

TOWN OF GREENWOOD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Tuesday, January 24, 2023 6:00 PM

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

Absent: None

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: Police Chief Shayne Gibson 1) Introduced new employee, Ofc. Joel Faulk. Ofc. Faulk first day of employment with the town was on January 23rd. 2) No use of force incidents in the month of January and there were 332 arrests made in 2022 and 1593 citations written in the same year.

Mr. David Kerley, Greenwood Appointee for CFD #3 Board advised the Board that the fire district adopted the 2023 annual budget and amended the 2022 budget in December 2022. The CFD #3 made 1,890 runs in 2022 which is approximately 200 more from the prior year. He then advised that the monthly meetings are open to the Public and are held on the fourth Thursday of the Month at 6:00 pm.

Alderman Davis 1) Announced that he needed to correct some information that he had given and wanted to clarify that Utiliserve was the name of the company that performed the exercising of the valves and flush program. 2) updated the Board on the Pioneer Festival Committee meeting 3) stated that the town would be checking in to doing some upgrades on the tennis court at the park, to include the purchase of a net.

Alderman Doughty 1) Advised the Board and Public that one of his elderly neighbors went missing and the Greenwood Police Department did a great job on handling the situation. Chief Gibson also stated that if anyone has elderly parents or neighbors with dementia to have them registered with LENS

Mayor Edwardes 1) Asked for prayers for Aldermen Doughty & Robinson 2) Property Standards 3) SWEPCO Community Meeting 4) Water Dept update 5) Greenwood Neighborhood Group & Facebook posts **For more detail on these items, please refer to the Official Minutes Book**

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: Prudy Coleman, Greenwood Resident, inquired on how Public Comments will be handled now that there will be only one meeting and the Public Comments is called prior to a resident obtaining information. She was advised by the Town Clerk that Mayor Edwardes will call for comments under each Agenda Item before the Board votes.

Approval of Minutes:

Work/Regular Session Meeting –December 19, 2022

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- December Financials

A motion was made by Alderman Larsen to table the Financials and after a discussion the motion failed. A motion was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Davis to approve the Financials, the motion was carried by a majority voice vote.

1. Resolution No. 1 of 2023

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA OFFICE OF TOURISM (LOT) COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR AN EVENT WITH RPM PROMOTIONS, INC FLAT TRACK MOTORCYCLE RACING EVENT

Mr. Lucian Marioneaux, Jr gave the Board details on the event. Alderman Larsen asked if there would be negative impacts on the Police Dept and Chief Gibson indicated none. Prior to the motion Prudy Coleman, Greenwood resident inquired on the grant regulations for timeliness of the submittal and the Town Clerk, Veronica Brown indicated that the State waived any regulations that would prevent the town from applying for the grant of funds. A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Robinson, the motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote

2. Discussion of the Municode proposed revisions to include updates, additions, deletions as submitted by the Board of Aldermen

Discussion of the proposed updates/revisions to the Town Ordinances by the Board. Input was given by Alderman Larsen and Alderman Davis and the Town Attorney submitted recommendations for a new SOB Ordinance. Mayor Edwardes asked for the Aldermen to send any additional update/revision requests to the Town Attorney or the Town Clerk. This process will move forward to the next months Agenda as Old Business.

3. Discussion from the Board of Aldermen in regards on implementing penalties/fines when emergency guidelines are not adhered to by the residents/businesses during Water Conservation Measures and or other State of Emergency situations

Discussion of a proposed procedures enforcing penalties to residents and or businesses for non compliance during emergency utility situations. After further discussion by the Board, Town Attorney McKay was asked to further investigate on how the process/procedure can be implemented and what types of fines could be enforced.

4. Approval for the Town Attorney to compose a letter on behalf of the Mayor to submit to the Attorney General for an opinion on regulating the displaying of drug paraphernalia

After a discussion from the Board, a motion was made by Alderman Larsen, seconded by Alderman Davis, the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comments:

Alderman Larsen asked for the Mayor for more updates, to revisit Personal Solutions as an Employee Assistance Program and asked if the town digital sign can be reset for the display to work

Mayor Edwardes spoke on the negative facebook posts and the Nextdoor Greenwood App not providing accurate information

Alderman Robinson announced that the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Valentines Day Dinner at the American Rose Center on February 14th at 6:00 pm and it is FREE and everyone is invited to attend

Ms Jewel Jaudon, Greenwood Resident spoke on the speed limit on Hwy 169 S and her efforts in getting it reduced

Mr Roland Deville, Greenwood Resident spoke on the revitalization of the Tennis Courts in the park and the possibility of adding a pickle ball court

Mr. Brad Driggers, Greenwood Resident stated that the Food Truck event in the park was a success, he thanked Aldermen Larsen & Davis for attending and announced there will be another one in the park on third Thursday of next month

Mr Michael Evans, Greenwood Resident advised that instead of a requested water conservation, it should be more clear and demand

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Davis and seconded by Alderman Larsen the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 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 January 24, 2023

This the 10th day of February, 2023

s/s Veronica Brown LCMC, Town Clerk