

TOWN OF GREENWOOD
MINUTES OF THE WORK & REGULAR SESSION
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Thursday, October 13, 2022 -6:00 PM

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

Absent: None

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:

Chief of Police Department, Shayne Gibson advised 1) that there was no use of force incidents in the month of September 2) Operation Santa has begun 3) Gave an update on an officer involved shooting

Mayor Pro Temp, Brad Edwardes gave update/information on the following issues: 1) Continue to keep Mayor Frank family in your prayers and provided service information 2) Greenwood Veterans Wall 3) GLOW Greenwood 4) Greenwood Pioneer Heritage Festival 5) National Night Out 6) Trunk or Treat, October 31st 7) Town cell phone number to 318/423-2700 (complete listing located in the official Minutes Book)

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Brad Driggers, Greenwood Resident spoke 1) in opposition of Resolution No 17 of 2022 2) recommendation of an audit for the new administration 2) brown water issues

David Cox, Greenwood Resident spoke of the letter of intent submitted for Agenda item #1

Mark Garner, Greenwood Chamber of Commerce President spoke in favor of Brad Edwardes for Agenda item #1

Prudy Coleman, Greenwood Resident spoke 1) in opposition of the Minutes 2) in opposition of the Financials 3) responsibilities of the Mayor, Agenda item #1 4) of Ordinance No 16 of 2022 5) in opposition of Resolution no 17 of 2022

Approval of Minutes:

Work Session Meeting –September 5, 2022

There was no discussion or questions from the Board

Regular Session- September 19, 2022

There was no discussion or questions from the Board

Approval of Financial Statements- September, 2022 Financials

A discussion was held

1. Discussion/Approval of an appointment to fill the vacancy of the Office of the Mayor. Pursuant to LA. R. S. 18:602(E)(4) the governing body shall make an appointment to fill the office within twenty (20) days from the date of the passing of the Honorable Mayor Frank Stawasz.
Town Attorney, Jennifer McKay gave an explanation of the process and explained competing motions. Alderman Larsen made a recommendation to appoint Alderman Davis & Alderman Robinson made a recommendation to appoint Alderman Edwardes

2. Resolution No. 16 of 2022

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR PRO TEMPORE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD WITH LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT SHREVEPORT

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Resolution by title and Mr Robbie Dayton, LSU Health Science explained the program and responsibilities/costs of the town. Discussion was held

3. ORDINANCE No. 16 of 2022

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 54-1 RELATIVE TO OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES, ENACTING PROVISIONS REGARDING VIDEO POKER TRUCK STOPS, PARI-MUTUEL FACILITIES AND OFFTRACK WAGERING FACILITIES, TO PROHIBIT WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE FROM PARTICULAR FACILITIES OR PROPERTIES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO. (To introduce and set for Public Hearing on Monday, November 21st at 6:00 PM)

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Ordinance by title and Mr. Mark Garner gave an explanation on HHR Gaming. Discussion was held

4. Approval of Police Department Policy 5.39 in regards to Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) Investigations
Chief Shayne Gibson explained how this policy affects the current procedures performed by the police department

5. Resolution No. 17 of 2022

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR PRO TEMPORE TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL TO RECEIVE STATE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING FOR A NEW MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Resolution by title and a discussion was held

6. ORDINANCE No. 17 of 2022

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING PASSAGE OF SEMI-TRAILER AND LARGE VEHICLES ON GREENWOOD CEMETARY ROAD, PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH RESTRICTION, AND OTHERWISE RELATING THERETO (To introduce and set for Public Hearing on Monday, November 21st at 6:00 PM)

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Ordinance by title and Alderman Davis gave an explanation of the proposed Ordinance. Discussion was held.

Adjourn to Regular Session Meeting: A motion was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Edwardes to adjourn the Work Session and convene into the Regular Session Meeting. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Prudy Coleman, Greenwood Resident spoke on Agenda item #1 in favor of Alderman Davis for the appointment and requested he give details on the work he has accomplished during Mayor Franks illness

Approval of Minutes: Work Session- September 15, 2022

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

Regular Session- September 19, 2022

A motion was made by Alderman Edwardes, seconded by Alderman Larsen to approve the Minutes. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Financials: September, 2022

A motion was made by Alderman Larsen, seconded by Alderman Davis to table the financials. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

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A motion was made by Alderman Robinson to appoint Alderman Edwardes to fill the vacancy of the Mayor Office, seconded by Alderman Edwardes

A competing motion was made by Alderman Larsen to appoint Alderman Davis to fill the vacancy of the Mayor Office, seconded by Alderman Davis

Discussion was held and the competing motion failed by a 3-2 roll call vote: Yeas: (2) Larsen, Davis Nays: (3) Edwardes, Robinson, Doughty Absent: (0) Abstain (0)

Original motion was carried by a 4-1 roll call vote: Yeas: (4) Edwardes, Robinson, Davis, Doughty Nays: (1) Larsen Absent: (0) Abstain (0)

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Town Clerk, read the Resolution by title and a motion was made by Alderman Edwardes, seconded by alderman Robinson to approve the Resolution. The motion was carried by a majority voice vote.

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Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Ordinance by title and a motion was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Davis to introduce and set for Public Hearing the Ordinance. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

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A motion was made by Alderman Doughty, seconded by Alderman Larsen to approve the policy. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Resolution by title and a motion was made by Edwardes, seconded by Alderman Doughty to approve the Resolution. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Ordinance by title and a motion was made by Alderman Larsen, seconded by Alderman Robinson to introduce the Ordinance and set for Public Hearing. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments:

Prudy Coleman, Greenwood Resident, inquired on when the Mayoral Appointment would be in effect and inquired on the District 4 vacancy. Discussion was held

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Edwardes and seconded by Alderman Davis the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm. Next meeting to be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. for the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen and Monday, November 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm Public Hearing & 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 October 13, 2022

This the 20th day of October, 2022

s/s Veronica Brown LCMC, Town Clerk