

TOWN OF GREENWOOD
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR SESSION
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Monday, March 16, 2020 -6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Frank, Alderman Smith, Newsom, Edwardes, Larsen, Town Clerk Veronica Brown, Police Chief Shayne Gibson and members of the public.

Absent: Alderman Robinson and Town Attorney Charles Grubb

There was a quorum

Mayor Frank called the meeting to order at 6:00 p m, Alderman Smith then led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Convene in Public Hearing: A motion was made by Alderman Edwardes, seconded by Alderman Larsen 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 Ordinances, the title of which are hereinafter set forth, to wit:

Ordinance No.2 of 2020

TITLE: : AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 14 OF 2017 TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASES IN SEWER CHARGES BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2020, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Ordinance by Title and explained the increase would be a 2% increase in each tier of the Sewer rate structure.

Public Comments: Mr Carter Bedford inquired if this information is published for the residents to obtain the information. Town Clerk, Veronica Brown advised that the Ordinance is published in the official journal, The Times, prior to the Public Hearing

Alderman Smith inquired if the information could be placed on the water bills

Adjourn to Regular Session Meeting:

A motion was made by Alderman Newsom, seconded by Alderman Edwardes to adjourn into a Regular Session. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of the Agenda:

A motion was made by Alderman Larsen, seconded by Alderman Newsom to Approve the Agenda. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:
There was none**

Approval of Minutes:

Work Session Meeting –February 13, 2020

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

Regular Session Meeting- February 18, 2020

There were no questions or discussion from the Board. A motion was made by Alderman Edwardes, seconded by Alderman Newsom to approve the Minutes. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Financial Statements- February 2020 Financials

There were no questions or discussion from the Board. A motion was made by Alderman Edwardes, seconded by Alderman Smith to the February Financials. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

1. Ordinance No. 1 of 2020

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 14 OF 2017 TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASES IN SEWER CHARGES BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2020, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Ordinance by Title and explained that there would be a two (2) percent increase in the sewer base and all the other rate increments and that this vote is for final passage. There no questions or discussion 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 now wishes to prescribe the sewer charges to be set in future calendar years beginning April 1, 2020.

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: February 18, 2020–Introduced and read by title and approved as read and set for Public Hearing on March 16, 2020 on motion by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Larsen. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Second Reading: March 16, 2020- Having been approved on the first reading on February 18, 2020 and after publication of notice and a public hearing, was read by title and approved as read on motion by Alderman Newsom and seconded by Alderman Larsen. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

YEAS: (4) Smith, Newsom, Edwardes, Larsen
NAYS: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Robinson
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 February 18, 2020 in the Municipal Complex of the Town of Greenwood

2. Resolution No. 3 of 2020

TITLE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION REPORT (MWPP) ENVIRONMENT AUDIT REPORT FOR JANUARY 2019 TO DECEMBER 2019 AS ATTACHED

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Resolution by title and explained that this report is an annual requirement by the Department of Environmental Quality. A motion was made by Alderman Larsen, seconded by Alderman Edwardes to approve the Resolution. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. Proclamation- Fair Housing Month April 2020

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown explained there was no action to be taken

4. Resolution No. 4 of 2020

TITLE: A Resolution to give thanks and recognition to all those participants who help ensure the quality and effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Resolution by Title and explained that this request was made by the Office of Community Development in the State of Louisiana and recommended by the Mayor due to the town's participation in the LCDBG Program and the success from such project. There were no questions or discussion from the Board. A motion was made by Alderman Edwardes, seconded by Alderman Newsom to approve the Resolution. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments:

There was none

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Larsen and seconded by Alderman Edwardes the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm. Next meeting to be held on Thursday, April 16, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. for the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen and Monday, April 20, 2020 at 6:00 pm Public Hearing & Regular Session Meeting of the Board of Alderman. All meetings held in the Town Hall Chambers.

s/s Veronica Brown, Town Clerk

s/s Frank Stawasz, Mayor

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 March 16, 2020.

This the 23rd day of March, 2020

s/s Veronica Brown, Town Clerk