TOWN OF GREENWOOD

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR SESSION

OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Monday, September 20, 2021 -6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Pro Temp Brad Edwardes, Alderman Robinson, Davis, Doughty, Larsen, 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, Alderman Larsen then led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Convene in Public Hearing: A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Robinson to convene into a Public Hearing. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was then convened into Public Hearing:

**PUBLIC HEARING: The purpose of the public hearing is for the adoption of the following Ordinance (s), the title of which are hereinafter set forth, to wit;**

Ordinance No. 9 of 2021

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2020 TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN SEWER CHARGES BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Ordinance by title and called for Public Comments

**Public Comments:** Greenwood resident, Bedford Carter spoke against the rate increase

Adjourn to Regular Session: A motion was made by Alderman Larsen, seconded by Alderman Robinson. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Doughty to approve agenda. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: NONE

Approval of Minutes:

Work Session Meeting –August 12, 2021 no quorum

Regular Session- August 16, 2021 no quorum

Special Session- August 24, 2021

There was no discussion or questions from the Board. A motion was made by Alderman Larsen, seconded by Alderman Robinson to approve the minutes. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Financial Statements- August 2021 Financials

No other discussion or questions from the Board. A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Larsen to approve the financials. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

1. Ms Helen Mazier, President Lion’s Club to present future ideas/plans for the Town of Greenwood

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown advised that due to health reasons, Ms Mazier was unable to attend.

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Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Ordinance by title and explained that the proposed 2% was necessary for the town to receive the LCDBG in the amount of $364,000. This increase was determined by a rate study conducted by the LRWA and submitted to the Office of Community Development State of LA. There were no questions or concerns from the Board.

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 14 of 2017 the Board of Aldermen set the existing sewer charges for the Town of Greenwood; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen amended these charges to prescribe the sewer charges to be set in future calendar years beginning April 1, 2020.

WHEREAS, in addition to this scheduled increase, it has been determined by the Louisiana Rural Water Association (LRWA) when conducting a recent Sewer Rate Study that the current 2021 Rates would need to be increased by 2% in order for the Town of Greenwood to meet the eligibility requirements of the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program which recently awarded the Town of Greenwood $364,000

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen in regular session convened that the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Greenwood be and is hereby amended by designating the rate chart in Section 62-243 as Section 62-243(a) and adding a Section 62-243(b) to read as follows:

(b) For each even numbered calendar year beginning April 1, 2020 the monthly rates shall be increased by two (2%) percent over the rates in effect on December 31 of the preceding year.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision, item or application of this Ordinance is declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to that end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately after its adoption

First Reading: August 16, 2021–Introduced and read by title and approved as read and set for Public Hearing on September 20,2021 on motion by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Robinson. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Second Reading: September 20, 2021- Having been approved on the first reading on August 16, 2021 and after publication of notice and a public hearing, was read by title and approved as read on motion by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Larsen. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

YEAS: (5) Edwardes, Robinson, Larsen, Doughty, Davis

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

THUS DONE, ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Board of Alderman of the Town of Greenwood, Louisiana at a meeting of said public body duly held and conducted on September 20, 2021 in the Municipal Complex of the Town of Greenwood

**Public Comments:**

1. Alderman Larsen, Alderman Robinson and the Chief of Police Shayne Gibson spoke in favor of proceeding with the plans for National Night Out on October 5th and briefly discussed precautions which will be taken for COVID

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Larsen and seconded by Alderman Doughty the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm. Next meeting to be held on Thursday, October 14, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. for the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen and Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm Regular Session Meeting of the Board of Alderman. All meetings held in the Town Hall Chambers.

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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 September 16, 2021

This the 29th day of September, 2021

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s/s Veronica Brown LCMC Town Clerk