

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF LEFLORE
CITY OF GREENWOOD**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL was held this Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Greenwood City Hall, it being the time and place for holding said meeting.

There were present at this meeting, Mayor Carolyn McAdams, Attorney Don Brock, Jr., Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, Lisa Cookston, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, David Jordan and Carl Palmer, Nick Joseph, Jr., City Clerk and Cinderella Morris, Council Clerk. Councilperson Ronnie Stevenson being absent.

Also present were: Brian Walden, CSpire, Angela Curry, Director of the Greenwood Leflore Industrial Board and the Greenwood Leflore-Carroll Economic Development Foundation, Beth Stevens, Director Chamber of Commerce, Lee Hall, WABG Radio Station, Bob Darden, Commonwealth Newspaper and Dash Brown, Taxpayers Channel.

Also present were: Public Works Director Susan Bailey, Fire Chief Marcus Banks, Police Chief Ray Moore, Sergeant Melvin Cook, Director of Community Development Division, Victor Stokes, Whit Mounger, Special Prosecutor for housing and other code violations, and Betty Stigler, Code Enforcement Officer.

Councilperson David Jordan stated that today is the 60th anniversary of Rosa Park. He asked Council for a moment of silent prayer.

Vice President Johnny Jennings advised Council that they have a resolution to add to the agenda. He said he will let Angela Curry address the Council at this time regarding the resolution before they approve it so they would know more about the resolution. Angela Curry said they have a project before them that need their attention. She said that they have a company that is very interested in locating in our community in one of their available buildings, 89,000 square feet. She said they have been working with this company since July, 2014. She said it is a distribution company that will employ around 65 people and offer salaries in the \$41,000.00 to \$42,000.00 a year range.

Councilperson Ronnie Stevenson enters the meeting at this time.

Angela Curry said they had some meetings where Mayor McAdams and Attorney Brock were part of the meetings. She said they were pulling together a local community grant. She said that the Economic Development Foundation is going to contribute \$175,000.00 to the grant fund. She asked the City to contribute \$75,000.00. She said she was going to the County on Monday to request funds. She stated that the business wants to close the deal this month.

IN RE: AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilperson Johnny Jennings, seconded by Councilperson David Jordan, to amend the agenda to include a Resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$75,000.00 for economic development and for the relocation of a new distribution business in the Greenwood, Mississippi area. A vote was taken, Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, David Jordan and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. The President declared the motion passed and adopted.

IN RE: AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilperson David Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Andrew Powell, to adopt the amended agenda. A vote was taken, Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, David Jordan and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. The President declared the motion passed and adopted.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE EXPENDITURE OF \$75,000.00
FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND FOR THE RELOCATION OF A
NEW DISTRIBUTION BUSINESS IN
THE GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI
AREA**

– Adopted Unanimously

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

IT IS ORDERED that claims and accounts appearing on the Docket of Claims be allowed and paid out of the funds as shown. That said Claims appearing in Claims Docket Book 63, and evidenced by Claims Numbers 289 through 301 inclusive, and Claims Numbers 302 through 399 inclusive, be paid Check Numbers 53716 through 53825 inclusive, and said claims and accounts being made a part of the minutes as though fully copied herein.

IN RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McAdams reminded Council that the Christmas Parade is Friday and that city hall will close at noon. She said the city's float will be the same as last year and that they have added another bench.

Mayor McAdams said that Wards 1 & 2 held their first meeting for crime prevention. She said a lot of good came out of the meeting which was great and well attended. Councilpersons Johnny Jennings and Lisa Cookston commented on the meeting. Councilpersons David Jordan and Charles E. McCoy, Sr. commented on crime around the city. Councilperson McCoy questioned Chief Moore about the number of patrolmen on shifts. Chief Moore said right now they have a couple shifts that have seven patrolmen and that he had officers coming in on those shifts to fill them. He said on an average day at least eight patrolmen are on a shift. Mayor McAdams said there are extra patrolmen out doing the holiday season. Chief Moore said they have had extra patrolmen on detail for several years.

Mayor McAdams announced that Mississippi Valley State University's Musical Choir will be performing "Old Holy Night" at 7:30 p.m. in the H. G. Carpenter Auditorium.

Mayor McAdams announced that Nick Joseph and the clerks have closed the books for fiscal year 2014-2015. She said the city has an unaudited surplus of \$61,000.00 for the 2014-2015 year for the general fund. She contributed the surplus to her department heads.

Mayor McAdams said Beth Stevens will give an update on some great events coming up. Beth Stevens said starting Thursday night Mainstreet Greenwood is doing the lighting of the courthouse at 5:30 p.m. She said the community outdoor holiday movie "The Muppet Christmas Choral" will show at 6:30 p.m. in the Staplecotn parking lot and that concessions will be for sale. She said Friday is the 80th anniversary of the parade which will start at 4:00 p.m. She said the parade has a great lineup that will consist of bands, a lot of floats and inflatable balloons. She said after the parade there will be fireworks.

Councilperson David Jordan announced that we have a Rhodes Scholar from Greenwood, Ericka Wheeler, the first African American recipient. He said she was selected as one of the 32 Rhodes Scholars from the United States. He asked for a round of applause for her.

Councilperson Charles McCoy reminded Council President Ronnie Stevenson to not forget about the Greenwood Bulldogs. Council President Stevenson congratulated the Greenwood High School Bulldogs who made it to the North State Championship. He also stated that one of their prominent players had committed to sign with Mississippi State University. Councilperson McCoy requested that the coaches and coaches staff along with the players be invited to the next meeting on December 15, 2015.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson announced that the Holiday Open House at the Greenwood Recycling Center will be Tuesday, December 8, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

**IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA
IN RE: DILAPIDATED HOUSING
RESOLUTION ADJUDGING
PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE
TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
SAFETY**

J. J. Ferguson Ready Mix
Highway 82 East – lot West of the Landing

- Tabled until December 15, 2015

**RESOLUTION SETTING HEARING
AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF
NOTICE**

Wallace Van Meter, Jr.
Betty Van Meter
Stroud's Alley #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #8
#9, #10, #14, #15, #16

- Adopted Unanimously

**RESOLUTION SETTING HEARING
AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF
NOTICE**

Larry Neal
311 Avenue F

- Adopted Unanimously

**RESOLUTION SETTING HEARING
AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF
NOTICE**

Robert Hill, Et Al
c/o Mandy Hill
210 Ash Street

- Adopted Unanimously

**RESOLUTION SETTING HEARING
AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF
NOTICE**

Irene Bush
711 Avenue F

- Adopted Unanimously

Whit Mounger stated that it has truly been a blessing and a joy to work for the city. He said he notified the mayor yesterday that he was retiring from the city and the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). He said he has spent 42 years working for the city in one position or another serving under six mayors. He said he intends to continue his law practice. Councilperson Jordan praised Whit for his service, saying he felt close to Whit as if he was a brother. He said he and Whit has been here 30 years.

Keynon Johnson addressed the Council regarding police harassment and a man pulling a gun on him and his partner. Mayor McAdams advised Johnson that there is a process for handling complaints. She stated that complaint forms were at the police station and at her office. She requested that Johnson come by her office and fill out a complaint form in the morning. Chief Ray Moore stated that this issue is being investigated by his internal affairs office.

IN RE: POLICY ISSUES AGENDA - NONE

**IN RE: ROUTINE AGENDA
IN RE: CONSENT AGENDA
IN RE: MINUTES**

Motion was made by Councilperson David Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., to adopt the minutes of the November 17, 2015 City Council meeting. A vote was taken, Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, David Jordan and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. The President declared the motion passed and adopted.

**ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
 RECEIVING THE FINANCIAL
 REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK
 FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER,
 2015**

– Adopted Unanimously

**ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
 RECEIVING THE FINANCIAL
 REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK
 FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER,
 2015**

– Adopted Unanimously

**AN ORDER REVISING THE BUDGET
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
 AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 519
 OF LAWS OF MISSISSIPPI FOR 1985.**

WHEREAS, provisions of Chapter 519 of the Laws of Mississippi of 1985, as amended, municipal budgets for fiscal year may be revised under circumstances as set forth therein and;

WHEREAS, it affirmatively appears that there remains in certain funds an unexpended sum not needed or expected to be needed for the purpose or purposes for which it was appropriated in said budget and that the same should be transferred to another code where needed.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED that the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016, be and the same is hereby revised and amended so as to make the following changes, to wit:

It is requested that the budget for the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund and General Fund-Supervision & Finance for fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, be amended and changed as follows, to wit:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	NEW BUDGET
420-000-398	Retained Earnings	\$275,685.00	\$63,100.00		\$338,785.00
420-550-900	Operating Trans Out	\$.00	\$63,100.00		\$ 63,100.00
001-000-381	Operating Transfers	\$771,000.00	\$63,100.00		\$834,100.00
001-040-600	Professional Services	\$100,000.00	\$63,100.00		\$163,100.00

This revised budget amendment does constitute an increase to the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund and an increase to the General Fund-Supervision & Finance.

Nick Joseph, Jr., CPA
 City Clerk

The above and foregoing order having first been reduced to writing was considered section by section and then as a whole, having been introduced by Councilperson David Jordan, was duly seconded for adoption by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., and upon a vote being called received the following vote:

COUNCILPERSON	YEA	NAY
Johnny Jennings	X	
Lisa Cookston	X	
Ronnie Stevenson	X	
Charles E. McCoy, Sr.	X	
Andrew Powell	X	
David Jordan	X	
Carl Palmer	X	

The President of the Council then declared the motion passed and adopted this the 1st day of December, 2015.

RONNIE STEVENSON
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

CAROLYN MCADAMS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
CINDERELLA M. MORRIS,
DEPUTY CLERK

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
AND CITY CLERK TO DO ALL THINGS
REASONABLE AND NECESSARY TO PAY
ALL OBLIGATIONS ON THE DOCKET OF
CLAIMS**

WHEREAS, the City from time to time incurs necessary reasonable expenses;
and,

WHEREAS, all lawful obligations should be timely paid.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF GREENWOOD, LEFLORE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI:**

SECTION 1: The Mayor and the City Clerk should be and they are hereby authorized to do all things reasonable and necessary to pay all those obligations listed in the **“DOCKET OF CLAIMS,” BOOK 63, CITY OF GREENWOOD, DECEMBER 1, 2015, CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

The above and foregoing resolution, after having been first reduced to writing and read by the Clerk of the Council, was introduced by Councilperson David Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., and was adopted by the following roll call to-wit:

YEAS

NAYS

Johnny Jennings
Lisa Cookston
Ronnie Stevenson
Charles E. McCoy, Sr.
Andrew Powell
David Jordan
Carl Palmer

Victor Stokes said CSpire has several boring projects. He said that Brain Walden was also here if there were questions. Victor said the projects involve fiber optic cables for the post office that was previous approved by the Council, Greenwood Sheet Metals, and Atmos Energy. He said out on Walnut Street there is a water tower that the city and Greenwood Utilities owns that they are going to put nodes on top of. He said they have a major project that they rerouted too. He said they have four different projects that CSpire is proposing to do in the city. Councilperson Johnny Jennings asked Brain Walden what the full capability of the fiber optic cable would be when it is totally in place. Brain Walden said it would involve internet services, fiber optic cable for local businesses and cell service. Mayor McAdams addressed this request. Mayor, Council and Victor Stokes discussed this further. Attorney Brock said he would like the opportunity to review the language. He suggested that the resolutions be tabled until the next meeting on December 15, 2015.

**IN RE: ROUTINE ITEMS AGENDA
A RESOLUTION APPROVING A
PERMIT APPLICATION OF CSPIRE
FOR USE AND OCCUPANCY
AGREEMENT FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OR ADJUSTMENT
OF A UTILITY WITHIN CITY STREET
RIGHT-OF-WAY**

- Tabled until December 15, 2015

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A
PERMIT APPLICATION OF CSPIRE
FOR USE AND OCCUPANCY
AGREEMENT FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OR ADJUSTMENT
OF A UTILITY WITHIN CITY STREET
RIGHT-OF-WAY**

- Tabled until December 15, 2015

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A
PERMIT APPLICATION OF CSPIRE
FOR USE AND OCCUPANCY
AGREEMENT FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OR ADJUSTMENT
OF A UTILITY WITHIN CITY STREET
RIGHT-OF-WAY**

- Tabled until December 15, 2015

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A
PERMIT APPLICATION OF CSPIRE
FOR USE AND OCCUPANCY
AGREEMENT FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OR ADJUSTMENT
OF A UTILITY WITHIN CITY STREET
RIGHT-OF-WAY**

- Tabled until December 15, 2015

Victor Stokes explained the following resolution. He said that Entergy is proposing to install a tower that will include four microwave dishes that will allow them to monitor the overall power grid system and make remote adjustments from their offices.

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING
A PERMIT APPLICATION OF
ENTERGY FOR USE AND OCCUPANCY
AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OR ADJUSTMENT OF A UTILITY WITHIN
CITY STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY**

- Adopted Unanimously

Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr. stated that he would like for the city to purchase a table at the Voter's League Banquet on December 11, 2015 like they have for other banquets. Councilperson Jordan said there is no price for a table. Councilperson David Jordan said they will be honoring Dr. V. K. Chawla and Rev. Dr. David Matthews and that they will be the recipients of the Posthumous Award. Council President Stevenson said that since the banquet is December 11, 2015 there will not be another meeting for a resolution to be prepared in time. Mayor and Council discussed this further and said they would look at this request next year.

IN RE: STUDY AGENDA – NONE

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THIS MEETING WAS
ADJOURNED**

RONNIE STEVENSON, PRESIDENT

JOHNNY JENNINGS, VICE PRESIDENT

LISA COOKSTON

CHARLES E. MCCOY, SR.

ANDREW POWELL

DAVID JORDAN

CARL PALMER

CERTIFIED BY:

**NICK JOSEPH, JR.,
CITY CLERK**

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