

TOWN OF GREENWOOD
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Thursday, December 14, 2017-6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Frank, Reggie Ilgenfritz, Aldermen Robinson, Newsom, Edwardes, Larsen, Police Chief Shayne Gibson, Town Attorney Charles Grubb, Town Clerk Veronica Brown and members of the public.

Absent: None

There was a quorum

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

Staff Reports:

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown, reminded the Board of the upcoming Christmas in the Park to be held in the town park on Friday, December 15th at 6:00 pm. Also, advised the Board to look at the new flag on display in the Town Park, as it was designed with the new logo that the Town recently adopted through the Branding Initiative.

Utilities Superintendent, Ken Bardett, advised the Board that the water conversation request is still ongoing, there was 98 locate requests in the month of November, Booster Station is still not online but the pumps are currently being repaired, Waterplant is functioning but still has not signed complete substantial form. Alderman Larsen inquired on the status of the sewer issue with the Davis house (Mayor Frank replied accordingly) Alderman Robinson inquired on the malfunctions of the plant and wanted to know if they were defective and the Utilities Superintendent advised that the plant and membranes were still under warranty.

Police Chief, Shayne Gibson, there was no use of force incidents in the month of November. The Operation Santa Claus Program had 78 participants this year.

Approval of Minutes:

Work Session Meeting –November 16, 2017

There were no questions or discussion from the Board

Regular Session Meeting-November 20, 2017

There were no questions or discussion from the Board

Approval of Financial Statements- November 2017 Financials

Mayor Frank called for questions, discussion. There were no questions or discussion from the Board

1. Ordinance No. 11 of 2017

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REENACTING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE PROPERTYSTANDARDS CODE OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD PERTAINING TO THE STORAGE OF ABANDONED AND/OR INOPERATIVE VEHICLES, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT
Town Clerk, Veronica Brown, read the Ordinance by title and advised that a Public Hearing would be held on Monday, December 18th. Alderman Robinson inquired on the policy of the town for how, when and where should the town tow an inoperative vehicle and a discussion was held. Alderman Ilgenfritz inquired on the length of time that a vehicle would be held before the town obtained possession and a discussion was held. The Board also held a discussion on the state requirements that deems a vehicle to be operable in the State of Louisiana and should Property Standards be the department of the town that needs to enforce these requirements.

2. Ordinance No. 12 of 2017

TITLE: ORDINANCE SETTING THE SCHEDULE FOR 2018 REGULAR MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown, read the Ordinance by title and there was no discussion from the Board.

3. Ordinance No. 13 of 2017

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2014 TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASES IN WATER CHARGES BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown, read the Ordinance by title and there was a brief discussion from the Board. Alderman Edwardes voiced his opinion of opposition on approval of the increase. Alderman Newsom indicated that he would prefer to hold on the increase until the water conservation could be lifted and waterplant functioning properly.

4. Ordinance No. 14 of 2017

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2014 TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASES IN SEWER CHARGES BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown, read the Ordinance by title and there was a brief discussion from the Board. The consensus from the Board was the same arguments on this Ordinance as was with water.

5. Ordinance No 15 of 2017

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL ADVISORY & TECHNICAL SERVICES BUREAU CORPORATION (the Bureau), FOR THE STATEWIDE COLLECTION OF CURRENT AND DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL INSURANCE PREMIUMS TAXES (ALSO KNOWN AS BUSINESS LICENSE TAXES)

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown, read the Ordinance by title and explained that by utilizing LMATS for the collection of the insurance premium taxes the Town of Greenwood can be assured of more accurate collections. There were no questions or discussion from the Board

Public Comments:

There were none

Town Attorney, Charles Grubb advised the Board that time was running out on the required Ethics Training for 2017 and if they had not done so, go to the website before December 31st and complete the course.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm. Next meeting to be held on Thursday, January 11, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m. for the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen and Tuesday, January 16, 2018 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 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 December 14, 2017.

This the 1st day of January, 2018

s/s Veronica Brown, Town Clerk