

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

May 16, 2005 - 5:55 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Mayor Nicholson; Council Members: Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Herbert Vaughn, Johnny Williams, and Barbara Turnburke; City Manager; Assistant City Manager; City Clerk; Attorney John Newlon; and Wallace McBride from the Index-Journal.

MINUTES

Mayor Nicholson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting on April 18, 2005.

Motion was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Linda Edwards, approving the minutes as presented.

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

Motion was passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Mayor Nicholson asked for a motion to accept as information the reports from the City Manager for April 2005, and the Commissioners of Public Works Consolidated Financial Reports for the Period Ending February 28, 2005 and March 31, 2005.

Motion to accept the reports as information was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The Mayor asked, "Is there any questions or

corrections? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved.”

Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance
Amending
Ordinance 03-
010, Zoning
Ordinance,
Chapter 5,
Design and
Performance
Standards,
Article 2, Table
5.1, Development
Standards; and
Chapter 5, Article
3, Section 5.3.2.,
Impervious
Surfaces, Tables
5.2. and 5.3.,
Open Space and
Impervious
Surface
(Residential and
Non-Residential).

(2nd reading)

Under old business, Mayor Nicholson read the first item and asked for a motion.

Motion to approve the ordinance was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Johnny Williams.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

- attach -

CONSIDER

An Ordinance
Annexing
Property Located
on Dalton Road

Mayor Nicholson read the second item and asked for a motion.

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

Owned by
William Travis
Miller and Terry
Ann Miller.

(2nd reading)

“Is there any discussion? All in favor of raise your right hand. So moved.”

Motion passed unanimously.

- attach -

CONSIDER

An Ordinance to
Give Consent to
the Creation of a
Joint County
Business Park
Pursuant to Article
VIII, Section 13, of
the South Carolina
Constitution, and
By Section 4-1-
170, et. seq.,
South Carolina
Code of Laws, as
Amended, Which
Will be
Geographically
Located with the
Municipal
Boundaries of the
City of Greenwood,
South Carolina.

Mayor Nicholson read the third item and said, “This is the one where Mr. Brown and Mr. Newlon made some corrections, additions and deletions in the original ordinance. Do I have a motion?”

Motion to accept the ordinance with the corrections, additions, and deletions was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

(2nd reading)

STEVEN BROWN

“Mr. Mayor?”

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

“Yes sir, Mr. Brown?”

STEVEN BROWN

“We tried to do this together with the County, but I don’t think County Council is anywhere close to adopting an ordinance. Would you be willing to delay the second reading? I just think out of courtesy, I should allow the County Staff time to review the amendments as recommended by both John McCravy and John Newlon. If you adopt the ordinance as revised and the County Staff is not in agreement, the Ordinance will need to be revised with a public hearing and two (2) readings before final adoption. “

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

“They haven’t had any readings?”

STEVEN BROWN

“No sir. I don’t believe they have. It does give us at least another month.”

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

“Well, they can’t do anything until the both of us pass it anyway, right?”

STEVEN BROWN

“Yes, sir.”

NIKI HUTTO

“Well, I can rescind the motion in lieu of allowing the County to review it.”

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

“Okay.”

STEVEN BROWN

“We’ll just incorporate the amendments, as recommended by the attorneys, and notify the County of the changes. Unless they have a problem with your ordinance, you can have final reading at your June 20th meeting.”

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

“Do I have a motion that we postpone?”

Motion to postpone any action was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Barbara Turnburke.

“All in favor raise your right hand. So moved.”

Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER

An Ordinance to Establish a Procedure for a Vesting of Rights in Site Specific and Phased Development Plans with the City of Greenwood.

(2nd reading)

Mayor Nicholson read the fourth item and asked for a motion.

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

“Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand? So moved.”

Motion passed unanimously.

- attach -

CONSIDER

Municipal State Highway Project Agreement Resolution.

Mayor Nicholson read the fifth item on the agenda and asked for a motion.

Motion accept the resolution was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Herbert Vaughn.

“Is there any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. So moved.”

Motion passed unanimously. - attach -

CONSIDER

An Ordinance to
Amend
Ordinance No.
05-003, Annexing
Property off
Center Street
Owned by Lechi
Thi Nguyen.

(2nd
reading)

Mayor Nicholson read the sixth item and asked for a motion.

Motion was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Linda Edwards.

“Is there any further discussion? All in favor raise your right hand? So moved.”

Motion passed unanimously.

- attach -

CONSIDER

A Request from
the City Manager
to have a Brief
Special Meeting at
the Beginning of
the June 16th
Work Session.

STEVEN BROWN

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

“Mr. Mayor and City Council, when the new land use map was completed, there were zoning classification changed on a number of properties. As we discussed when you were reviewing the land use map as recommended by the Planning Commission, we anticipated some errors that would require corrective actions by Council The Garden Apartments on Parkway was zoned incorrectly. They were zoned multi-family and when the land use map was completed, the property was zoned OPI.

The company that owns the apartment attempted to refinance and, when the mortgage company found

out that they were nonconforming, the mortgage company would not refinance. I've been talking with the Planning staff, and they agreed ask the Planning Commission to recommend rezoning the property to its correct classification which is multifamily R-10. The owners need it to be zoned correctly by a certain date and, I told them that I would ask you to set a special meeting for the June 6th work session.

I am sure that the Planning Commission will forward their recommendation to you by your June 6 work session. At the your regular June meeting, we will have a public hearing and ask that you adopt it on the second reading. Then they can get their refinancing within the time frame they need.

The Gardens at Parkway owners have not done anything wrong or failed to do something. The City Council needs to help them. These are the people who annexed that property into the City when they could've left it in the County, so we need to help them if we can."

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

"Okay. Do I have a motion that we have a brief meeting at the beginning of the work session on the 6th?"

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

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

Motion passed unanimously.

RECOGNIZE
Mr. Wayne Kelly.

Mayor Nicholson read the eighth item and recognized Mr. Wayne Kelly.

WAYNE KELLY

“My name is Wayne Kelly and I live at 310 Lowell Avenue in Greenwood. I’ve got a problem in my neighborhood and, as I have ventured out to ask other people, they’ve got a problem too, and it’s called drugs. Lo and behold, as I got to looking around, it has come to my attention that the City does not have a drug team and the County and State Highway Patrol are the ones having to do it. I’ve talked to some the Council Members that said they have drug problems in their neighborhoods and elsewhere. We need something done about it.

As I got to looking, the Index Journal ran an article about Meth in the City of Greenwood. There’s been over 20 meth labs in the Lakelands area in the last year, and we’ve got to have something done. As I have come across other things about this problem, everybody keeps telling me, ‘...lack of funds’.

If you read the paper, it’s the State Highway Patrol and the County Sheriff’s Department doing the drug arrests. Where’s the City? We need them, and y’all need to come up with some funds to get a program started. During his campaign, Mr. Wideman said that he wanted to work with the City and get them involved more. Has anything been done yet? Half of the time I asked that question, nobody has given me an answer. Can y’all tell me? Have y’all been approached?”

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

“We’ll look into it, Mr. Kelly. The City is in the County, you know.”

WAYNE KELLY

“I understand that, but I also understand that a lot of the County problems are stimulating out of the County. The County Sheriff’s Department is actually working in other areas to combat the problems coming into the City, and it’s actually more than they can handle. I’ve had several officers tell me that they’re swamped with drug problems all over. I know for a fact that several motels have been involved where the rooms were used as meth labs.”

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

“Do you have proof of that?”

WAYNE KELLY

“Our fire department stood by while they removed a meth lab at one of the motels. Our fire department was called to stand by while the Sheriff’s Department had to go in and remove the meth chemicals.”

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

“Well, Mr. Kelly, we appreciate the information. We’ll see what we can do.”

WAYNE KELLY

“If y’all could just give me some answers, please, because we got to stop this problem.”

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

“I agree with you totally, Mr. Kelly.”

WAYNE KELLY

“Okay.”

MAYOR
NICHOLSON

“Thank you, very much.”

CONSIDER

A Request from
the City Manager
to have an
Executive Session
to Discuss a
Contractual
Matter.

Mayor Nicholson read the last item and asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

Motion was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Herbert Vaughn.

“All in favor raise your right hand. So moved.”

Motion passed unanimously.

The City Council Meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 6:09 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Floyd Nicholson, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer