

TOWN OF GREENWOOD
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, WORK SESSION
AND REGULAR SESSION MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Thursday, November 17, 2022 -6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Brad Edwardes, Alderman Davis, Robinson, Doughty, Larsen, Town Attorney Jennifer McKay, Town Clerk Veronica Brown, Asst Chief Jerry Steele and members of the public.

Absent: Police Chief Shayne Gibson

There was a quorum

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

Convene in Public Hearing: A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Robinson 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;

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 OFF TRACK WAGERING FACILITIES, TO PROHIBIT WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE FROM PARTICULAR FACILITIES OR PROPERTIES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Alderman Davis inquired if this Ordinance would dictate the same standards as Video Poker. Town Clerk, Veronica Brown advised it would.

ORDINANCE No. 17 of 2022

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING PASSAGE OF SEMI-TRAILER AND LARGE VEHICLES ON GREENWOOD CEMETERY ROAD, PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH RESTRICTION, AND OTHERWISE RELATING THERETO

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Aldermen Davis & Robinson gave a brief explanation of the purpose

Adjourn to Work Session: A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Larsen to adjourn from the Public Hearing, the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Staff Reports:

Asst. Chief of Police, Jerry Steele advised 1) that there was one use of force incidents in the month of October, it was an officer involved shooting and the officer was cleared

Mayor Pro Temp, Brad Edwardes gave update/information on the following issues: 1) Cpl Faris DWI Arrest Award 2) Ofc. Scott Deen DWI Arrest Award 3) Cpl Faris & Sr Ofc Harris felony arrest 4) Trunk r Treat 5) Operation Santa deadlines 6) Community Garage Sale date and time 7) Christmas in the Park, December 2nd 8) Mayor cell phone 318/423-2700

Alderman Davis spoke of the efforts to create committees for the Pioneer Festival & Balloon GLOW

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Robin Baker, Greenwood Resident spoke on Agenda item #1 in support of Brad Driggers

Prudy Coleman, Greenwood Resident asked for a correction of the October 13th Minutes and spoke in opposition of the recommendation on Agenda Item #1. She advised to the Board that they have brought the people to the meeting to have their voices heard and asked that the Alderman listen

Michael Evans, Greenwood Resident spoke in support of Brad Driggers for Agenda Item #1 and in support of Alderman Davis for Agenda Item #4

David Cox, Greenwood Resident offered his services to the town for Agenda Item #1

Brad Driggers, Greenwood Resident spoke in opposition of the recommendation on Agenda Item #1

Approval of Minutes:

Work Session Meeting –October 13, 2022

Alderman Davis inquired on the requested change of the minutes

Approval of Financial Statements- September & October, 2022 Financials

Alderman Larsen inquired and asked for the expenses to be reviewed

1. Approval of Ms. Toni Turk, Mayor recommendation, to fill the vacancy of the Alderman District 4.

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 receipt of the resignation of the seat.

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read agenda item. Alderman Larsen spoke in support of and nominated Brad Driggers. There was no further discussion.

2. ORDINANCE No. 16 of 2022

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Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Ordinance by title and there was no discussion from the board.

3. 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 (Final reading)

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Ordinance by title and there was no discussion from the board.

4. Resolution No. 18 OF 2022

TITLE: A RESOLUTION TO SELECT MAYOR PRO TEMPORE OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD, PARISH OF CADDO, STATE OF LOUISIANA

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Resolution by title and Aldermen Doughty and Robinson spoke in support of Alderman Davis.

5. ORDINANCE No. 18 of 2022

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SCHEDULE FOR 2023 REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD (Introduce and set for Public Hearing on December 19th at 6:00 PM)

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Ordinance by title and explained that the proposed changes were 1) having one meeting per month 2) the meetings would be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Alderman Davis inquired on when the packets would be delivered and Mayor Edwardes explained that the packets would be sent out on the Friday before the meeting. Alderman Robinson asked if the Aldermen checks could be mailed or held until the Work Session meeting each month. A brief discussion was held

6. Update/discussion to be presented by Mr. David Searcy, Code Enforcement and Property Standards

Mayor Edwardes introduced David Searcy and in depth information was given to the Board in regards to inoperable vehicles. Discussion was held

Adjourn to Regular Session Meeting: A motion was made by Alderman Larsen, seconded by Alderman Robinson to adjourn to the Regular Session Meeting, the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

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:

Brad Driggers, Greenwood Resident in support of Justin Davis for Agenda Item #4

Approval of Minutes: Work/Regular Session- October 13, 2022

A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Robinson to table the Minutes for October, the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote

Approval of Financials: September & October, 2022

A motion was made by Alderman Larsen, seconded by Alderman Doughty to table the Financials for September & October, the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote

1. Approval of Ms. Toni Turk, Mayor recommendation, to fill the vacancy of the Alderman District 4. 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 receipt of the resignation of the seat.

A motion was made by Alderman Larsen to appoint Brad Driggers to fill the vacancy of the Alderman District 4, no second and motion failed. A motion was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Doughty to appoint Toni Turk to fill the vacancy of the Alderman District 4 position, the motion was carried by a 3-1 roll call vote:

Yeas: Robinson, Davis, Doughty

Nays: Larsen

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

2. 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.

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Ordinance by title WHEREAS, video poker truck stops, pari-mutuel facilities, and off-track wagering facilities are located in and about our communities;

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenwood desires to protect certain areas of our communities such as churches, parks, and education institutions;

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenwood desires to preserve the property values and character of surrounding neighborhoods, deter the spread of urban blight, protect the citizens from increased crime, preserve the quality of life, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenwood desires to protect those community areas such as churches, parks and educational institutions by establishing regulated boundaries and measurements to OTB, OTR, video poker, and other gaming establishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town of Greenwood Board of Aldermen in due, legal and regular session convened, that Section 54-1 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby adopted to read as follows:

Section 54-1. Qualified Video Poker Truck Stop Facility, Pari-Mutuel Facilities, and Offtrack Wagering Facility locations; prohibited distances; prohibited structures.

No Occupational License shall be granted to any qualified video poker truck stop facility, pari-mutuel facility, or offtrack wagering facility located, at the time the original application is made for a license to operate a video poker truck stop or offtrack wagering facility, within one mile from any property on the National Register of Historic Places, any public playground, any residential property, or a building used primarily as a church, synagogue, public

library, or school. The measurement of the distance shall be a straight line from the nearest point of the proposed video poker truck stop, pari-mutuel facility, or offtrack wagering facility to the nearest point of the property on the National Register of Historic Places, the public playground, residential property, or a building used primarily as a church, synagogue, public library, or school. This ordinance does not apply to a qualified truck stop facility, a pari-mutuel facility, or an offtrack wagering facility that is operational on the date this ordinance is passed. Such location shall be eligible for a qualified truck stop facility license, a pari-mutuel facility, or an offtrack wagering facility license without reference to the prohibitions of this Section unless after having obtained a license, a qualified truck stop facility, a pari-mutuel facility, or an offtrack wagering facility has not been licensed at that location for thirty-six consecutive months and application for licensing is not made within that thirty-six-month period.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption;

First Reading: October 13, 2022 – Introduced and read by title and approved as read on motion by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Davis.

Second Reading: November 17, 2022 – Having been approved on the first reading on October 13, 2022, was read by title and after publication of notice and following public hearing, was read by title with a motion to approve as read by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Larsen. Approved by the following roll call vote:

YEAS: (4) Larsen, Doughty, Davis, Robinson

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

THUS DONE, ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Greenwood, Louisiana, at a meeting of said public body, duly held and conducted on November 17, 2022 in the Municipal Complex for the Town of Greenwood.

ATTEST:

Veronica Brown LCMC, Town Clerk

3. ORDINANCE No. 17 of 2022

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Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Ordinance by title and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen finds and declares that there has been an increase in the number of instances of semi-trailer and large vehicles unsuccessfully attempting to operate and maneuver down the Greenwood Cemetery Road;

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen finds and declares that above referenced operation and maneuvering of these semi-trailer and large vehicles endanger the safety and welfare of vehicle drivers and pedestrians and create unsafe road conditions, which are otherwise detrimental to the safety and welfare of the residents of the Town and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen finds and declares that the provisions of this Ordinance are necessary to promote the safety and welfare of the residents of the Town and general public and that the restriction set forth herein is designed to prevent and eliminate unsafe road conditions within the municipal limits of the Town.

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED, AS FOLLOWS:

Restriction of Passage on Greenwood Cemetery Road.

(A) Definitions.

The following words, terms, phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Semi-Trailer shall mean any and every vehicle with or without motive power designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that some part of its weight and that of its load rests upon or is carried by another vehicle.

Large Vehicle shall mean any and every vehicle or combination of vehicles with or without motive power having more than three (3) axles, the total number of axles being the sum of the motorized vehicle axles plus any trailer or otherwise manually attached vehicle unit axles.

(B) Restriction.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, park, unload or otherwise maneuver a semi-trailer vehicle or large vehicle on the Greenwood Cemetery Rd.

(C) Notification.

The LA Dept of Transportation is hereby authorized and directed to place traffic control signs at each appropriate portion of the roadway contemplated in Subsection (A) above, and such signs shall give notice to all persons of the prohibition against semi-trailers and other large vehicles described in this Ordinance on the restricted portion of the roadway outlined in Subsection (A).

(D) Exceptions.

This Ordinance does not apply to public service or emergency vehicles. This Ordinance shall not prohibit the use of the portion of the roadway contemplated in Subsection (A) by semi-trailers or large vehicles performing work on behalf of or through a contract with the Town, or having business or performing work for or on behalf of businesses and/or other commercial entities located along, adjacent to or directly accessible from the restricted portion of the roadway. The above excepted uses shall only be for the duration and to the extent necessary to carry out the work and/or business authorized hereunder.

(E) Penalty.

Whoever violates the restriction created by this ordinance shall be fined not more than \$500.00 or imprisoned not more than 60 days, or both, for each offense.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application hereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption;

First Reading: October 13, 2022 – Introduced and read by title and approved as read on motion by Alderman Edwardes, seconded by Alderman Doughty.

Second Reading: November 17, 2022 – Having been approved on the first reading on October 13, 2022, was read by title and after publication of notice and following public hearing, was read by title with a motion to approve as read by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Davis. Approved by the following roll call vote:

YEAS: (4) Larsen, Doughty, Davis, Robinson

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

THUS DONE, ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Greenwood, Louisiana, at a meeting of said public body, duly held and conducted on November 17, 2022 in the Municipal Complex for the Town of Greenwood.

ATTEST:

Veronica Brown LCMC, Town Clerk

4. Resolution No. 18 OF 2022

TITLE: A RESOLUTION TO SELECT MAYOR PRO TEMPORE OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD, PARISH OF CADDO, STATE OF LOUISIANA

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Resolution by title and a motion was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Davis to select Alderman Davis as the Mayor Pro Tempore, the motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote

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Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Ordinance by title and a motion was made by Alderman Doughty, seconded by Alderman Larsen to set the Schedule of the 2023 Regular Session Meetings, the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote

Public Comments:

David Cox, Greenwood Resident submitted a Public Records Request for Property Standards information Alderman Robinson inquired on the codes to see if there are regulations for Sexually Oriented Businesses in Greenwood, Attorney McKay responded

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Davis the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm. Next meeting to be held on Thursday, December 15, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. for the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen and Monday, December 19, 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 Public Hearing, Work Session and Regular Session of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Greenwood for November 17, 2022

This the 30th day of November, 2022

s/s Veronica Brown LCMC, Town Clerk