

TOWN OF GREENWOOD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Tuesday, February 28, 2023 6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Brad Edwardes, Alderman Davis, Robinson, Turk, Larsen, Town Clerk Veronica Brown, Police Chief and members of the public.

Absent: Town Attorney Jennifer McKay and Alderman Doughty

There was a quorum

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

Staff Reports: Police Chief Shayne Gibson 1) Stated for emergencies, please call 9-1-1 instead of the police dept directly 2) two use of force incidents in the month of February 3) Warned the Board and Public to be diligent in locking your doors and staying safe

Ms. Robbin McCumpsey provided information on an upcoming Easter Event that she is coordinating with the town on Sunday, April 2nd in the town park from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. FREE pictures with the Easter Bunny, Easter Egg Hunt, door prizes and more

Chance Gowan, Water/Sewer Department gave updates on the current water usage, repairs that have been recently completed and the status of the waterplant operations. Alderman Robinson inquired on the clean up from two recent repairs and Chase responded accordingly. (See Official Minutes Book for a full report)

Mayor Edwardes Gave updates on the following 1) Clash at the Boothill Event 2) the two upcoming Easter Events 3) the Open Range Rodeo 4) Annexations **For more detail on these items, please refer to the Official Minutes Book**

Alderman Davis Thanked Mr. Roland DeVille, Greenwood Resident, in donating nets for the Tennis Courts and advised that there will be some future rehab on that area

Alderman Larsen 1) Thanked everyone who helped make the community food truck event a success 2) Recommended that the Mayor revisit two meetings per month instead of the current schedule

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items: NONE

Approval of Minutes:

Work/Regular Session Meeting –January 24, 2023

A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Robinson to approve the Minutes, the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Financial Statements- January Financials

A motion was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Davis to approve the Financials, the motion was carried by a majority voice vote.

Old Business:

- a) Continued Discussion on Municode updates/modifications—No additional information submitted or provided

- b) Update from Code Enforcement on Inoperable vehicles vs Yard art
Code Enforcement, David Searcy provided information on a proposed amendment to the Inoperable Vehicle Ordinance which would make the enforcement more effective and efficient

Regular Agenda:

1. Travis Morehart, Cook & Morehart CPA Firm will report results of the audit for the Town of Greenwood fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Vickie Case, representative from Cook & Morehart gave the end of the year financial report. She also indicated that the prior audit findings were resolved and no audit findings for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. She stated that the water/sewer rates need to be reviewed annually due to the rising cost of materials and construction cost

2. ORDINANCE NO. 1 of 2023
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD, BY REZONING PROPERTY IN THE VACINITY OF THE 9100 BLOCK OF GREENWOOD RD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" TO THE ORDINANCE, FROM R-A RESIDENCE/AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO B-1 BUFFER BUSINESS DISTRICT AND OTHER WIDE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO (TO INTODUCE AND SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 28TH AT 6:00 PM)

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Ordinance by Title and Mr Harold Goff addressed the Board and advised that the P & Z Committee decision was favorable to the owner due to the other properties in the same area are currently zoned commercial. A motion was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Davis to introduce and set for a Public Hearing on March 28th. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments: NONE

3. ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2023
TITLE: AN ORDINANCETO ENLARGE THE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD, LOUISIANA AS MORE FULLY SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS, LOCATED IN SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO (TO INTODUCE AND SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 28TH AT 6:00 PM)

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Ordinance by Title and property owner J.D. Gill addressed the Board and advised that the request is being made to annex due to proposed future development on the property will require service from the water system. A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Robinson to introduce and set for a Public Hearing on March 28th. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments: Prudy Coleman, Greenwood Resident inquired on additional properties that are not in Greenwood that will be requesting annexation. Town Clerk, Veronica Brown replied that there will be several more parcels that will be forthcoming

4. ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 2023
TITLE: AN ORDINANCETO ENLARGE THE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD, LOUISIANA AS MORE FULLY SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS, LOCATED IN SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO (TO INTODUCE AND SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 28TH AT 6:00 PM)

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Ordinance by Title and stated that Ms. Destiny Jackson could not be present but currently has Greenwood water and is located on Kimberly before you get to Shirley Francis. A motion was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Turk to introduce and set for a Public Hearing on March 28th. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments: NONE

5. ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 2023

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD, LOUISIANA AS MORE FULLY SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS, LOCATED IN SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST CADDOPARISH, LOUISIANA, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO (TO INTRODUCE AND SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 28TH AT 6:00 PM)

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Ordinance by Title and stated that Mr. Robert Aiello could not be present but plans on attending the March meeting. A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Robinson to introduce and set for a Public Hearing on March 28th. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments: NONE

6. Resolution No. 2 of 2023

TITLE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION REPORT (MWPP) ENVIRONMENT AUDIT REPORT FOR JANUARY 2022 TO DECEMBER 2022 AS ATTACHED

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Resolution by title and Chase Gowan explained the data that the MWPP contained and how he has identified some deficiencies that need to be rectified in order to meet state requirements. A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Turk to approve Resolution No. 2 of 2023. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments: NONE

7. Discussion on a policy and set procedures for the use of the town park and Pioneer Building

Discussion was held in regards to the town park and new venue out by Boothill to establish guidelines for public use. The Board had several thoughts and ideas on the fees associated with the use of the park and Pioneer Building. Fees and deposits were discussed for employees, non for profits and events that are not town sponsored. Chief Gibson advised that currently there is not an Ordinance that has established rules for the park. He also advised that State parks normally are free and on a first come first serve basis, but if you reserve a spot there is a fee associated with the usage. Mayor Edwardes will consider the suggestions and bring a policy to the Board at a later meeting

Public Comments:

Alderman Larsen inquired on the digital sign can be programmed for updates

Mayor Edwardes spoke on negative facebook posts

Alderman Robinson spoke on a Resolution that the Caddo Parish Commission had passed on fracking and drilling in the Caddo Parish area

Alderman Turk replied and stated that the fracking on Waterwood is loud and distractful

Jewel Jaudon, Greenwood Resident spoke on the audit results and finances of the town stating that a good job was done. She also agreed with Alderman Larsen about the two meetings a month.

Mr. Brad Driggers, Greenwood Resident stated that he feels as though no fee should be assessed for using the park. Also, thanked Alderman Larsen for standing up for the residents

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Turk and seconded by Alderman Larsen the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm. Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. for the Regular Session of the Board of Aldermen. 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 Regular Session of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Greenwood for February 28, 2023

This the 10th day of March, 2023

s/s Veronica Brown LCMC, Town Clerk