

TOWN OF GREENWOOD
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR SESSION MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Tuesday, August 22, 2023 6:00 PM

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

Absent: None

There was a quorum

Mayor Edwardes called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, Alderman Davis led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

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.

Approval of Minutes: Public Hearing & Regular Session July 25, 2023
A motion was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Doughty to approve the Minutes, the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Financials: June, 2023
A motion was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Doughty to approve the Financials, the motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Financials: July, 2023
A motion was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Turk to approve the Financials, the motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

1. ORDINANCE No. 9 of 2023
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE SALARY OF THE TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023.

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Ordinance by title and Mayor Edwardes called for Public Comments

Public Comments: P Coleman inquired on when the published Public Hearing was going to be held

At this time, a motion was made by Alderman Larsen, seconded by Alderman Robinson to amend the agenda, the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote

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. 9 of 2023
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE SALARY OF THE TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023.

Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the title of the Ordinance and after Public Comments were heard

- B. Driggers, Greenwood Resident spoke against Ordinance No. 9
- J. Jaudon, Greenwood Resident spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 9
- L Smith, Greenwood Resident spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 9
- P Coleman, Greenwood Resident spoke against Ordinance No. 9

A motion was made by Alderman Larsen to extend time for P Coleman, seconded by Alderman Davis, the motion carried by unanimous voice vote

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TITLE: AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE SALARY OF THE TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023.

Public Comments:

- R. Musgrove, Greenwood Resident spoke of a salary cap
- R. Carper, Greenwood Resident spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 9

A motion was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Turk and during discussion an alternate Motion was made by Alderman Larsen, seconded by Alderman Davis. The alternate motion failed with the following roll call vote:

YEAS: (2) Davis, Larsen
NAYS: (3) Robinson, Doughty, Turk
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Greenwood that the salary of the Town Clerk of the Town of Greenwood shall be \$61,789.91 per year (salary exempt) with all benefits as afforded all employees of the Town of Greenwood by Ordinance No. 11 of 2004 and amended by Ordinance No. 2 of 2005, effective July 1, 2006 and amended Ordinance No 7 of 17 and revised by Ordinance No 2 of 2018

First Reading: May 23, 2023 - Introduced and read by title and approved as read and set for Public Hearing on June 27, 2023(due to lack of quorum, meeting held on July 3, 2023) on motion by Alderman Doughty, seconded by Alderman Turk

Second Reading: July 3, 2023- Having been approved on the first reading on May 23, 2023 and a public hearing, was read by title, with motion to approve as read by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Turk. Motion failed due to tie by the following Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: (2) Robinson, Turk
NAYS: (2) Larsen, Davis
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (1) Doughty

Third Reading: July 25, 2023- Having been approved on the first reading on May 23, 2023 and a public hearing, was read by title, with a failed motion on July 3, 2023. Alderman Robinson requested a third reading and a Public Hearing was held on July 25, 2023. On Motion to table by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Doughty. Motion carried by the following Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: (4) Davis, Doughty, Larsen,, Turk
NAYS: (1) Robinson
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

Fourth Reading: August 22, 2023- Having been approved on the first reading May 23, 2023 and after publication of notice and a public hearing, was read by title. A motion to approve as read by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Turk. Motion carried by the following Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: (3) Robinson, Doughty, Turk
NAYS: (2) Davis, Larsen
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: (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 August 22, 2023 in the Municipal Complex for the Town of Greenwood.

2. Resolution No. 4 of 2023
TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A 2023 APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA—OFFICE OF TOURISM (LOT) COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR GLOW GREENWOOD AND PIONEER FESTIVAL
Town Clerk, Veronica Brown read the Resolution by title and explained this grant reimburses 50% of eligible marketing expenses.

Public Comments: P Coleman spoke of the RPM event and a previous LOT grant

A motion was made by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Alderman Turk to approve the resolution. The motion carried by a majority voice vote

Public Comments Non Agenda Items:

P Coleman, Greenwood Resident spoke of the Pioneer Festival Committee and in favor of a sales tax increase to supplement the budget of the Police Dept

B Driggers, Greenwood Resident expressed derogatory remarks to select Alderman

R Musgrove, Greenwood Resident expressed his concern of Aldermen not attending the Work Session and in favor of Auxillary Police Officers

M Dickerson, Greenwood Resident expressed what a good job our Utilities Manager, Chase is doing and he is in favor of additional officers

Alderman Larsen requested that a discussion be held on Police Department and a motion was made to amend the Agenda, seconded by Alderman Davis. Motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Alderman Davis recommended a sales tax increase to fund the budget. He also stated that he would like to meet with a representative from Cook & Morehart to see if monies can be moved around for the Police Dept

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made by Alderman Larsen and seconded by Alderman Robinson the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm. Next meeting to be held on Thursday, September 21st Work Session and Tuesday, September 26, 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 Public Hearing & Regular Session of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Greenwood for August 22, 2023

This the 11th day of September, 2023

ATTEST:

s/s Veronica Brown LCMC
Town Clerk