

TOWN OF GREENWOOD  
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION  
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
Thursday, August 13, 2020 -6:00 PM

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

Absent: Town Attorney Charles Grubb

There was a quorum

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

Staff Reports:

Town Clerk, advised the Board that she was having technical difficulties on the Face book Live Stream

Superintendent Ken Bardett- not present

Chief Shayne Gibson reported that 1) there was one use of force incident in the Month of July 2) He advised that the Police Department received another Louisiana Highway Safety Commission Grant in the amount of approximately \$25,000. 3) The police department hosted a QuickPd Software Training for local municipalities at the American Rose Center and the Chamber of Commerce provided refreshments 4) Advised that the police department seized approximately \$97,000 in a traffic stop which was allegedly drug related 5) Chief Gibson introduced the new hire, Ofc. Lauren Draper and her date of employment commences August 12, 2020.

Mayor Frank advised the Board and Public that for future meetings only Agenda items will be discussed in detail. Public Comments for non Agenda Items will still take place, but no discussion from those comments. Anyone that would like to request a topic to be placed on the Agenda needs to be emailed directly to the Mayor or the Town Clerk and Mayor Frank will review and either approve or deny the request.

Approval of Minutes:

Work Session Meeting –July 16, 2020

There were no questions or discussion from the Board

Regular Session Meeting- July 20, 2020

There were no questions or discussion from the Board

Approval of Financial Statements- July 2020 Financials

Alderman Edwardes inquired on the amount of money spent on the sewer lift stations in the month of July, Town Clerk Veronica Brown replied accordingly and advised that it was on the Hwy 80 location. There were no further questions or discussion from the Board

1. Ordinance No. 6 of 2020

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE TO APPOINT AND SET THE SALARY OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD EFFECTIVE AUGUST 17, 2020.

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown, read the Ordinance by title and advised that Mayor Frank selected Shayne Gibson to continue as Police Chief and the salary would include a 3% increase. This will be the second reading and a Public Hearing on Monday, July 20 at 6:00 pm There were no questions or discussion from the Board

2. Ordinance No. 7 of 2020

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE TO APPOINT AND SET THE SALARY OF THE TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD EFFECTIVE AUGUST 17, 2020.

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown, read the Ordinance by title and advised that Mayor Frank selected Veronica Brown to continue serving as Town Clerk and the salary would include a 3% increase. This vote will be the second and final reading and a Public Hearing on Monday, July 20 at 6:00 pm There were no questions or discussion from the Board

3. Resolution No. 7 of 2020

TITLE: A RESOLUTION TO SELECT THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR THE 2020/2021 FISCAL YEAR

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown, read the Resolution by title and advised that Mayor Frank was recommending to select the Focus SB-Inquistor as the Official Journal. Town Clerk, Veronica Brown, advised the Board that in the packet was the price comparison and the Focus SB was approximately 30% less than the current Official Journal. Alderman Robinson inquired if there has to be a contract signed and was advised that the Resolution can be replaced at any time with another Resolution. There were no additional questions or discussion from the Board.

4. Ordinance No. 8 of 2020

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2020 FOR AD VALOREM TAX TO BE USED FOR GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES ( To introduce and set for Public Hearing on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>)

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown, read the Ordinance by title and explained that due to 2020 being a reassessment year, the Mayor had to decide to either leave the Millage rate at the current 9.95 mills or accept the recommended 10.03 millage rate. A rate study was done and it was determined that the town would lose approximately \$1,900 revenue dollars by keeping the current millage rate, however Mayor Frank made the decision to not increase the millage rate due to the increase in sales tax that the town is receiving. There were no questions or concerns from the Board.

5. Jay Dairymp, Regional Sales Manager, to Present and discuss the Company Blue Lines Solutions, LLC.

Mayor Frank introduced Mark Hutchinson, Founder and CEO of Blue Lines Solutions, LLC and he presented a traffic control product and explained the mechanics of how the product will work both technically and financially. He also fielded questions from the Board.

**Public Comments:** Mr Carter Bedford, Greenwood Resident, thanked Mayor Frank for not increasing the Ad Valorem Tax Rate

### Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Larsen and seconded by Alderman Robinson the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm. Next meeting to be held on Thursday, September 17, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. for the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen and Monday, September 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm Public Hearing and 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

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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 August 13, 2020.

This the 21st day of August, 2020

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s/s Veronica Brown, Town Clerk