TOWN OF GREENWOOD

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Monday, December 20, 2021 -6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Pro Temp Brad Edwardes, Alderman Robinson, Larsen, Davis, Doughty, Town Attorney Jennifer McKay, Police Lt Jerry Steele, Town Clerk Veronica Brown, and members of the public.

Absent: Mayor Frank and Chief Shayne Gibson

There was a quorum

Mayor Pro Temp Edwardes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p m, Lt. Jerry Steele then led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Comments On Agenda Items: There were none

Approval of Minutes:

Work Session Meeting –November 11, 2021

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

Public Hearing & Regular Session- November 15, 2021

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

Approval of Financial Statements- November 2021 Financials

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

1. Resolution No. 13 of 2021

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR PRO TEMP TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF GREEWNOOD AND VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Resolution by title and asked Lt. Steele to read the list of Municipalities that are currently enrolled in the program. There were no questions or concerns from the Board. A motion was made by Alderman Larsen, seconded by Alderman Robinson to approve the Resolution. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

1. Approval for Mayor Pro Temp, Brad Edwardes to appoint Ms. Jewel Jaudon to the Planning & Zoning Board, also to accept recommendations for two additional appointees

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Agenda item #2 and Mayor Pro Temp Brad Edwardes advised that he was placing the appointment request on hold for Ms. Jewel Jaudon. Also, Aldermen Larsen & Doughty made the recommendation jointly for Ms. Prudy Coleman as an appointee for the P & Z Board. There were no questions or concerns from the Board. Follow up interviews will be given for the two recommendations.

1. Discussion of the Police Dept salaries and Benefit packages

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown initiated the conversation by explaining the General Fund Revenues and that Police raises would be paid from the General Fund and that Water/Sewer are a separate fund which is solely comprised of revenues collected on the Water/Sewer bills. Therefore, no need to compare the Police Dept wages and raises to the Water/Sewer Dept wages and raises. Alderman Larsen read an email on behalf of Officer Shawn Fertenbaugh and Lt. Steele read an email from Chief Shayne Gibson (both emails are submitted into Public Record). Greenwood Residents Shelby Coon, Sara Davis and Reid Ebarb spoke in favor of raises for the Police but also indicated that Greenwood needs to be mindful of the Budget and needs additional growth. Greenwood Resident, Dave Linn was also in favor of Police raises but not in favor of increasing the business tax to increase the budget. Mayor Pro Temp Brad Edwardes presented information on the benefit packages of each employee of the Police Dept as well as advised of the top paid employees of the town. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that Mayor Pro Temp Edwardes would review the wages of the non- supervisory officers in the Police Dept.

**Public Comments:**

No additional comments

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Larsen and seconded by Alderman Robinson the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm. Next meeting to be held on Thursday, January 13, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. for the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen and Tuesday, January 18, 2022 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 December 16, 2021

This the 2nd day of January, 2022

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 s/s Veronica Brown, Town Clerk