

**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, October 6, 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 Johnny Jennings, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, David Jordan, and Carl Palmer, City Clerk Kim Williams and Council Clerk Tamira Brown. Councilperson Lisa Cookston, being absent.

Also present were: Chris Williams of The Tax Payers Channel, Gerad Edic of The Greenwood Commonwealth, Shirley Cooper, Naomi Jones, Donny Whitehead, Anjuan Brown, Brantley Snipes, Mike Harris, Allison Harris, Loretta McClee, Janice Johnson and Pam Powers

Also present were: Public Works Director Susan Bailey, Fire Chief Marcus Banks, Police Chief Jody Bradley, Mayor's Secretary Bettie Ray, Community Development Director and Code Enforcer Officer Elizabeth Stigler, and Special Prosecutor for code violations Don Brock.

IN RE: AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilperson David Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Johnny Jennings, to amend the agenda to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Greenwood to approve the re-zoning property designated at 905 Grand Boulevard from R-1-10, single family residential to r-1-15, two family residential District. 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 being absent. The President declared the motion passed and adopted.

IN RE: AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilperson David Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy Sr., to adopt the agenda. A vote was taken, Councilperson Johnny Jennings, Ronnie Stevenson Charles E. McCoy Sr., Andrew Powell, David Jordan, and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. Councilperson Lisa Cookston 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 6295 through 6297 and 6304 through 6457 inclusive be paid by Check Numbers 13538 through 13688 inclusive.

IN RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McAdams stated that sales tax allocation for the month of September was \$431,700. This is an increase of \$70,302 or 19% from September 2019. For the year, we have collected \$4,772,561, which is an increase of \$155,544, or 3% over this month last year.

Mayor McAdams asked for a moment of silence for Captain Dean who had served on the police department for twenty-three years and had recently passed away.

Mayor McAdams announced that Governor Reeves has lifted the mask ordinance; however, the City of Greenwood will keep their mask ordinance in place until further notice.

Mayor McAdams asked the council about stipulations and guidelines for Halloween this year.

Councilperson David Jordan suggested that we advise the public that the adults should be present with children as they Trick or Treat.

Councilperson President Ronnie Stevenson suggested that the council does independent brainstorming and bring their ideas to the next meeting.

Mayor McAdams and Attorney Don Brock suggested that all the ideas be compiled into a resolution so that the public can clearly understand how to conduct Trick or Treating this year.

The Council collectively agreed that the resolution should state that Trick or Treating

guidelines should include but are not limited to age, time, ward, parent and mask restrictions.

Mayor McAdams asked the council to turn their attention to the press release on Initiative 65. She explained that the bill does not allow the City of Greenwood to collect sales tax on medical marijuana.

Mayor McAdams informed everyone that there were complaints about garbage. To resolve the issue, she and Susan Bailey have been going around cleaning up the city. She also mentioned that the City of Greenwood has an ordinance in place that states if a garbage can is left out for twenty-four hours after the schedule time for garbage pickup, then the person that the garbage can belongs to will, be issued a fine.

Mayor McAdams asked Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr. for updates on the employee picnic.

Councilperson Charles E. McCoy Sr. said that he has decided to do carry out plates and that employee will be able to come by the park, pick up their plates and leave. Due to COVID – 19, he does not encourage people to gather around. However, accommodation will be made for the ones who would like to stay. He also mentioned that Mayor McAdams has agreed to allow City Employees a half day of work.

**IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
DISTRICT 3
ANJUAN BROWN – CRIME**

Anjuan Brown addressed the Council to express his concern about crime. He stated that vital businesses have left the City of Greenwood because crime rate was so high. Mr. Brown had two suggestions to resolve this issue. The first suggestion was Crime Stoppers. He stated that in order for Crime Stoppers to work, we would need a team of willing individuals and a safe way for citizens to report any suspicious activity or behavior to authorities. The second suggestion was to reestablish and enforce a city wide curfew. Mr. Brown stated the he felt that if an individual was not doing essential or vital things then they should not be outside just riding around or hanging out.

Councilperson President Ronnie Stevenson assured Anjuan Brown that people are currently working on establishing a board of individuals to effectively decrease crime rates.

**IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA
LORETTA MCCLEE
– CRIME**

Loretta McClee addressed the Council to express her concern about crime. She suggested an App, called P3, that would allow citizen to anonymously give tips and leads on crime that have been committed. Ms. McClee read a letter that was written to the editors of the Greenwood Commonwealth. The letter was written by the mother of a murder victim who vividly outlines her experience when she was called about her son's death. She also read off names of young people lost to gun violence this year alone.

Councilperson President Ronnie Stevenson commended Ms. McClee and her passion to make a change. Councilperson President Ronnie Stevenson invited Chief Jody Bradley to the podium to comment on crime.

Chief Jody Bradley informed everyone that there are four crimes that have gone unsolved. He also stated that he discovered that our Crime Stoppers calls were going to Tennessee, and that they are working to resolve this issue. When this is handled, he plans to assign an officer to each neighborhood and hopefully this will help make a relationship with the community and authorities.

**IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA
KAY PATTERSON – ABSENT**

**IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA
NAOMI JONES – GREENWOOD
LEFLORE LIBRARY –
ROOF LEAKS**

Naomi Jones addressed the Council to give them an update on the roof replacement.

Councilperson David Jordan expressed an urgent concern about the roof leaks. Being that the Jodie Wilson Branch Library is a voting precinct, he suggested that patch work be done until the entire roof is fixed.

Councilperson President Ronnie Stevenson asked if the library had enough funds in their own budget to at least patch the roof for now. Ms. Jones said yes.

**IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA
DILAPIDATED HOSUING -**

- 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 Charles E. McCoy Sr., to adopt the minutes of the City Council Meeting, September 15, 2020 Special Council Meeting and September 29, 2020 Special Meeting. A vote was taken, Councilperson Johnny Jennings, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell David Jordan, and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. Councilperson Lisa Cookston being absent The President declared the motion passed and adopted.

**ORDER RECEIVING THE MUNICIPAL
COMPLIANCE REPORT**

- Adopted Unanimously

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
CITY OF GREENWOOD TO ENTER INTO
AN AGREEMENT WITH MISSISSIPPI
COOPERATIVE EDUCATION**

- 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, OCTOBER 06, 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:

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

**IN RE: ROUTINE AGENDA
IN RE: APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION APPOINTING DESIGNATED
POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES
AS DEPUTY CLERK OF THE MUNICIPAL
COURT**

- Adopted Unanimously

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE MISSISSIPPI
MUNICIPAL LEAGUE OPPOSING
INITIATIVE 65**

- Adopted Unanimously

**RESOLUTION AMENDING ARTICLE VII,
ABANDONED, JUNKED, AND WRECKED
VEHICLES OF THE GREENWOOD CODE
OF ORDINANCE**

– Adopted Unanimously

IN RE: STUDY AGENDA – ECOVASIVE QUOTE

**IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
GREENWOOD TO APPROVE THE
RE-ZONING PROPERTY DESIGNATED
AS 905 GRAND BOULEVARD FROM
R-1-10, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
TO R-1-15, TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
DISTRICT**

– 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 Y. WILLIAMS,
CITY CLERK**

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