

**TOWN OF GREENWOOD
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Thursday, December 21, 2023 -6:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Brad Edwardes, Alderman Davis, Robinson, Turk, Larsen, Police Chief Shayne Gibson and members of the public.

Absent: Alderman Doughty, Town Attorney Jennifer McKay, Town Clerk Veronica Brown

There was a quorum

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

Staff Reports:

Chief of Police Department, Shayne Gibson advised 1) that there was no use of force incidents in the month of November 2) Sgt Shaul has returned to full duty 3) New Hire, Markel Collins, will start the academy on January 8th and the possibility of an additional officer to be added to the force soon

Mayors Report: The report gives updates on the upcoming activity in the park 2) Status on the installation of a street light at the corner of 70th street and Hwy 80, also the proposed installation of one on Rice Rd 3) SUV for police dept has been ordered and the K-9 vehicle will be placed on an Agenda for surplus

Approval of Minutes:

Work Session Meeting –November 28, 2023

No Comments

Approval of Expense/Revenue- November, 2023

1. ORDINANCE No. 12 of 2023

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SCHEDULE FOR 2024 WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD

Clerk, T. Gaar read the Ordinance by title and stated that the Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, December 26th. Alderman Davis inquired on the schedule being published prior to the final passage of the Ordinance.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 6 OF 2023

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA—OFFICE OF TOURISM (LOT) COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR A JOINT VENTURE WITH RPM PROMOTIONS AND BOOTHILL SPEEDWAY (No action was taken in the November meeting)

Clerk, T. Gaar read the Resolution by title and the Mayor called for discussion and or questions. Alderman Larsen inquired on the due date of the application. Alderman Robinson inquired on the match amount and Mayor Edwardes responded that the grant is a 50/50 match.

3. ORDINANCE No. 13 of 2023

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE, GRANTING UNTO SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, THE RIGHT, PRIVILEGE AND FRANCHISE TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, ERECT, MAINTAIN, REPAIR, RECONSTRUCT, REMOVE AND OPERATE A SYSTEM OF ELECTRIC POWER LINES, WIRES, TRANSFORMERS, COMMUNICATION CABLES AND OTHER RELATED AND NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE APPURTENANCES IN, UNDER, OVER, ACROSS, THROUGH AND ALONG ANY AND ALL OF THE PRESENT AND FUTURE STREETS, AVENUES, ALLEYS, THOROUGHFARES, ROADS, HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS, BRIDGES AND PUBLIC GROUNDS AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD, LOUISIANA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSMITTING AND DISTRIBUTING ELECTRIC POWER TO THE TOWN AND ITS INHABITANTS AND ANY OTHER PERSON OR PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS; REGULATING THE USE OF

STREETS BY THE COMPANY AND REPAIR AND RESTORATION OF THE STREETS DISTURBED BY CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO THE TOWN; PROVIDING THAT THIS FRANCHISE SHALL NOT BE EXCLUSIVE; PROVIDING THE COMPANY'S OBLIGATIONS TO FURNISH EFFICIENT SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR INDEMNITY BY THE COMPANY TO THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONAL FORFEITURE IN EVENT OF DEFAULT BY THE COMPANY; MAKING MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THIS GRANT OF FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE BY COMPANY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (To Introduce and Set for Public Hearing on January 23, 2024)

Clerk, T. Gaar read the Ordinance by title and Mayor Edwardes called for discussion/questions. The Mayor explained that this is a renewal of an already existing tax. Alderman Robinson inquired on the expiration date of the current agreement.

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Davis the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm. Next meeting to be held on Thursday, January 18, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. for the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen and Tuesday, January 23, 2023 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

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 21, 2023

This the 9th day of January, 2024

s/s Veronica Brown LCMC, Town Clerk