

**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, May 15, 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 Johnny Jennings, Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Andrew Powell, David Jordan and Carl Palmer, Cynthia Stanciel, CAO; Nick Joseph, Jr., City Clerk and Cinderella Morris, Council Clerk. Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr. being absent.

Also present were: Anthony Michelic, Eric Spencer, Elizabeth Joseph, Emelia Joseph, Main Street Greenwood Director Brantley Snipes, Deborah Harris, Larry Neal, Steven Cookston, Alliyah Sims, Delta News, Lauren Randall, Commonwealth Newspaper and Chris Williams, Taxpayers Channel.

Also present were: Mayor's Secretary Bettie Ray, Assistant Police Chief Marvin Hammond, Sr., Sergeant Jeff Byars, Sergeant Melvin Cook, Assistant Fire Chief John Lewis, Hunter Flanagan, Alfred King, Jr., Leonard Young, Battalion Chief Tony Brown, Public Works Director Susan Bailey, Byron Harris, Human Resources Director Regina Rich, Director of Community Development Victor Stokes, Director of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Division Eddie Curry, 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 David Jordan to adopt the agenda. A vote was taken, Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Andrew Powell, David Jordan and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. Councilperson 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 1886 through 2006 inclusive, be paid by Check Number 5518, Check Numbers 5639 through 5651 inclusive, and Check Numbers 5660 through 5764 inclusive, and said claims and accounts being made a part of the minutes as though fully copied herein.

Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr. enters the meeting at this time.

**IN RE: MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor McAdams advised Council that our sales tax allocation for the month was \$434,748.00, a decrease of \$14,678.00 or 3% less than this time last year. She said that fuel tax decreased and that there was a decrease in our business tax base. She said that she has asked Nick Joseph to call the Mississippi Department of Revenue to find out what is causing the decline in the city's sales tax. Nick Joseph explained the decline in sales tax revenues. He said that fuel tax diversion and the number of taxpayers decreased. Mayor McAdams said for the year we have collected \$3,051,317.00, a decrease of \$132,896.00 or 4% less than this time last year.

Mayor McAdams said that at the MML Conference in June an election will be held for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. She said the candidates were Mayor Brian Gomillion, Town of Walnut Grove and Mayor Errick D. Simmons, City of Greenville.

Mayor McAdams said that flags are being flown at half-staff today as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in honor of federal, state and local officers killed or disabled in the line of duty. She said that this is also Law Enforcement Week.

Mayor McAdams advised Council that Max Foote is on site at the Waste Water Treatment Plant trying to correct the problem there. She asked Eddie Curry to speak at this time. Eddie Curry said that Max Foote Construction was on site to correct the problem with the manhole at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. He said the plan is to insert a steel plate inside the manhole. He said that they were putting the plate in now and plans to pour concrete in tomorrow to stabilize that side of the manhole. He stated that he don't know if

this will work for them or not. He further stated that if the plan does not work, then the manhole would have to be excavated and the underground water pumped out, delaying the progress on the problem even further. Mayor McAdams said that she had sent Max Foote an email today but had not heard back on it. Mayor, Council and Attorney discussed this further. Councilperson McCoy questioned Eddie Curry regarding the work being done. Attorney Brock recommended this matter be discussed in executive session.

Mayor McAdams recognized the employees of the month for May. Assistant Police Chief Marvin Hammond, Sr. presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Sergeant Jeff Byars. Assistant Fire Chief John Lewis presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Leonard Young. Public Works Director Susan Bailey presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Byron Harris. Mayor McAdams congratulated each recipient.

Mayor McAdams presented Nick Joseph with a trophy from herself and the Council for his 19 years of service with the city. Councilperson McCoy presented him with a fruit basket on behalf of Market Place.

**IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA**

Anthony Michelic of Brick+Mortar, presented and explained his 21-day retail strategy findings to the Council. He said that 160 documents had been submitted to the Mayor. He said that they focused on five shopping areas in the city; Eastgate Shopping Center, Greenwood Mall, Highland Park Shopping Center, Tractor Supply and Walmart. He said he plans to present these finding to local businesses at two separate dates that has not been set up yet. He stated that if the city were to continue to work with Brick+Mortar that his firm would use the data from the 21-day study and recruit retail businesses on behalf of the city.

Councilperson Andrew Powell stated that he would like to table Larry Neal's property located at 229 Carrollton Avenue until June 19, 2018 after receiving a request from Mr. Neal requesting time before any adverse actions are taken so that he can hire a structural engineer in his interest and complete the recommended repairs. Council discussed this matter further. Councilperson McCoy asked Mr. Neal if this would be enough time for him to get an engineer. Mr. Neal replied yes. Attorney Brock recommended that all properties on the list be tabled until June 19, 2018 since all owners had not been notified.

Motion was made by Councilperson Andrew Powell, seconded by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., to table all properties on the Resolution adjudging property to be a menace to the public health and safety list until June 19, 2018. A vote was taken, Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, David Jordan and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. Councilperson Lisa Cookston voted NAY. The President declared the motion passed and adopted.

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

Artemis Taylor, LLC

225 Carrollton Avenue

- Tabled until June 19, 2018

Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, David Jordan and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. Councilperson Lisa Cookston voted NAY.

**RESOLUTION ADJUDGING  
PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO  
THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Artemis Taylor, LLC

233 Carrollton Avenue

- Tabled until June 19, 2018

Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, David Jordan and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. Councilperson Lisa Cookston voted NAY.

**RESOLUTION ADJUDGING  
PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO  
THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Larry Neal

229 Carrollton Avenue

- Tabled until June 19, 2018

Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, David Jordan and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. Councilperson Lisa Cookston voted NAY.

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

Sharon Earp

Thomas Earp, Jr.

Timothy Earp

231 Carrollton Avenue

- Adopted Unanimously

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

Councilperson Charles McCoy questioned Nick Joseph about Claims Numbers 1907 and 1975 to the Bank of Commerce for lease on Motorola Equipment. Council President Ronnie Stevenson advised Council that he would move on to the appointment agenda at this time to allow Nick Joseph to go pull the information needed to answer the question that Councilperson McCoy has regarding the Docket of Claims.

**IN RE: APPOINTMENT AGENDA  
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING  
THE APPOINTMENT OF DEBRA  
REYNOLDS TO THE GREENWOOD  
TREE BOARD FOR WARD 3**

- Adopted Unanimously

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING  
A VOTING DELEGATE AND TWO  
ALTERNATES TO THE MISSISSIPPI  
MUNICIPAL LEAGUE**

- Adopted Unanimously

Nick Joseph explained the payments to the Bank of Commerce for the lease of Motorola Equipment. He said the amounts on the Docket of Claims were for the lease on the radio equipment for the fire department in the amount of \$40,092.07 plus an additional \$10,000.00 paid by the city. He said \$29,301.68 was paid out of General Fund and \$20,790.39 was paid out of Fire Protection Fund.

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

Motion was made by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., seconded by Councilperson Lisa Cookston, to adopt the minutes of the May 1, 2018 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.

**IN RE: MINUTES**

Motion was made by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., seconded by Councilperson Lisa Cookston, to adopt the minutes of the May 4, 2018 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 PRIVILEGE  
 LICENSES REPORT OF THE  
 CITY CLERK FOR THE MONTH  
 OF APRIL, 2018** **- Adopted Unanimously**

**ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
 RECEIVING THE FINANCIAL  
 REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK  
 FOR THE MONTH OF  
 APRIL, 2018** **- Adopted Unanimously**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
 A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT  
 OF \$2,500.00 FOR EXPENSES TO  
 PROMOTE THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
 GREENWOOD-LEFLORE AIRPORT  
 AIRSHOW** **- Adopted Unanimously**

**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 budget for the Sewer Enterprise Fund and Sewer Revenue Bonds for fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, be amended and changed as follows, to wit:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	NEW BUDGET
410-000-382	Operating Transfer In	\$5,465,902.00	\$250,000.00		\$5,715,902.00
410-236-788	Improv.-Sewer Line	\$ 121,000.00	\$250,000.00		\$ 371,000.00
411-000-398	Retained Earnings	\$1,723,467.00	\$250,000.00		\$1,973,467.00
411-550-950	Operating Trans Out	\$6,141,267.00	\$250,000.00		\$6,391,267.00

This revised budget amendment constitutes an increase to the Sewer Enterprise Fund and an increase to the Sewer Revenue Bond 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 Charles E. McCoy, Sr., was duly seconded for adoption by Councilperson Lisa Cookston, 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 15th day of May, 2018.

RONNIE STEVENSON  
 PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

CAROLYN MCADAMS, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
 CINDERELLA M. MORRIS,  
 DEPUTY CLERK

It is requested that the budget for the Senior Citizens Center (a division of the Public Works Department) for fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, be amended and changed as follows, to wit:

Account Number	Description	Current Budget	Decrease	Increase	Revised Budget
002-371-555	Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 250.00		\$ 1,750.00
002-371-560	R/M Bldg.	3,003.00	250.00		2,753.00
002-371-631	Util-Gas	2,767.00		\$ 500.00	3,267.00

This budget adjustment constitutes a transfer of funds only and does not increase nor decrease the overall total 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 Charles E. McCoy, Sr., was duly seconded for adoption by Councilperson Lisa Cookston, 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 15th day of May, 2018.

RONNIE STEVENSON  
 PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

CAROLYN MCADAMS, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
 CINDERELLA M. MORRIS,  
 DEPUTY CLERK

It is requested that the budget for the Domestic Violence Grant for fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, be amended and changed as follows, to wit:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	NEW BUDGET
111-100-500	Supplies	\$ 1,207.00		\$550.00	\$657.00
111-100-730	Machinery & Equip.	\$ .00	\$550.00		\$550.00

This revised budget amendment constitutes neither an increase nor decrease to the Domestic Violence Grant.

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 Charles E. McCoy, Sr., was duly seconded for adoption by Councilperson Lisa Cookston, 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 15th day of May, 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, MAY 15, 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 Charles E. McCoy, Sr., seconded by Councilperson Lisa Cookston, 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	

**IN RE: ROUTINE ITEMS AGENDA  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
CITY OF GREENWOOD POLICE  
DEPARTMENT TO EXECUTE A  
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
WITH DELTA HEALTH ALLIANCE**

**- Adopted Unanimously**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A  
DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$800.00 FOR AN ENGRAVED  
GRANITE PLAQUE TO BE PLACED  
AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL ON  
EAST CLAIBORNE IN HONOR OF THE  
MARINES AND NAVY CORPSMAN  
KILLED ON JULY 10, 2017**

**- Adopted Unanimously**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY  
OF GREENWOOD TO APPLY FOR A  
CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
GRANT FOR A GRITNEY  
NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY**

**- Adopted Unanimously**

**IN RE: STUDY AGENDA** - April 26, 2018 Planning Commission Minutes and cameras in high crime areas

Council President Ronnie Stevenson advised Council that he wanted them to look at placing cameras in high crime areas.

Motion was made by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., seconded by Councilperson David Jordan to go into a closed session to determine whether or not to go into executive session. A vote was taken, Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, and David Jordan all voted YEA. Councilperson Carl Palmer voted NAY. The President declared the motion passed and adopted.

The meeting was closed for a preliminary determination of the necessity for executive session pursuant to Section 25-41-7 MCA. No other business was transacted in the closed determination other than the discussion of the nature of the matter and whether it required executive session.

Motion was made by Councilperson Lisa Cookston, seconded by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr. to not go into executive session. 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.

Motion was made by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., seconded by Councilperson Lisa Cookston to end the closed session and open the meeting back to the public 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.

**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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