

TOWN OF GREENWOOD
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Thursday, April 12, 2018-6:00 PM

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

Absent: Alderman Newsom

There was a quorum

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

Staff Reports:

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown, gave updates on the upcoming events (Movie in the Park/Chamber Membership Drive, Rodeo and Balloon Glow) and requested volunteers for each event. Also, advised of a mailer that would be going out with a calendar of the 2018 events and then last spoke of the upcoming budget to be presented at May meeting

Police Chief, Shayne Gibson, reported there was no use of force incidents in the month of March. He also gave updates on the most recent thefts and burglaries, as well as information on counterfeit money which is being circulated in the Greenwood area. He also advised the council and residents present to lock their doors and shut garage doors as this appears to entice thieves

Mayor Frank gave updates on the following projects: 1) Lift Station repair at Kimberly & 70th Street is set for bid openings on April 23rd 2) I-20 construction job cost was \$127,000 3) Beebe & Odom sewer issue was repaired by Roach Plumbing 4) Water Plant Expansion--membranes are operational and functioning properly at this time, outstanding issues which need to be resolved is the Booster Station Pump and the pump in the storage lagoon 5) Boil advisory which was issued in Summerwood Subdivision was due to repair of lines—Alderman Robinson inquired on the availability of water to residents and the Mayor advised that the town would allow residents to obtain water from town hall if needed—Alderman Edwardes inquired on notification to the residents prior to construction and Mayor Frank advised that a First Call was issued the day before

Approval of Minutes:

Work Session Meeting –March 15, 2018

Alderman Edwardes advised that he may have changes to submit on the Minutes and Alderman Larsen asked that the Board receive the changes prior to the meeting on Monday. There were no further questions or discussion from the Board

Public Hearing & Regular Session Meeting- March 19, 2018

There were no questions or discussion from the Board

Approval of Financial Statements- March 2018 Financials

1. Proclamation requested by Alderman Josephine Birdsong-Robinson to commemorate the 5th Anniversary of Pastor Bertrand Bailey, Jr of the New Greenwood Baptist Church

Town clerk, Veronica Brown advised that the Proclamation was presented by Alderman Robinson on Sunday, April 1st . There were no questions or discussion from the Board

2. Proclamation for National Community Development Week (April 2-6, 2018) requested by Ms. Traci M. Watts, Director, LCDBG Program on behalf of Governor John Bel Edwards

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown, explained what projects have been previously funded by the LCDBG Program. There were no questions or discussion from the Board.

3. Proclamation for Fair Housing Month-April, requested by Ms. Traci M. Watts, Director, LCDBG Program on behalf of Governor John Bel Edwards
Town clerk, Veronica Brown, explained the Fair Housing Policy for the LCDBG Program. There were no questions or discussion from the Board.

Public Comments:

Greenwood Resident, Pauline Carter, reported to the Board that she has not received a water bill for the month of March. Also, she had a issue with the amount of her water/sewer charges. Mayor Frank advised to Ms. Pauline that the town would work with her on the past due balance

Alderman Edwardes inquired to Charles Grubb, Town Attorney, how to obtain information from the Police Dept which could not be given in a Public Meeting. Town Attorney, Charles Grubb responded that either request an executive session on the Agenda or request it directly from the Chief of Police. Alderman Edwardes then stated that Officer Lee resigned and he felt as though it was due to harassment from the Police Dept. Alderman Larsen indicated that she felt as though other Police Dept employees have been harassed and investigated that was not warranted.

Ms. Jewel Jaudon, Greenwood Resident, inquired on complaint that she had filed and had no response

Alderman Robinson stated that she felt as though the conflicts need to be resolved and everyone should strive for unity for the residents of the town

Ms. Toni Turk, Greenwood Resident, stated she has lived in Greenwood since 1979 and she feels as though she has been harassed by the Chief of Police because she complains of unresolved issues

Alderman Ilgenfritz stated that he feels as though everyone needs to move forward for the benefit of the town residents

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm. Next meeting to be held on Thursday, May 17, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m. for the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen and Monday, May 21, 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

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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 April 12, 2018.

This the 30th day of April, 2018

s/s Veronica Brown, Town Clerk