

TOWN OF GREENWOOD
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Thursday, February 17, 2022 -6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Pro Temp Brad Edwardes, Alderman Larsen, Davis, Doughty, Police Chief Shayne Gibson, Town Clerk Veronica Brown, and members of the public.

Absent: Alderman Robinson, Mayor Frank and Town Attorney Jennifer McKay

There was a quorum

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

Staff Reports:

Chief of Police Department, Shayne Gibson started off by thanking everyone involved with the pay raises for the police department, the entire community for the outpouring of concerns and aid for Officer Harris and his family. He then gave updates/information on the following: 1)UCR Certification is progressing to the next level of certification 2) No use of force incidents in the month of January 3) Officers made in excess of 1,000 calls which resulted in 27 arrests 4) 105 citations were issued

Mayor Pro Temp, Brad Edwardes asked for continued prayers for Mayor Frank and Officer Harris along with their families. He then gave update/information on the following issues: 1) Employee pay raises and incentives 2) Ideas that were brought to his attention that would help increase revenue 3) Announced Lt Steele was promoted to Asst. Chief in order to recognize his integral role of the department 4) Clearing on Kimberly Road- future land development 5) Veteran's Memorial- anticipated ground breaking in late March. Alderman Robinson and Ms Karen Stoker from the Veteran affairs Dept will help aid in this ceremony 6) Facebook live will be suspended for the Council Meetings now that COVID restrictions have been lifted 7) Digital sign will be placed in the Month of March at the corner of Nixon & Hwy 80 8) Also, in the process of a plan design for a covered pavilion out by Boothill which is funded by a State Appropriation (detail of report included in the Official Minutes Book)

Approval of Minutes:

Work Session Meeting –January 13, 2022

There was no discussion or concerns from the Board

Regular Session- January 18, 2022

There was no discussion or questions from the Board

Approval of Financial Statements- January, 2022 Financials

There was no discussion or questions from the Board.

1. Mr Travis Morehart, Cook & Morehart CPA Firm will report results of the audit for the Town of Greenwood fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.
Mayor Pro Temp Brad Edwardes introduced Mr Travis Morehart and he guided the Board through the audit report. He was pleased that General Fund did increase reserve monies, but indicated that the Water/Sewer Fund needed to be continued monitored and increased annually in order to sustain the bond debt payment for the recently built waterplant. There were no questions from the Board
2. ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2022
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL AND REGULATION FOR THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD WATER SYSTEM (TO INTRODUCE AND SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22. 2022 6:00 PM)

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Ordinance by title and explained that this was a requirement as requested on the recently received Administrative Order from the State Dept of Health. There was no discussion or concerns from the Board.

3. Board approval of the proposed projects to be funded by the American Rescue Plan ARP, totaling \$579,449.11
 - a. \$540,391.45 matching funds for Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements (Water Sector Program or Capital Outlay Program)
 - b. \$10,000 Premium back pay for employees during the pandemic
 - c. \$29,000 Programmable LED Information Sign with Town of Greenwood Permanent Logo
- Town Clerk read the item and explained each proposed project. There were no questions or concerns from the Board.

Public Comments:

Greenwood resident, Shelby Coon acknowledged his gratitude of the pay raises for the Police personnel as well as all of the town employees. He also inquired if a public forum on facebook would be considered which gave the public information on the calls made by the police department.

Alderman Larsen thanked everyone involved for the hours of work which was performed in order to establish pay raises and incentives for the police officers

Greenwood resident, Prudy Coleman inquired on the ARP Projects and matching funds, favorable comments on the information line and asked how she could receive a monthly Property Standards Report, pending lawsuits and legal fees in the budget

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Doughty and seconded by Alderman Davis the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm. Next meeting to be held on Thursday, March 17, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. for the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen and Monday, March 21, 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 February 17, 2022

This the 9th day of March, 2022

s/s Veronica Brown LCMC, Town Clerk