

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

September 15, 2014 - 5:34 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Kenn Wiltshire, Johnny Williams, and Ronnie Ables. City Manager Charles Barrineau, Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, and City Attorneys Bacot & Padgett; Brian King of GwdToday.com and Frank Bumb of the Index Journal.

ABSENT Niki Hutto

Linda Edwards and Betty Boles entered the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Adams called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:34 p.m.

The invocation was given by City Manager Charles Barrineau.

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."

City Clerk Steffanie Dorn confirmed that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA Mayor Adams asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.

Linda Edwards and Betty Boles entered the meeting at 5:35 p.m. and did not vote.

RECOGNIZE Under Public Appearances, Mayor Adams read and signed the proclamation for POW/MIA Day in Anne Drake's absence.

Anne Drake for
POW/MIA Day.

RECOGNIZE City Manager Charles Barrineau recognized Billy Nicholson, President of the Greater Greenwood Parks and Trails Foundation, who updated Council on the Grace Street Park progress. The area around the lake has been cleared. A donation from a professional organization has sponsored the trail around the lake. The Dog Park Committee is in the process of erecting a fence and working on attaining liability insurance in order to have an opening on October 4.

Phase I includes the upper pond area, the dog park, and an area along Merrywood Drive for the parking lot. This area will be cordoned off to prevent traffic in undeveloped areas. The pavilion will be opened in six months or more and FUJI Film will continue to be involved with Japanese inspired landscaping.

Mr. Nicholson requested Council to approve two water taps and a capacity fee for the dog park at an estimated cost of \$2,265. He also requested a consensus of Council members for a day and time to schedule the grand opening of Magnolia Park restrooms that were provided by the Rotary Club and Self Foundation. After Council agreed to 10 a.m. any day of the week, he finally distributed dog park brochures.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Councilor Johnny Williams inquired of a newspaper article stating the City only cut the grass for the park. He also inquired about a \$50,000 to \$60,000 grant to purchase tools to maintain parks and trails. Mr. Nicholson wasn't aware of the article but recognized the City deserved credit for maintenance. He will research to see if there was a grant to purchase tools.

Councilor Ronnie Ables asked for clarity on the dog park. Mr. Nicholson stated that it will be three fenced areas separated for small and large dogs with an agility area.

There, dogs can be released from their leash to run and play. Dog owners will not be allowed to drop off their dogs but stay close by so that dogs shouldn't get into fights.

Mayor D. Welborn Adams stated that young professionals are very excited about it. Mr. Nicholson agreed that people are more passionate about their dogs.

Councilor Betty Boles inquired about the number of members on the Parks Commission. Mr. Nicholson announced that the 12 member Parks Commission will be disbanded. The Parks and Trails Foundation have 15 members who meet on two other spots in Greenwood. One is the old Foundry area consisting of 11 acres that is currently under assessment. The other is a 4 ½ acre lot located at the Old Brewer school that will consist of a gazebo, pavilion and playground.

CONSIDER
Ordinance No.
14-017 Amending
Ordinance
Number 13-028,
the City of
Greenwood
Hospitality
Fund Budget for
2014.

Under the only Public Hearing, City Manager Barrineau reviewed the ordinance amending the Hospitality Tax Bond funding for the market project.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 14-017 was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

(2nd reading)

The motion passed unanimously.

-Ordinance No. 14-017 is Located in Vault-

CONSIDER
Ordinance No. 14-019 Amending Ordinance Number 13-018, the City of Greenwood General Fund Budget for 2014.

City Manager Barrineau discussed amending the 2014 General Budget for the remaining FEMA Firefighter Assistance Grant funds that were used by the Fire Department to purchase a Hazmat truck.

A motion to approve amending Ordinance Number 13-018, the City of Greenwood General Fund Budget for 2014, was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

(1st reading)

CONSIDER
Resolution No. 14-008 Approving the Distribution of 2014 Accommodations Tax Funds.

City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed Accommodations Tax allocation funding requests from five agencies. With \$59,257.01 available, the Accommodations Tax Committee recommended allocating the requested amount to the Emerald Triangle, Chamber of Commerce Women’s Conference, Greenwood Lander Performing Arts, and the South Carolina Festival of Discovery with the remainder allocated to the South Carolina Festival Flowers as indicated below:

AGENCY	\$ REQUESTED	\$ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED	\$ APPROVED BY COUNCIL
City of Greenwood	29,442.85	29,442.85	29,442.85
Greenwood Regional Visitors/Tourism	26,657.09	26,657.09	26,657.09
The Emerald Triangle	15,000	15,000	15,000
Chamber of Commerce Women’s Conference	2,300	2,300	2,300
Greenwood Lander Performing Arts	5,000	5,000	5,000
South Carolina Festival of Discovery	15,000	15,000	15,000
South Carolina Festival of Flowers	33,000	21,957.01	21,957.01
Total	\$126,399.94	\$115,356.95	\$115,356.95

A motion to approve Resolution 14-008 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.

-Resolution 14-008 is Located in Vault-

CONSIDER

Resolution 14-009 to Approve an Application Procedure to Provide Residential Garbage Collection to Medically Disabled Persons.

City Manager Charles Barrineau discussed the current Code of Ordinance, Section 34-7-B, to provide residential garbage collection to medically disabled persons. He proposed an application procedure that will require a doctor's statement regarding the person's inability to roll their sanitation cart to the curb. He explained that, with the new sidearm sanitation truck, this will be a more efficient way to reduce costs. If Council approves, the City will mail out a procedure that would require anybody with a medical, physical disability to return a completed form with a doctor's signature within the next 90 days.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Councilor Boles inquired the number of residences that are already on the red dot list. City Manager Barrineau estimated 150 to 200 individual collections. Letters will be sent to everyone with Commissioners of Public Work's permission to accompany their billing. He will also talk with various neighborhood associations to educate residents on the new procedure.

Councilor Linda Edwards commented that the number of red dot users will decrease. City Manager Barrineau stated that this is the intent of the application.

A motion to approve Resolution 14-009 was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Linda Edwards.

The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager updated Council that the sidearm truck will be delivered as early as this week, but the planned route has not been determined yet. The first 30 days will take a lot of testing to see which route works the best. He anticipated letters being sent this week with a lot of education to make this as easy as possible for citizens and customers.

Councilor Kenn Wiltshire commented that the new truck should cut down on overflowing trash being dropped out of sanitation trucks. City Manager Barrineau agreed but will still use the manual dumping method for red dot customers. He stated that there is a decrease in sanitation weight at the landfill due to the County recycling system.

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CONSIDER
The Acceptance
of Roads from
Piontek in
Auburn Place
Subdivision.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the infrastructure reimbursement agreement that Council authorized and noted that the City is in receipt of the Letter of Credit for three years of road maintenance by the developer. He recommended approval.

A motion to accept the roads in Auburn Place Subdivision was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
Request to
Greenwood
Commissioners of
Public Works to
Assign the
Expense of Water
Tap Fees for the
Grace Street
Park to the City
of Greenwood.

City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the Greater Greenwood Parks and Trails Foundation's request for the City to allow two water taps and capacity fees for the new Grace Street Park to go through the City's exchange of checks with the Commissioners of Public Works. He reminded Council that the City has already done the same for Magnolia and West Cambridge Parks.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Councilor Williams suggested that Greenwood County be asked to pay impact fees since County residents will use the park more than anyone else. City Manager Barrineau confirmed that the Greater Greenwood Parks and Trails Foundation will pay monthly water bills. There have been joint meeting efforts with the County to discuss costs for maintenance and insurance to try to create a more level playing field. Mr. Nicholson noted that a survey showing half of gazebo reservations at West Cambridge Park came from the City and County residents.

A motion to assign the expense of water tap and capacity fees for the Grace Street Park to the City of Greenwood was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

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

The motion passed 5-1.

CITY MANAGER
COMMENTS

City Manager Charles Barrineau updated Council on the following:

- Greenwood Mill Site; He displayed a current picture showing that it is not holding water. Staff will be planting seed when it dries. All available money has been spent but other resources will be sought.
- Dilapidated homes; He showed before and after pictures stating that he hoped the State Housing Trust Fund would have a grant for asbestos abatement. Mayor Adams commented that the State can put together an asbestos team to remove it throughout all municipalities and have the ability to demolish homes throughout South Carolina.
- The MASC Regional Meeting will be 11 a.m. tomorrow at the Arts Center.
- The Fall Retreat will be Friday, September 26, at 12 noon. Council prefers that it be held at The Museum because it has more room.
- Maxwell Avenue Construction should've started today but is delayed by rain.

CITY COUNCIL
COMMENTS

There were no comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Kenn Wiltshire.

Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer