

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT A BUDGET HEARING OF THE GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL** was held this Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 4:30 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, Councilpersons Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, Nick Joseph, Jr., City Clerk and Cinderella Morris, Council Clerk. Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, David Jordan and Carl Palmer being absent.

Also present were: Alliyah Sims, Delta News, and Eric Spencer and Lauren Randall, Commonwealth Newspaper.

Also present was: Fire Chief Marcus Banks.

The purpose of the meeting today is a work session for the Council and Mayor to discuss the FY2018 budget.

Mayor McAdams said that she and Nick have been working on the FY2018 budget. She asked Nick to speak at this time. Nick advised Council that they each have a copy of the Bond Schedule. He said that the city has a total of \$639,000.00 due next year for General Obligation Bonds which includes the bond for the renovation of the police department. He said the millage rate for bonds decreased to 5.69 mills compared to 5.8 mills last year.

Mayor McAdams advised Council that the millage rate is going to increase for the first time in eleven years.

Nick Joseph said that the millage rate will increase by 3 mills from 48.26 mills to a total millage of 50.26.

Mayor McAdams said that revenues are down and that expenses were up. Nick said that \$499,882.00 had to be used out of reserves to the balance the budget.

Mayor McAdams said that health insurance increased. She said we had two severe claims against our insurance this year. She said reserves went down. She said the funding for employee insurance will increase from \$372.00 to \$420.00 per employee. Nick Joseph stated that insurance decreased last year to \$372.00 for employees per month.

Mayor McAdams said that she wanted to give raises to employees this year and that she was not able to give raises based on the proposed budget.

Nick Joseph stated that the city will have \$2.2 million in unbudgeted revenues left.

Mayor McAdams advised Council that due to changes in the way fines are collected that the city cannot count on fines from the police department.

Councilperson Charles E. McCoy asked Mayor McAdams if revenues increases later in the year could the city give employees raises. Mayor McAdams replied of course.

Mayor McAdams requested that Council take the worksheets home and look them over.

Nick Joseph informed Council that the budget has to be adopted on the 15th of September and that he plans to adopt it on the 5th of September.

Nick Joseph explained the Sewage Enterprise Fund budget. He said that the Sewage Fund is divided into three funds, 410 - expense, 411- revenue, and 412 – Debt Service. He said he set aside \$639,000.00 for next year to pay the note. He said that the note for the Waste Water Treatment Plant comes out of this fund.

Nick Joseph explained the Solid Waste Fund budget. He said that the solid waste collection fee is increasing from \$17.50 to \$20.00. He said that the \$2.50 increase is for trash pickup. He said that the increase will generate about \$172,000.00 per year. He said he is transferring \$36,000.00 from the Sewage Enterprise Fund to the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund to the Solid Waste Enterprise budget. Council discussed this matter further.

Councilperson Charles McCoy asked Mayor about the city's wish list. Mayor McAdams said that Onnie M Elliott was added for \$5,000.00, Fannie Lou Hamer has \$5,000.00 appropriated and that she will give \$5,000.00 out of her contingency fund totaling \$10,000.00, and that the airport appropriation was increased by \$5,000.00 to be in line with the County's appropriation.

Mayor McAdams asked Council if they needed to have another work session. Council President Ronnie Stevenson said that Council will look over the proposed budget and decide by Tuesday, August 15, 2017 if they need another work session.

**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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