

**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, January 2, 2018 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 Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Andrew Powell, David Jordan, and Carl Palmer, Nick Joseph, Jr., City Clerk and Cinderella Morris, Council Clerk. Councilpersons Johnny Jennings and Charles E. McCoy, Sr. being absent.

Also present were: Eric Spencer, Virginia Spruell, Carissia Mayes, Georzetta McDaniel, Alliyah Sims, Delta News, and Lauren Randall, Commonwealth Newspaper.

Also present were: Public Works Director Susan Bailey, Fire Chief Marcus Banks, Director of Community Development Division Victor Stokes, Special Prosecutor for housing and other code violations Don Brock, Jr., and Code Enforcement Officer Betty Stigler.

**IN RE: AGENDA**

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

**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 65, and evidenced by Claims Numbers 591 through 606 inclusive, be paid by Check Numbers 4249 through 4262 inclusive, Claims Numbers 624 through 641 inclusive, be paid by Check Numbers 4390 through 4406 inclusive, and Claims Numbers 642 through 756 inclusive, be paid by Check Numbers 4413 through 4527 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 said that we had a great 2017 and that she is hoping and praying for a great 2018.

Mayor McAdams stated that the City's Connection has been down. She said that Alicia Dallas is out and that Cynthia Staniel will take on this responsibility until Alicia returns.

Mayor McAdams said that it is very cold outside. She advised citizens to please wrap up and to check on others throughout this cold weather.

Mayor McAdams announced that she, the CAO and the Council will be out next Tuesday through Thursday attending the MML Mid-Winter Conference in Jackson. She said that you can contact them by cellphone.

Mayor McAdams commended Chief Marcus Banks and his crew for the great job that they did containing and monitoring the fire at Birdsong Peanut Company. She asked Chief Banks to address the Council at this time. Chief Banks said that his department responded to the Birdsong Peanut Company after receiving a call at 6:58 a.m. Friday morning and that his department has been there ever since. He said that once on the scene, they noticed a couple of employees trying to put out some peanuts with a fire extinguisher. He said although the fire was small, it spread rapidly. He said he made the decision to pull out and set up ladder trucks as a defensive attack. He said his department responded to the fire with two ladder trucks, two pumpers and three command vehicles. He said he talked with a retired chief from Clarksdale who had dealt with a similar situation in 2015 and was told that the fire there burned for eight days, and that the facility was smaller than the one in the city. He said the fire should burn for several more day and that containment barriers are being brought in. He said that a five-man crew has managed the fire twenty-four hours in six hour shifts since Friday morning. He said that he has also placed a hold on leave to ensure that his department was at 100 percent staffed. He further stated that his department has no additional expenses

related to the fire. He thanked Mayor McAdams, Leflore County Board of Supervisors, Christine Lymon, Fred Randle, Wayne Self, the police department, Susan Bailey and other citizens for their assistance.

Mayor McAdams informed Council that Retail Strategy will be here on January 16<sup>th</sup>. She requested that all council members be present with their questions.

**IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA**

Georzette McDaniel addressed the Council at this time on behalf of Trevon Freeman, a Greenwood Middle School student who was nominated to go to a Leadership Conference at Harvard University. She said the cost of the trip is \$3,000.00 plus his airfare. She asked Council to help Trevon get to the Leadership Program. Council President Ronnie Stevenson advised Ms. Daniel that the city has a \$250.00 cap on donations. Council and City Attorney discussed this further and agreed to have a resolution prepared for the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. President Stevenson instructed Ms. Daniel to come back to the next meeting with Trevon Freeman.

**IN RE: DILAPIDATED HOUSING  
RESOLUTION SETTING HEARING  
AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF  
NOTICE**

Debra Griffis  
403 Pelican Avenue

- Adopted Unanimously

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

Bessie Anderson Jackson  
802 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North

- Adopted Unanimously

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

Eula Coleman  
2012 Mabyline Street

- Adopted Unanimously

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

Estate of A. B. Ainsworth, Deceased  
and to any other interested party  
2103 Carrollton Avenue (Rear)  
Parcel # 084-1104-15-006.20

- Adopted Unanimously

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

Miracle Deliverance Church  
c/o Dorothy Grant  
1215 Holloway Street

- Adopted Unanimously

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

Viking Investments, LLC and  
Wallace Van Meter, Jr.  
418/420 Avenue G

- Adopted Unanimously

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

Viking Investments, LLC and  
 Wallace Van Meter, Jr.  
 703 Howard Street

- Adopted Unanimously

**IN RE: POLICY ISSUES AGENDA - NONE**

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

Motion was made by Councilperson Carl Palmer seconded by Councilperson David Jordan, to adopt the minutes of the December 19, 2017 City Council meeting. A vote was taken, Councilpersons Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Andrew Powell, David Jordan and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. Councilpersons Johnny Jennings and Charles E. McCoy, Sr., being absent. The President declared the motion passed and adopted.

**AN ORDER REVISING THE BUDGET  
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018  
 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, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018, be and the same is hereby revised and amended so as to make the following changes, to wit:

It is requested that the budgets for the Engineering Division and Street Division (both are divisions of the Public Works Department) for fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, be amended and changed as follows, to wit:

<u>Acct. Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
001-200-515	Chemicals	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 5,200.00		\$ 17,800.00
001-200-600	Prof Svcs	3,200.00		\$ 5,200.00	8,400.00
001-201-641	Equip Rent	3,000.00	742.50		2,257.50
001-201-740	Vehicles	0.00		742.50	742.50

This budget adjustment constitutes a transfer of funds only and does not decrease nor increase the overall budget for the Public Works Department. Thank you for your attention and response to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted  
 Susan Bailey  
 Public Works Director  
 SB:gl

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 Carl Palmer, was duly seconded for adoption by Councilperson David Jordan, and upon a vote being called received the following vote:

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

The President of the Council then declared the motion passed and adopted this the 2nd day of January, 2018.

RONNIE STEVENSON  
 PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

CAROLYN MCADAMS, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
 CINDERELLA M. MORRIS,  
 DEPUTY CLERK

It is requested that the budgets for the Street Department and Park Maintenance Department for fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, be amended and changed as follows, to wit:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
001-201-550	Clothing	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 1,450.00		\$ 3,250.00
001-341-550	Uniforms	1,800.00		\$ 1,450.00	3,250.00

This budget adjustment constitutes a transfer of funds only and does not increase nor decrease the overall total budget for the Public Works Department. Thank you for your attention and response to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Susan Baily  
 Public Works Director  
 SB:gl

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 Carl Palmer, was duly seconded for adoption by Councilperson David Jordan, and upon a vote being called received the following vote:

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

The President of the Council then declared the motion passed and adopted this the 2nd day of January, 2018.

RONNIE STEVENSON  
 PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

CAROLYN MCADAMS, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
 CINDERELLA M. MORRIS,  
 DEPUTY CLERK

It is requested that the budget for the General Obligation MBIA Refunding Bonds 2017 and Special Projects Fund for fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, be amended and changed as follows, to wit:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	NEW BUDGET
260-650-900	Operating Transfer Out	\$109,000.00	\$6,500.00		\$115,500.00
260-650-997	Ending Fund Bal.	\$285,841.00		\$6,500.00	\$279,341.00
005-000-350	Operating Transfer In	\$ .00	\$6,500.00		\$ 6,500.00
005-045-500	Office Supplies	\$ .00	\$6,500.00		\$ 6,500.00

This revised budget amendment constitutes neither an increase nor decrease to the General Obligation Bond MBIA Refunding Bonds and an increase to Special Projects Fund.

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 Carl Palmer, was duly seconded for adoption by Councilperson David Jordan, and upon a vote being called received the following vote:

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

The President of the Council then declared the motion passed and adopted this the 2nd day of January, 2018.

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 65, CITY OF GREENWOOD, JANUARY 2, 2018, 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 Carl Palmer, seconded by Councilperson David Jordan, and was adopted by the following roll call to-wit:

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

**IN RE: ROUTINE ITEMS AGENDA  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
CITY OF GREENWOOD TO ENTER  
INTO A ONE YEAR CONTRACT  
WITH THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC  
FOR DRUG TESTING SERVICES**

**- Adopted Unanimously**

**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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