Commercial. When the latest zoning ordinance was recommended, the Planning Commission suggested that these properties be changed back to residential. You adopted that ordinance and these properties are now residential.

Mr. Lance has presented a request to me stating that this is inappropriate. He feels that in 1997 he went through the proper process to get his properties rezoned to Commercial. He has two options. One is to submit his fee, request the Planning Commission to review the properties and change the zoning back to Commercial at a cost of \$150.

Mr. Lance is asking you to consider sending it to the Planning Commission and request them to review it so that he would not have to pay the fee. He really would love for you to go ahead and rezone it back to commercial, but I think that would be inappropriate. If it were a mistake, then I can understand you taking action. Phil (Lindler, of the Planning Department) says the staff and Planning Commission knew what they were doing when they recommended to revert the properties back to residential, so it wasn't an error. You can at least help Mr. Lance avoid that fee if you request the Planning Commission to review the properties and make a recommendation to you. That is what he's asking."

JOHNNY WILLIAMS

"I agree with that because I don't remember it. Did we know it was going back to residential after we already rezoned it to commercial? I don't remember it ever being discussed among us."

STEVEN BROWN

"We reviewed the maps and I don't remember any individual comments."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Do I have a motion that we send it back to the Planning Commission?"

Motion was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Betty Boles.

"Are there any questions or further discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

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CONSIDER

Appointments to  
the City of  
Greenwood Board  
of  
Architectural  
Review.

Mayor Nicholson read the last item and asked, "Mr. Brown, each Councilperson will recommend an appointment to the board of seven, am I correct?"

STEVEN BROWN

"Yes sir. I really didn't expect you to take action but we did promise Mrs. Godsen that we will expedite the matter at 105 Dargan as quickly as possible. I think some of you have chosen who you will recommend. Remember, we must have seven people; a recommendation from each City Councilmember. One of them must be an attorney, one must have architectural expertise and the other must represent the historical society.

There has been a lot of interest generated by you putting the Architectural Board of Review on your calendar. There is a lady that does not live inside the City, but certainly has a vast amount of experience in historical preservation. Her name is Ann Norton and she has recently moved here. She has written a letter requesting consideration and I would highly recommend that any of you who would like to meet with Ms. Norton should do so. Charlie and I have met with her and were impressed with her credentials. I think she will bring some expertise to this committee that would be needed, so please consider that request. Your ordinance does not require the individuals to live inside the city and Ms. Norton has the credentials that I think you should consider. The others may be lay people representing different areas of the City. Maybe we can discuss this at the work session and be prepared to make appointments at the April meeting."

LINDA EDWARDS

"Did I understand you to say that the person does

not have to live in the City?"

STEVEN BROWN

"The ordinance does not require that they must be inside of the City. I think it gives you some flexibility that you may need. Someone may own a vast amount of property, be very involved in what you're doing, but may not reside inside the City. They may be a property tax paying owner."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Each Councilmember will have to make a recommendation. We will discuss this at our work session, which will be April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We would like to have a full recommendation at our regular Council meeting, which will be the 17<sup>th</sup> of April, and get the Board up and running as soon as possible."

BETTY BOLES

"What would you like, just names?"

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Just names. Each Councilperson is responsible for making one recommendation. Can I have a motion that we postpone this temporarily?"

Motion was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

"All in favor raise your right hand. So moved."

Motion passed unanimously.

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CITY COUNCIL  
COMMENTS

Mayor Nicholson said, "I would like to congratulate a reporter from the Index Journal. I think a few weeks ago, she won an award. Would you tell us briefly about it, please?"

MEGAN VARNER

"I was awarded first place for a general news photo in a daily division."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Congratulations! I think there were three other people from the Index to win awards also?"

MEGAN VARNER

"Yes. There were several people that have been awarded this year."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. We especially wanted to send our condolences to Linda Edwards who lost her brother last week and is just returning from Texas. You

were in our prayers, Linda."

LINDA EDWARDS

"Thank you."

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CITY MANAGER  
COMMENTS

Mayor Nicholson recognized the City Manager.

STEVEN BROWN

"Mr. Mayor, I have two items of information. One is, we would like to request the work session be held at the Federal Building."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Okay. Is that April 3<sup>rd</sup>?"

STEVEN BROWN

"Yes, sir. The Federal Building will be completed and open, so we would like to take that opportunity and let Council see it. It's a good time to do it, so I'd appreciate it if you would let us do that."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"We'll be glad to. Are you going to have a meal for us?"

STEVEN BROWN

"Yes, sir. Most definitely."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Alright. What else, Mr. Brown."

STEVEN BROWN

"I received a call late this afternoon from the County Manager telling me that the County Council held a special meeting today. They passed a resolution beginning a process which sets into place a one cent Capital Improvements Referendum on the ballot in November. As I have provided you with information and opinions from the attorneys, there is a commission that is required to be appointed. It will consist of three members by the County Council, two members by the City Council, and the two members you appoint must then appoint a sixth member who must be from Ninety Six, Ware Shoals, Troy or Hodges.

The law says that after County Council passes the resolution, you have 30 days to make your appointments, or County Council can make them for you. So if they passed it today, you got 30 days to make your appointment. Now, if you want to do it at the work session, y'all need to decide who you want to appoint or what process you want to use. I think it's important that you not allow these 30 days to pass without any appointments."

MAYOR NICHOLSON

"Can we discuss it at the work session and make an

appointment on the 17<sup>th</sup>, or do we need to have a special meeting?"

STEVEN BROWN "We would be within the 30 days. I think they would like to see them appointed sooner."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "I would like for us to have an opportunity to discuss it."

STEVEN BROWN "I think it will be very important that you take time to discuss it."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "That will be a top priority at the work session on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. If we must have a special meeting before our regular meeting to appoint them, we'll do that."

STEVEN BROWN "I've also been told that there are two projects to make decisions on. One is the dam at Lake Greenwood and the other is the Library."

NIKI HUTTO "What are the specifics? Should they have some sort of background to qualify them for this committee?"

STEVEN BROWN "The law does not specify any credentials for participation."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "They want you to determine which projects should be funded. It's a very important committee."

STEVEN BROWN "Yes, sir."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "Is there anything else, Mr. Brown?"

STEVEN BROWN "At the next meeting Ms. Edwards, Mr. Vaughn, Ms. Turnburke, the Mayor and Mr. Monaghan will be sworn in. If Council will dress accordingly, whatever you desire, we will take pictures at the next meeting."

LINDA EDWARDS "When we're bringing names for different appointments, Mr. Brown, are you going to be the one contacting these people to see if they're willing to serve, or are we supposed to ask?"

STEVEN BROWN "Ms. Edwards, I will contact anyone that Council directs me to. I do not take it upon myself to contact anyone without direction from you. If I was to contact people, that'll put you in a difficult position because you may not want to appoint those that I select."

LINDA EDWARDS "The reason why I ask is because I might ask somebody but don't want them to get the impression that they're going to be appointed. They must be voted on by everybody first."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "That's a good question."

STEVEN BROWN "I'll be glad to contact anybody and provide them with information."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "On the Architectural Board, each Councilmember is appointing one individual."

STEVEN BROWN "The ordinance says that each member recommends and then Council votes on the entire board."

LINDA EDWARDS "Okay."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "Okay. Do I have a motion that we adjourn?"

Motion to adjourn was made by Linda Edwards.

"By the way, Mrs. Turnburke is probably busy because Regency Park had a fire last night."

STEVEN BROWN "The fire destroyed two apartments and damaged two more. The fire call came in at one o'clock in the morning."

MAYOR NICHOLSON "I think there were 14 or 15 Lander students that were displaced in the fire. Okay. Thank you all. Have a nice evening."

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Floyd Nicholson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk and Treasurer