TOWN OF GREENWOOD

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION

OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Thursday, December 16, 2021 -6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Pro Temp Brad Edwardes, Alderman Robinson, Larsen, Davis, Doughty, Town Attorney Jennifer McKay, Police Chief Shayne Gibson, Town Clerk Veronica Brown, and members of the public.

Absent: Mayor Frank

There was a quorum

Mayor Pro Temp Edwardes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p m, he then led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff Reports:

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown gave updates on such events 1) Christmas In The Park 2) National Night Out

3) Employee luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, December 21st, 11:00am until 1:00 pm and the Aldermen are invited as well.

Mayor Pro Temp, Brad Edwardes asked for continued prayers for Mayor Frank and his family, also, update/information on the following issues: 1) Repairs on the Pioneer building 2) Kimberly Rd Water Treatment Plant—State Farm paid the policy limits of $25,000 and it will cover the necessary repairs

Chief of Police Department, Shayne Gibson gave updates/information on the following: 1) Operation Santa 2) No use of force incidents in the month of November and also explained the issues with the current traffic situation

Approval of Minutes:

Work Session Meeting –November 11, 2021

There was no discussion or concerns from the Board

Public Hearing & Regular Session- November 15, 2021

There was no discussion or questions from the Board

Approval of Financial Statements- November 2021 Financials

There was no discussion or questions from the Board.

1. Resolution No. 13 of 2021

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR PRO TEMP TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF GREEWNOOD AND VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Resolution by title and asked Chief Shayne Gibson to go into more details on the programs offered and pricing information of Virtual Academy. He advised that this is an online training and the cost would be $45 per officer annually. There was a brief discussion on this topic, there were no questions or concerns from the Board

1. Approval for Mayor Pro Temp, Brad Edwardes to appoint Ms. Jewel Jaudon to the Planning & Zoning Board, also to accept recommendations for two additional appointees

Town Clerk, Veronca Brown read the Agenda item #2 and Mayor Pro Temp advised that he was recommending Ms. Jewel Jaudon due to her background as serving on the Board of Aldermen for 12 years and would like the aldermen to recommend additional appointees on Monday. There were no questions or concerns from the Board

1. Officer Shawn Fertenbaugh will give a presentation to the Board of Aldermen the information he received from attending the Concerns of Police Survivors “ COPS” Conference in Oklahoma City

Mayor Pro Temp, Brad Edwardes introduced Officer Shawn Fertenbaugh who gave a presentation on “Making a difference in the community and Officer wellness after crisis situation”

1. Discussion on a proposed contribution from the Town of Greenwood to the current non police employee retirement plan for plan participants

Mayor Pro Temp, Brad Edwardes explained that Mayor Frank had authorized for non police employees to participate in a retirement plan and he was proposing a $25 match for any employee that contributes a minimum of $10. Alderman Larsen stated that she would not vote for the other employees obtaining a retirement plan until the Police Dept salaries are increased. After a lengthy discussion, Town Attorney Jennifer McKay advised that the discussion of pay would need to be an Agenda Item and it was stated to be placed on the Regular Session Agenda

 **Public Comments:**

Mr. Carter, Greenwood Resident inquired on what town employees had a retirement with the town, Town Clerk, Veronica Brown advised Police personnel only. He also asked if some additional research could be done on Virtual Academy such as current users

Ms Sara Davis, Greenwood Resident spoke in favor of Police pay increases and not against all employees receiving a raise

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Larsen and seconded by Alderman Robinson the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm. Next meeting to be held on Thursday, January 13, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. for the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen and Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:00 pm Regular Session Meeting of the Board of Alderman. All meetings held in the Town Hall Chambers.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

s/s Veronica Brown, Town Clerk s/s Brad Edwardes, Mayor Pro Temp

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF CADDO

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 December 16, 2021

This the 2nd day of January, 2022

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 s/s Veronica Brown, Town Clerk