

TOWN OF GREENWOOD  
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION  
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2013-7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Frank Stawasz, Aldermen Cook, Newsom, Edwardes, McCracken, Town Attorney Jerry Jones, Chief of Police David Searcy, Town Clerk Veronica Brown and members of the public

Absent: Alderman Jaudon

Mayor Stawasz called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, Alderman Edwardes then led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff Reports: Town Clerk, Veronica Brown advised the Council that Christmas in the Park was set for Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm in William Peters Town Park. Also, she advised that the first online water payments have been successfully taken and processed in the office.

Chief of Police David Searcy advised the Board there were no use of force incidents for the month of October. He also gave information on being proactive and cautious during the Holiday Season with the increase in crime

Mike Walette, Water Superintendent advised the Board that Daniel Hackworth, Field Supervisor, relocated to Arkansas and Josh Bertand is the Water Dept Field Supervisor.

Mayor Frank gave an update on the Pine Oak water issues, the necessary agreements have been signed and the Pine Oak project can now move forward. The projected completion date is the first quarter of 2014. Alderman Newsom inquired on compensation for the three landowners and Mayor Frank advised that the total was \$1750.00 for all three right of ways.

Approval of Minutes:

Work Session Meeting- October 17, 2013

There were no questions or discussion from the Board

Regular Session Meeting-October 21, 2013

There were no questions or discussion from the Board

Approval of Financial Statements- October 2013 Financials

There were no questions or discussion from the Board

1. Ordinance No. 13 of 2013

TITLE: ORDINANCE SETTING THE SCHEDULE FOR 2014 REGULAR MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD (second reading and Public Hearing on November 18, 2013)

There were no questions or concerns from the Board

2. Ben Rauschenbach, Balar Engineering to discuss the proposed water rate structure in conjunction with the water plant expansion project

Ben Rauschenbach from Balar Engineering explained in order to enhance the water infrastructure, it is vital that the revenue be able to support the financing request. Also, Mr. Rauschenbach provided a water rate comparison with other water systems that are comparable to the size of Greenwood Water System. Alderman Cook asked if a Public Hearing would be held and Town Clerk, Veronica Brown explained that in order to increase water rates the current Ordinance would have to be amended, therefore a Public Hearing is mandatory. Also, she advised that the Mayor planned on having a community meeting once all the information has been received from Balar.

Alderman Cook then asked if the other deficiencies that was presented several years back in a study from Balar was going to be addressed, Mr. Rauschenbach indicated that he would obtain that study and report back to Mayor

Frank. Alderman McCracken asked Mr. Rauschenbach to provide a more detailed breakdown of the 4.6 million dollar proposed water plant expansion.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Richard Watkins advised the Board that he thinks the way that the proposed water plant expansion is communicated to the residents will be a key factor.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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s/s Veronica Brown, Town Clerk

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s/s Frank Stawasz, Mayor

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I, THE UNDERSIGNED Town Clerk of the Town of Greenwood, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of the Work Session of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Greenwood for November 14, 2013.

This the 24th day of October, 2013.

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s/s Veronica Brown, Town Clerk