

**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 18, 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; Kim Williams, City Clerk, and Cinderella Morris, Council Clerk. Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr. being absent.

Also present were: Deberah Collins, Main Street Director Brantly Snipes, Nick Onyshko, Wade Litton, Ulysses Kelly, Ezzard Beane, Vera Winters, Gloria Boyd, Dawne Holmes, Subho Basu, Raymond Girnys, and Dennis Mitchell, Greenwood Leflore Hospital, Kapri Burden, Nevaeh King, Adriana Jackson, Kambrea Shaw, Serenity Davis, Tacaliya Clerk, Ann Lamar Jefcoat, Caroline Makamson, Jalila Hart, Aubrey Williams, Mackenzie Williams, Memrie Ellis Ouzt, Hunter Taylor, Jonathan Barnes, Madison Turney, Dylan Williams, Asa Hausner, Jacob Bush, Ce'Madre Taylor, Jeremiah Henderson, Mario Winters, Donovan Jackson, Carl Winters, Chamber of Commerce Director Beth Stevens, Gerard Edic, Commonwealth Newspaper and Chris Williams, Taxpayers Channel.

Also present were: Mayor's Secretary Bettie Ray, Police Sergeant Melvin Cook, Fire Chief Marcus Banks, Public Works Director Susan Bailey, Director of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Division Eddie Curry, Code Enforcement Officer Betty Stigler, and Community Development Director Victor Stokes.

IN RE: AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilperson Carl Palmer, seconded by Councilperson Andrew Powell, 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 437 through 574 inclusive, be paid by Check Number 7661 and Check Numbers 7767 through 7901 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 2018 has been a blessing for the city with the openings of the new police station and the Streetscape on Main Street and the addition to the Yazoo River Trail Board Walk. She said that she hopes to report the same next year.

Mayor McAdams advised Council that our sales tax allocation for the month was \$377,058.00, an increase of \$13,865.00 or 4% more than November last year. She said for the year we have collected \$1,149,228.00, an increase of \$16,372.00 or 1.5% over 2018 allocation.

Mayor McAdams said that Beth Stevens will speak at this time. Beth Stevens stated that the Chamber of Commerce is rapping up its 2018 year. She said that the YELL Program is in its fourteenth year. She said that they have graduated over 300 high school students through the program. She said that a few of the "YELL" Youth Leadership Class was not in attendance today. She asked the students present to introduce themselves along with their school. Memrie-Ellis Ouzts, Mackenzie Williams, Aubrey Williams, Hunter Taylor and Jonathan Barnes, Pillow Academy, Madison Turney, North New Summit, Dylan Williams, Greenwood High School, Asa Hausner and Jacob Bush, Pillow Academy, Ce'Madre Taylor Greenwood High School, Jeremiah Henderson and Mario Winter, Delta Street Academy, Ann Lamar Jefcoat and Caroline Makamson, Pillow Academy, Jalila Hart, Leflore County High School, Kapri Burden, Nevaeh King, Adriana Jackson and Kambrea Shaw, Greenwood High School, Serenity Davis, Amanda Elzy High School, TaCaliya Clerk and Donovan Jackson, Greenwood High School introduced themselves to the Council.

Mayor McAdams announced that we have a distinguished guest, Subho Basi, the new Greenwood Leflore Hospital CEO in attendance. Subho Basu thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to be here. He said that he was proud of the progress made at Greenwood Leflore Hospital. He said that he started out working as a consultant for the hospital. He said the he was given the opportunity to become the CEO. He let his staff present highlight improvements at the hospital.

Dawne Holmes, Chief Financial Officer, stated that the hospital has a positive bottom line of \$89,405.00.

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

Dr. Raymond Girnys, Chief of Staff, said that the hospital staff and hospital board has improved and that they are working together.

Gloria Boyd, Chief Nursing Director, said that the hospital has had great improvement in nursing, increasing volume, staffing in the Emergency Department and opened up another wing to handle over flow. She said that the hospital has reduced the waiting time in the emergency room.

Vera Winters, Training Center Manager, said that the hospital works with the MDCC Program to help educate and employ employees for the hospital.

Dennis Mitchell, Chief Director of Security, said that the hospital applied to MDOT on March 22nd for Law Enforcement Entity status. He said as of November 28, 2018 the hospital has its first certified sworn officer in place. He said he has two more officers going to the academy in January, 2019. He said the purpose of his department is to provide security and protection. He further stated that he trying to get help with traffic on Strong Avenue around the clinics and the hospital. Council was impressed with the improvements at the hospital. Basu said that he was pleased by the enthusiasm from the Council and the employees of the hospital deserve the compliments the most.

IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA

Brantley Snipes presented Main Street Greenwood Annual Report to the Council. She said that Main Street received four Mississippi Main Street awards for Outstanding Image Promotion – Downtown Video, Outstanding Marketing – Que on the Yazoo, Outstanding Retail Promotion – Howard Street Howard and Outstanding Community Education – How Downtown. She highlighted the economic results of Que on the Yazoo. She said that she has been elected to the State Main Street Board. She informed Council of two new events for 2018-2019 Brunch for Bricks and Lunchin with Locals. She thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

Ulysses Kelly, Technical Director Leflore County School District and Ezzard Beane, Assistant Principal Grenada High School, addressed the Council with a proposal to present an App Development Camp. Beane said that the student will develop an app, create a demo app using an online app, learn basic coding to develop a map app and develop a presentation to present their app.

Ulysses Kelly stated that the camp is available to students at Pillow, Greenwood, Leflore County and Grenada. He said that the camp will focus on developing a humanitarian app which enhances the Mississippi Delta in a variety of ways. He said students from public and private schools would develop an app for Greenwood that should serve some civic purpose. He said the ultimate goal is to get students interested in (STEM) science, technology, engineering and math.

Ezzard Beane said the camp will take place on weekends and run for eight months. He said camp is totally free for middle and high students. He said the estimated cost of the camp for thirty students including lunches and materials would be about \$1,000.00 per student.

Ulysses Kelly said that they have 29 students registered for the 30 limit camp. Council Present Ronnie Stevenson commended both Kelly and Beane. He said that the future now is coding. He advised them that city can only donate to 501(c)3 organizations or for advertising purposes. Kelly said the camp is a non-profit.

Motion was made by Councilperson Ronnie Stevenson, seconded by Councilperson David Jordan, to sponsor the camp with a \$250.00 platinum donation. 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.

Deberah Collins, Program Director “Here We Stand” and Nick Onyshko, Chairman addressed the Council at this time regarding purchasing land. Nick Onyshko briefed Council on the program that consists of a boys and girls sections. Deberah Collins said that the organization has formed a partnership with InTouch, a non-profit community based organization in Jackson. She said that they are requesting the purchase of land in the 900 Block of Linden Avenue as a central location for the USDA granted Gardening project for a community garden. She said the garden would be tended by a youth group who would donate the food to the Community Kitchen and possibly sell some. She said that the land will also be used as a multi-purpose center that will provide classrooms for workshop as well as other positive events. Council President Ronnie Stevenson advised Collins that using the land for a multi-purpose center would requires additional action since the city owns the lease on the land until it expires. Collins then stated that she will use the land for cultivating a garden. Mayor McAdams said that the location is an ideal spot for gardening. Council President Stevenson agreed with the garden and advised Collins to set up a time with the Mayor prior to the use of the land to discuss the details of the project and the sectioning off of the land.

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 Carl Palmer, to adopt the minutes of the December 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 NOVEMBER, 2018**

- Adopted Unanimously

**ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
RECEIVING THE FINANCIAL
REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER,
2018**

- Adopted Unanimously

**ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
RECEIVING THE FINANCIAL
REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER,
2018**

- Adopted Unanimously

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR
AND CITY CLERK TO DO ALL
THINGS NECESSARY TO
RENEW THE CITY'S LEASE
WITH THE LEFLORE COUNTY
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

- Adopted Unanimously

**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, DECEMBER 18, 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 David Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Carl Palmer, 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: APPOINTMENT AGENDA
A RESOLUTION APPROVING
THE APPOINTMENT OF WADE
LITTON TO THE GREENWOOD
UTILITIES BOARD**

- Adopted Unanimously

Council President Stevenson advised Council that the next six resolutions are reappointments and that he would take them up in a block if no one has any questions. Motion was made by Councilperson Johnny Jennings, seconded by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., to adopt all reappointment resolutions in a block. 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.

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING
THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TONI
POWERS TO THE GREENWOOD
TOURISM COMMISSION FOR
WARD 1**

- Adopted Unanimously

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING
THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
ULYSSES CARL CATES TO THE
GREENWOOD TOURISM
COMMISSION FOR WARD 3**

- Adopted Unanimously

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING
THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
LIZZIER KING TO THE
GREENWOOD TOURISM
COMMISSION FOR WARD 4**

- Adopted Unanimously

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING
THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
MATTIE GRAY TO THE
GREENWOOD TOURISM
COMMISSION FOR WARD 7**

- Adopted Unanimously

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING
THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
LAUREN ADAMS TO THE
GREENWOOD PLANNING
COMMISSION FOR WARD 1**

- Adopted Unanimously

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING
THE REAPPOINTMENT OF
MABLE WHITKER TO THE
PLANNING COMMISSION FOR
WARD 4**

- Adopted Unanimously

**IN RE: ROUTINE ITEMS AGENDA
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
GREENWOOD LEFLORE AIRPORT
BOARD TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT
GRANTS FROM THE U.S. ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND TO PROVIDE MUNICIPAL
MATCHING FUNDS**

- Adopted Unanimously

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
PURCHASE OF A GARBAGE
TRUCK AS EMERGENCY
PROCUREMENT PURSUANT
TO § 31-7-1(F) MISS. CODE ANN.**

- Adopted Unanimously

IN RE: STUDY AGENDA - December 5, 2018 Planning Commission Minutes
Council President Ronnie Stevenson advised Council that the December 5, 2018
Planning Commission Minutes are for their review.

**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:

**KIM Y. WILLIAMS,
CITY CLERK**

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