TOWN OF GREENWOOD
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015-7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Frank Stawasz, Aldermen Cook, Jaudon, Newsom, Edwardes, McCracken, Police Chief Shayne Gibson, Town Clerk Veronica Brown and members of the public.

Absent: Town Attorney Jerry Jones

Mayor Frank called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, Alderman Edwardes then led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff Reports:
Town Clerk, Veronica Brown announced that the Town had been awarded $2,500 from the Shreveport Bossier Tourism Center for the Pioneer Festival. The grant will be used for marketing purposes. Also, the Town Clerk advised the Alderman of the upcoming AEP/SWEPCO Community Dinner to be held April 23rd at 6:00 pm and asked for RSVP to be given by Monday, April 20th.

Police Chief Shayne Gibson advised the Board that there were no use of force incidents in the month of March. Also, he stated that Officer Williard Rothery III was hired on April 15th as the replacement officer for Jennifer Anderson. Chief Gibson then presented the Board the plaque that had been given to the Town of Greenwood for most DUI by a Municipality under 10,000 residents. Lastly, Chief Gibson gave an update on the purchase of the Body Cameras and policies for such.

Water Superintendent, Jim Murray, gave an update on the water issues. There were several residents from Pine Oak present and had concerns with the quality of the water they were receiving in their area. Mayor Frank allowed for a discussion at this point with the Water Superintendent, Board and Public.

Mayor Frank gave an update on the Water plant and Sewer Lift Station projects. Mayor Frank also advised the Public that he had recently hired a Class IV Operator part time to help Jim with the water issues. Lastly, he explained that the LRWA had recommended a comprehensive flush of the water distribution lines and he was strongly in favor of such.

Approval of Minutes:
Work Session Meeting –March 12, 2015
There were no questions or discussion from the Board

Regular Session Meeting- March 16, 2015
There were no questions or discussion from the Board

Approval of Financial Statements- March 2015 Financials
Alderman McCracken had several questions about the Accounts Payable information which was provided to the Aldermen and Town Clerk, Veronica Brown answered them accordingly. There were no further questions or discussion from the Board.

1. ORDINANCE No. 1 of 2015

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING PASSAGE OF SEMI-TRAILER AND LARGE VEHICLES ON A PORTION OF JEFFERSON PAIGE ROAD, PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH RESTRICTION, AND OTHERWISE RELATING THERETO (Public Hearing on Monday, April 20th 2015)

Veronica Brown, Town Clerk, read the Ordinance by Title. There were no questions or discussion from the Board.

2. ORDINANCE No. 2 of 2015

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2015 FOR AD VALOREM TAX TO BE USED FOR GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES. (To introduce and set for Public Hearing on Monday, May 18th 2015)

Veronica Brown, Town Clerk, read the Ordinance by Title. There were no questions or discussion from the Board.

3. Request from Carol Newton for a Proclamation request for the month of April be deemed Fair Housing Month

Mayor Frank advised that a request for Proclamation came in from the Office of Community Development, Ms. Carol Newton, and he obliged. There were no questions or discussion from the Board.

4. Discussion on Water Plant Expansion and approval to proceed with Resolution No. 4 of 2014

Mayor Frank advised the Board that a Resolution of Intent had already been approved in May of 2014, however, now that the final numbers had been announced he would like Board approval to proceed with the final commitment. There were no questions or discussion from the Board.

5. Resolution No. 5 of 2015

Title: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE FY 2016- FY2017 LCDBG PROGRAM

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown, explained that the next four Resolutions are necessary in order to apply for a 2016/2017 LCDBG Grant. There were no questions or discussion from the Board.

6. Resolution No. 6 of 2015

Title: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROCEDURES TO BE UTILIZED FOR PROCUREMENT WITH LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FY 2016- FY 2017

Veronica Brown, Town Clerk, read the Resolution by Title. There were no questions or discussion from the Board.

7. Resolution No. 7 of 2015

Title: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF FUNDS FROM THE LOUISIANA COMMUITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (LCDBG) FOR THE FY 2016- FY 2017

Veronica Brown, Town Clerk, read the Resolution by Title. There were no questions or discussion from the Board.

8. Resolution No. 8 of 2015

Title: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO REQUEST ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTANT'S PROPOSAL FOR SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LCDBG PROGRAM FOR FY 2016- FY 2017

Veronica Brown, Town Clerk, read the Resolution by Title. There were no questions or discussion from the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ms. Allene Fields, Greenwood Resident, asked for Mayor Frank and the Board to consider a new building for meetings and banquets to be held. Mayor Frank said he had some ideas for the future, but he had to get the Water/Sewer infrastructure needs met first.

Adjourn
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm. Next meeting to be held on May 14, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. for the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen and Monday, May 18th will be a Public Hearing & Regular Session Meeting of the Board of Alderman @ 7:00 p.m. 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 April 16, 2015.

This the 30th day of April 2015.

s/s Veronica Brown, Town Clerk