

**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, September 15, 2020 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, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, David Jordan, and Carl Palmer, City Clerk Kim Williams, and Council Clerk Tamira Brown. Councilperson Johnny Jennings, being absent.

Also present were: Chris Williams of The Tax Payers Channel, Gerad Edic of The Greenwood Commonwealth, Dr. Kenneth Pulley, Naomi Jones, Donny Whitehead.

Also present were: Public Works Director Susan Bailey, Fire Chief Marcus Banks, Police Chief Jody Bradley, Assistant Police Chief Marvin Hammond, and Police Officers Andrecka Scott and Markell Taylor.

IN RE: AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilperson David Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy Sr., to amend the agenda to include a resolution approving application for a grant through the Mississippi Department of Transportation for the Fulton Street Improvements Project A vote was taken, Councilpersons Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, David Jordan and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. Councilperson Johnny Jennings being absent. The President declared the motion passed and adopted.

IN RE: AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilperson Carl Palmer, seconded by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., to adopt the agenda. A vote was taken, Councilpersons Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson Charles E. McCoy Sr., Andrew Powell, David Jordan, and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. Councilperson Johnny Jennings 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 66, and evidenced by Claims Numbers 6180 through 6294 inclusive be paid by Check Numbers 13429 through 13537 inclusive.

IN RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Councilperson President Ronnie Stevenson announced that Dr. Kevin Pulley was with us today and invited him to the podium to present as a part of the Mayor's report.

Dr. Pulley, superintendent for the Greenwood Consolidated District, introduced himself and explained Dr. Brown could not make it on today. Before he began his presentation, he stated the mission, vision and goal of the school district. Dr. Pulley informed the Council that schools are effectively adapting to the circumstances we all are facing. He stated that everyone is striving to achieve the five district goals. The first goal is to improve student achievement. Although students are not meeting their teacher face to face, they have purchased software so that student – teacher interaction is still possible. Training was also provided to the staff on how to properly manage virtual class rooms. Dr. Pulley said that he wanted to thank the students, staff and parents for their corporation as they continue to work through this.

Councilperson Johnny Jennings enters the meeting.

The second goal is to provide a safe and orderly environment for everyone. The schools have six (6) nurses, that work every day, who ensure that everyone is complying to the CDC guidelines. They are also working together to put a plan in place to ensure every person(s) safety.

The third goal is to offer a comfortable and positive educational experience to the students and staff. Dr. Pulley stated that they are also focusing on students social and emotional needs at this time. Social workers are in place and scheduled to work with students, parents and teachers to

help deal with coping mechanisms.

The Fourth goal is to improve parent and community engagement. Twenty-four parent meetings were held to assist parents on how to properly navigate the software that was implemented in the new student learning system.

The last goal is to maintain physical integrity and accountability. Currently, there is an operating budget of \$61,000,000 that is made of federal, state, and local funding. This assist in paying the 754 employees who are working every day to make sure everything continues to flow properly.

Mayor McAdams asked Dr. Pulley why there were so many parent meetings.

Dr. Pulley answered by saying that they wanted to train as many parents as possible and coincide with their schedule.

Mayor McAdams asked are teachers hosting their virtual learning from their class rooms.

Dr. Pulley responded by saying that teachers who may live in rural areas and have difficulties gaining access to the internet are able to come to their class room and teach virtually.

Councilperson Lisa Cookston questioned what were the nurses doing if there were no students on the campuses.

Dr. Pulley explained that two nurses are assigned to every school and they are responsible for ensuring that the CDC guidelines are being followed.

Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr. asked what is going to happen to the old school district building.

Dr. Pulley answered by saying that the school board has not decided on what to do with the building yet.

Councilperson President Ronnie Stevenson thanked Dr. Pulley and the school board for a job well done.

Mayor McAdams announced that Chief Hammond was with us today and would like to do a brief presentation.

Chief Hammond came to the podium and stated that every once in a while the Police Department has promotion and recently two officers have been promoted to corporal. He introduced Markell Taylor. Markell scored the second highest on his examine and was named Second Corporal. Andreka Scott scored the highest on the examine and was named First Corporal. Mayor McAdams thanked them for their service to the community.

Mayor McAdams announced that the pavement of the streets will start on today. She also mentioned that citizens have been having concerns as to how Halloween will be conducted. Mayor McAdams stated that Governor Reeves has passed a new executive order, 1522. This order puts new stipulation on business and allows them to have an operating capacity of 75%. Citizens are still required to wear masks and sanitation stations have to be available to the public.

Mayor McAdams extended her condolences to Councilperson Andrew Powell who had recently lost his mother-in-law.

Councilperson David Jordan asked when we will have flu shots.

Mayor McAdams answered saying that it would be the end of September.

IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA

NAOMI JONES –

GREENWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY – ROOF LEAKS

Naomi Jones addressed the council informing them about the roof leaks and damaged in the Greenwood Public Library. As she passed out pictures to the Council, she stated that the Board of Supervisors have agreed to pay for half of the damages.

Councilperson President Ronnie Stevenson asked what was the total amount to repair the damages.

Naomi Jones answered stating that it would cost approximately \$40,000 to cover the damages and that she is asking the council to pay \$20,000 which is half and that she did not have all the bids in at the time.

Councilperson President Ronnie Stevenson asked with the bid that she did have, would it pay for repairs or for a completely new roof.

Naomi explained that the bid was to replace the entire roof.

IN RE: POLICY ISSUES AGENDA – NONE

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

Motion was made by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., seconded by Councilperson Carl Palmer, to adopt the minutes of the September 1, 2020 City Council Meeting, September 1, 2020 Special Council Meeting and September 8, 2020 Special Meeting. A vote was taken, Councilperson 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
AUGUST, 2020**

- Adopted Unanimously

**ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
RECEIVING THE FINANCIAL
REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK
FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2020**

- Adopted Unanimously

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PERMIT
APPLICATION OF TELEPATH NETWORKS
d/b/a C-SPIRE FOR USE AND OCCUPANCY
AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OR ADJUSTMENT OF A UTILITY
WITHIN CITY STREET RIGHT –
OF - WAY**

- Adopted Unanimously

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT –
VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

- 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 66, CITY OF GREENWOOD, September 15, 2020 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:

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

**IN RE: ROUTINE AGENDA
IN RE: ROUTINE ITEMS AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY
OF GREENWOOD TO ACCEPT THE BID**

**FROM WILLIAMS CONSTRUCTION CO.
FOR REPAIRS TO THE FIRE STATION #3
BUILDING**

- Adopted Unanimously

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE
GREENWOOD HOUSING AUTHORITY SEND
WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CITY PRIOR TO
TENANTS VACATING PREMISES**

– NO ACTION TAKEN

IN RE: STUDY AGENDA – NO ACTION TAKEN

**RESOLUTION APPROVING
APPLICATION FOR A GRANT
THROUGH THE MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION FOR THE
FULTON STREET IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT**

– Adopted Unanimously

IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Councilperson David Jordan and seconded by Councilperson Johnny Jennings to go into executive session to hear of police investigation report from Chief Bradley.

No action was taken.

Motion was made by Councilperson David Jordan and seconded by Councilperson Johnny Jennings, to end the 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.

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

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL was held this Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.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 Councilperson Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy Sr., Andrew Powell, and Carl Palmer and Tamira Brown, Council Clerk. Councilperson Johnny Jennings and David Jordan being absent.

Also present were: Gerard Edic of The Greenwood Commonwealth.

IN RE: AGENDA

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

IN RE: ROUTINE AGENDA

IN RE: A RESOLUTION

**AUTHORIZING REMOVAL
OF EQUIPMENT FROM THE
FIXED ASSET INVENTORY**

- Adopted Unanimously

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

- Adopted Unanimously

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 WILLIAMS,
CITY CLERK**

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