

TOWN OF GREENWOOD
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR SESSION MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Tuesday, July 25, 2023 6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Brad Edwardes, Alderman Davis, Robinson, Larsen, Turk, Clerk Tiffany Gaar, Town Attorney Jennifer McKay, Assistant Police Chief Jerry Steele and members of the public.

Absent: Chief of Police, Shayne Gibson and Town Clerk Veronica Brown

There was a quorum

Mayor Edwardes called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, Alderman Robinson led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Convene in Public Hearing: A motion was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Turk to convene into a Public Hearing, the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: The purpose of the public hearing is for the adoption of the following Ordinance (s), the title of which are hereinafter set forth, to wit;

Clerk, Tiffany Gaar read the title of the Ordinance and after Public Comments were heard

ORDINANCE No. 9 of 2023

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE SALARY OF THE TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

- 1) Resident Evans stated their belief that the pay rate is more than enough and recommended to keep it as is for now per the citizens
- 2) Resident Jaudon was in support of the pay raise
- 3) Resident Coleman asked the board to re-evaluate if the Public Hearing is legal to bring back for approval and for clarification of the Public Hearing not being published in the official journal on March 23 and June 16.

Adjourn to Regular Session: A motion was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Turk to adjourn from the Public Hearing into the Regular Session Meeting, the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Staff Reports: Asst. Police Chief Jerry Steele 1) no use of force incidents in the month of June 2) June had 30 arrests seven of which were felonies and 23 were misdemeanors 3) As of the end of Fiscal Year they had made 337 arrests, 106 were felonies and 231 were misdemeanors.

Mayor Brad Edwardes gave an update which was submitted by the Utilities Manager, Chase Gowan advised the Board 1) there was a 6" line leak repaired in the 9200 block of Greenwood Rd 2) the water usage average is now roughly 620,000 gallons per day which is normal for the time of year. 3) there was a 2" line leak repaired in on Hwy 169 N. 4) We will need to have 3 tanks inspected in the Fall 5) Filter #3 was having a few issues.

Also, Mayor Edwardes had the following announcements: 1)Open Range Rodeo has been moved to August 25th & 26th at 7:00 pm; concession proceeds will benefit our Veteran's Wall and volunteers are wanted 2)The Pioneer Building will be open from 7am-6pm as a cooling station 3)Pioneer Festival and Glow Greenwood will be September 16th 4)A call has been made for LA DOT to repair potholes on I20 bridge as well as replace the Yield sign on the ramp 5)The Police Dept wants to replace one of their vehicles and they found a SUV for \$7,000 that has been ordered 6) Community Meeting will be Aug 21st at 6pm location to be announced via First Call; Tony LeBlanc w/Emergency Preparedness, Department Heads, Aldermen, Mayor and Clerk will be in attendance 7) Caddo Parish will add new mulch, remove & install new tables and paint playground equipment at no charge to the Town 8) New Greenwood Baptist Church is having a school supply giveaway on Aug 5th from 1-5pm at 7480 Greenwood Springridge Rd 9) Greenwood Chamber will have their annual pancake breakfast at the Pioneer

Building September 9th from 8-10 am and the cost is \$5 per ticket 10) There will be a BBQ plate benefit for Sgt Shaul August 26th at the park from 10:30-2pm. Alderman Larsen thanked the citizens for their hard work on this.

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

Approval of Minutes: Public Hearing & Regular Session July 3, 2023
Alderman Larsen noted that there are errors on Ordinance 7 and Ordinance 9
A motion was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Doughty to approve the Minutes as stated with Alderman Larsen's corrections, the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Financials: May, 2023
After the Mayor answering the prior questions, a motion was made by Alderman Turk, seconded by Alderman Robinson to approve the Financials, the motion was carried by a majority voice vote.

Approval of Financials: June, 2023
A motion was made by Alderman Larsen, seconded by Alderman Davis to table the Financials, the motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

1. ORDINANCE No. 9 of 2023

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE SALARY OF THE TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN Of GREENWOOD EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023.

Clerk, Tiffany Gaar read the Ordinance by title and the Mayor called for Public Comments 1) Resident Coleman questioned the technicality of the reconsideration Ordinance No. 9 and opposes the proposed raise and asked to consider 1% 2) Alderman Larsen stated that no roll call vote on the introduction of the Ordinance 3) Attorney McKay recommended to table the Ordinance due to lack of information. A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Doughty to table Ordinance No. 9 the motion was carried by the following roll call:

YEA: (4) Davis, Doughty, Turk, Larsen

NAY: (1) Robinson

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Public Comments Non Agenda Items:

Resident M. Dickerson asked about the comment at last months' meeting on hiring more officers. Mayor Edwardes and Alderman Davis will get together to figure it out.

Resident Lawman saw on the Neighborhood Facebook page that the Greenway Apartment residents need help with unsanitary living conditions; they were told Mr. Mazier would check into it, what else can be done?

Resident and Caddo Fire District 3 Representative David, Kerley, stated that they will hold their monthly meeting at Central station at 6pm; Alderman Turk asked if a burn ban was coming; yes, if we don't get rain.

Mayor Edwardes stated that some people support Clerk Brown and some don't; she works hard and has secured \$51,500 in grants since the last meeting; in 2022 & 2023 she secured \$303,500 in grants and has been coming in the office even on her sick leave. Alderman Larsen asked if she had been cleared for duty by her doctor.

Resident Dickerson questioned why the grant term counts for the Clerk but no for Chief. Attorney McKay responded that the entitlement of chief and not clerk. Mayor Edwardes asked Asst Chief for clarification on grant yearly pay; where he responded that Ofc Faris deals with the money but they get \$9,995 for each DWI and seatbelt grants that they have to split between all the officers.

Alderman Davis wanted to clarify that he was in support of the 3% raise but has since changed his mind; gave stats on past raise amounts; he is not in favor of the raise; also wants clarification on the meeting schedule going forward. Mayor Edwardes stated the new schedule would start in August; Attorney McKay questioned the 13 day window and believed second meeting should have been held in July.

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Larsen and seconded by Alderman Davis the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. Next meeting to be held on Thursday, August 17th Work Session and Tuesday, August 22nd , 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. for the Regular Session of the Board of Aldermen. All meetings held in the Town Hall Chambers.

s/s Tiffany Gaar, Clerk

s/s Brad Edwardes, 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 Public Hearing & Regular Session of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Greenwood for July 25, 2023

This the 10th day of August, 2023

s/s Tiffany Gaar, Clerk