

TOWN OF GREENWOOD
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Thursday, August 11, 2022 -6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Pro Temp Brad Edwardes, Alderman Davis, Robinson, Larson, Town Attorney Jennifer McKay, Town Clerk Veronica Brown, and members of the public.

Absent:, Alderman Doughty, Police Chief Shayne Gibson and Mayor Frank

There was a quorum

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

Staff Reports:

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown- 1) Advised the town received a State Appropriation for \$200,000 for venue enhancements 2) updated Census report was received however, the official population of the town for 2022 remained the same at 3,261 residents 3) advised the town won a grant award for \$3,000 from the Shreveport Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau for entertainment at the GLOW and festival in September 4) advised that the town was awarded \$13,710 for marketing purposes for the GLOW and festival in September

Chief of Police Department, Shayne Gibson was not present but, Mayor Pro Temp Brad Edwardes advised 1) that there were no use of force incidents in the month of July 2) New Officer Robert Hopkins started in the Police Dept on August 6th 3) National Night Out will be held on October 4th and any one wishing to participate should contact the police dept

Town Attorney Jennifer McKay gave a legal update on the two Resolutions that were being considered on the Agenda and gave an update on Property Standards

Mayor Pro Temp, Brad Edwardes gave update/information on the following issues: 1) Veteran's Memorial Wall Dedication to be held on September 10th 2) Code Enforcement has cleaned up several properties and a majority of the properties that are not maintained are vacant 3) Mayor's Court was cancelled due to COVID outbreak at townhall 4) GLOW and Pioneer Festival to be held on September 16th & 17th, the Pancake Breakfast on the 17th will be held at the Pioneer Building in the park but the other festivities will be held at the new venue (see official Minutes Book for more detail)

Public Comments on Agenda Items: the Mayor Pro Temp invited David Yeates, Water Consultant to give an update on the water issues and allowed Public Comments at this time. Prudy Coleman, Eric Aple & Debbie Edwards had questions for the consultant on the brown water issues and for the town administration on the Notice of Violation which was recently received from LDH

Approval of Minutes:

Work Session Meeting –July 14, 2022

There was no discussion or questions from the Board

Regular Session- July 18, 2022

There was no discussion or questions from the Board

Approval of Financial Statements- July, 2022 Financials

There was no discussion or questions from the Board

1. Approval to Appoint Mr. Larry Larsen, Greenwood Resident, to the P & Z Board

Mr. Harold Goff introduced Mr. Larry Larsen and Mr. Robert Beard to the Board and gave a brief summary of their experience and advised he would like to recommend these two gentlemen to sit on the Planning & Zoning Board

2. Resolution No. 10 of 2022
TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR PRO TEMPORE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION.
Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Resolution by title and there were no questions or concerns from the Board
3. Approval of Policy for the Greenwood Police Department to receive, maintain and administer the prescription drug Naloxone for Opioid-related drug overdose
There were no questions or concerns from the Board
4. Resolution No. 11 of 2022
TITLE: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE AS REQUIRED BY THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022.
Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Resolution by title and there were no questions or concerns from the Board
5. Resolution No. 12 of 2022
TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR PRO TEMPORE TO ENTER INTO A LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE VENDOR AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD WITH THE LOUISIANA HOUSING CORPORATION
Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Resolution by title and there were no questions or concerns from the Board

Public Comments:

Prudy Coleman, Greenwood Resident inquired on how bad debt was handled by the town for the water dept. Town Clerk explained that the accounts that are past due are sent to AMS for collections. Also, inquired on a MasterPlan for the town

Chris Purkey, Greenwood Resident initiated a conversation in regards to the attendance by the Alderman in his District and felt as though he does not receive representation. There was a brief discussion from the Public, Aldermen and Town Attorney

Alderman Robinson discussed the upcoming Veteran's Memorial Wall Dedication and gave a brief listing of the invited dignitaries and the developments of the proposed Head Start Program

Alderman Davis advised the Public that information which was given on Channel 3 News by District 12 Caddo Commissioner Ken Epperson was not accurate when he referenced that the commission had given the town \$750,000 for water system upgrades. The proposed money has not been received by the town and the funds were specifically allocated for the town's water system to be extended down to Buncombe Rd

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Larson and seconded by Alderman Davis the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm. Next meeting to be held on Thursday, September 15, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. for the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen and Monday, September 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm Regular Session Meeting of the Board of Alderman. All meetings held in the Town Hall Chambers.

s/s Veronica Brown LCMC, 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 August 11, 2022

This the 23rd day of August, 2022

s/s Veronica Brown LCMC, Town Clerk