

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL

December 15, 2014 - 5:36 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT Council Members: Mayor D. Welborn Adams, Niki Hutto, Linda Edwards, Betty Boles, Kenn Wiltshire, Johnny Williams, and Ronnie Ables. City Manager Charles Barrineau, Assistant City Manager Julia Wilkie, City Clerk Steffanie Dorn, City/County Planning Director Phil Lindler, and City Attorney Tripp Padgett; Brian King of GwdToday.com and Colin Riddle of the Index Journal.

CALL TO ORDER After the invocation was given by Councilor Linda Edwards, Mayor Adams called the meeting in Council Chambers to order at 5:36 p.m.

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.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER City Manager Barrineau reviewed the proposed ordinance to remove the monetary amount from the ordinance.

Ordinance No.
14-021 Amending
Ordinance 12-005
to Amend
Participation by
the City of
Greenwood in the
Costs of Health
Insurance for
Eligible
Employees
Retiring after
December 31,
2008 and before
January 2012.

 No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

 There was no discussion from Council.

 A motion to approve Ordinance No. 14-021 was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Niki Hutto.

 The motion passed unanimously.

(2nd reading)

CONSIDER Under Public Hearings, City Manager Barrineau reviewed the proposed ordinance noting that there were no more changes since the first reading.

Ordinance No.
14-022 Amending
Ordinance 12-006
to Amend
Participation by
the City of
Greenwood in the
Costs of Health
Insurance for
Eligible
Employees
Retiring after
December 31,
2011.

 No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

 There was no discussion from Council.

 A motion to approve Ordinance No. 14-022 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Ronnie Ables.

 The motion passed unanimously.

(2nd reading)

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 14-027 Amending Ordinance 08-051 to Amend the Definition of Eligible Retiree, Health Insurance Program Implicit Rate Subsidy and Group 1.

(2nd reading)

City Manager Barrineau reviewed the proposed ordinance and confirmed to Councilor Betty Boles that this will effectively end the City retirees' health insurance program for any new employees, effective at the end of the year.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 14-027 was made by Johnny Williams, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 14-023 to Authorize the City Manager to Issue CPW Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes in 2015.

(2nd reading)

City Manager Barrineau reviewed the annually proposed ordinance for Council's authorization if CPW needs to borrow funds to purchase natural gas.

No one spoke in favor or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 14-023 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 14-024 to Adopt the Budget for 2015.

(2nd reading)

City Manager Barrineau reviewed the 2015 budget that includes the General, Victim Services, Accommodations and Hospitality Tax Funds.

No one spoke for or against the proposed budget.

There was no discussion from Council.

A motion to adopt the budget for 2015 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

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

The motion passed 6-1.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No.
14-025 to Levy
Tax for the City
of Greenwood for
2015.

City Manager Barrineau reminded Council that the tax rate will remain the same at 103.7 mills.

No one spoke for or against the proposed ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council.

(2nd reading)

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 14-025 was made by Betty Boles, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Ordinance No. 14-026 Amending Ordinance No. 03-010, Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 3, Article 4, Industrial District Regulations, Sections 3.4.2. LIW (Light Industrial, Warehousing & Heavy Commercial), 3.4.3. HI (Heavy Industrial), 3.4.1.2. Conditional Uses Allowed in All Industrial Districts, and Article 2, Residential District Regulations, Section 3.2.2.4., Accessory Uses Allowed in All Residential District.

(1st reading)

Under Unfinished Business, City Manager Charles Barrineau reviewed the Planning Commission's request to modify zoning ordinance regulations to allow for solar farms and solar panels, as discussed at the work session.

A motion to amend the City of Greenwood Zoning Ordinance to allow for solar panels as an individual accessory use in residential zones and solar farms in industrial zoning districts was made by Niki Hutto, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER

Resolution No. 14-011 to Reaffirm the Importance of On the Job Safety for the City of Greenwood.

Under New Business, City Manager Barrineau reminded Council that the City's insurance provider requires them to adopt a resolution every year regarding job safety.

Assistant City Manager Wilkie updated Council on the number of Workers Compensation and liability claims the City has had during the past year.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 14-011 was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL
COMMENTS

Mayor Adams announced that he is heading a drive to replace plaques on the World War I and II Memorial in Uptown Greenwood to improve the City's reputation nationally. He reaffirmed that only private donations are being used, no City funds.

CITY MANAGER
COMMENTS

City Manager Charles Barrineau informed Council of the new information technology/computer security requirements from SLED and FBI. He learned the City must spend more money for every computer that has access to, and receive, CJIS data to be encrypted. Since October of this year until January of 2015, every computer in the Police and Municipal Court Departments (61) must be encrypted and no other City department can have access to them. Although the total cost will be \$92,811, the City will still remain within budget.

City Manager Barrineau also informed Council of the Toros Soccer Club's request for the City to assist them in replacing the sewer line at the Phoenix Street field. He reminded Council that the City doesn't provide them any support but allows the Toros to use the property at no cost, as they maintain it.

DISCUSSION

Councilor Kenn Wiltshire inquired what fees the City waived for Magnolia Park. City Manager noted the Greenwood Metropolitan District waived the connecting fee for new restrooms and they may have to do the same for the Toros.

Councilor Boles asked if the City still owned the Phoenix Street field and if the Toros use it seasonally. City Manager Barrineau confirmed that the City does own the property and the Toros use it all year.

The cost is estimated at \$5,000 but the City Manager asked Council to authorize up to \$7,500 for any unknown costs. Hospitality Tax can be used to fund the sewer line replacement because Toros games and tournaments host out-of-town teams and visitors, similar to the American Legion Post 20 Baseball program.

He recommended Council to amend the agenda to vote on this item so that the soccer field can be ready by the Spring.

A motion to amend the agenda to add the sewer line replacement expense request was made by Linda Edwards, seconded by Niki Hutto.

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER
 Authorizing \$7,500 in Hospitality Tax Funds to Replace the Sewer Line at the Phoenix Street Field.

Mayor Adams asked for a motion to use \$7,500 in Hospitality Tax Funds to replace the sewer line at the Phoenix Street field.

A motion to expend \$7,500 in Hospitality Tax funds to replace the sewer line at the Phoenix Street Field was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Boles inquired of the Toros' frequent use of the field. City Manager Barrineau stated that there are games every day of the week including some Sunday mornings.

CONSIDER
 Executive Session to Discuss a Legal Matter.

City Manager Charles Barrineau requested Council to enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Kenn Wiltshire, seconded by Betty Boles.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Adams adjourned the meeting into Executive Session at 6:04 p.m.

D. Welborn Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer