

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL** was held this Thursday, November 05, 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, Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, David Jordan, and Carl Palmer, City Clerk Kim Williams and Council Clerk Tamira Brown.

Also present were: Danielle Morgan, Bill Clay, Debra Adams, Gloria White, Earnest Adams, Megan Howard, Chris Williams, Taxpayers Channel, Gerard Edic, Commonwealth Newspaper.

Also present were: Public Works Director Susan Bailey, Fire Chief Marcus Banks, Police Chief Jody Bradley, Mayor's Secretary Bettie Ray, Community Development Director Elizabeth Stigler, and Waste Water Director Eddie Curry.

**IN RE: AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilperson David Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Carl Palmer, to amend the agenda to add A resolution authorizing payment to Scott Petroleum Company of a disputed claim and a Resolution authorizing a non-exclusive easement over and across 150' encroachment to the John Richards Collection, LLC to the agenda. 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: AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilperson David Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Carl Palmer, to adopt the amended agenda. 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.

**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 1 through 139 inclusive, be paid by Check Numbers 13834 through 13971 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 started by saying that she was not only pleased to see everyone but also happy to see a full house and invited Danielle Morgan to the podium to share good news with everyone.

Danielle Morgan, from Tourism, stated that they have been working with a television series to showcase some of the historically Civil Right events that have happened in this area. She said that the Emmett Till story will be specifically highlighted. Ms. Morgan also said that this project will bring job opportunities and overall advance us economically.

Mayor McAdams said we had great competition, Danielle and her team were still able to pull this project together.

Ms. Morgan stated that though this was a tedious task, it is coming together well and that this will help with sales tax revenue.

Councilperson David Jordan asked who would do the filming.

Ms. Morgan answered by stated that the filming team is out of Los Angeles.; however, they will employ people from the local area.

Councilperson David Jordan expressed how he did not want the story fabricated and it is important that the story is told truthfully.

Councilperson Johnny Jennings stated that he thinks the story being filmed in this area is a great place to start and that the people here are a great source of information.

Councilperson Lisa Cookston asked if this project was a "done deal".

Ms. Morgan stated that there is a little more paper work that needs to be done, but for the

most part everything else is together.

Mayor McAdams invited Susan Bailey, Director of Public Works, to the podium to give an update on trash and why pickup is slow again.

Susan Bailey said that we normally would run four trucks, however, two trucks were in the shop and they are still looking for a truck driver. She also said that one truck just came out the shop and there is one candidate for the truck driver position. In which, Ms. Bailey will hold an interview in the morning and determine if the candidate is suitable for the position.

Mayor McAdams informed everyone that she asked Waste Connection to help with trash routes. She said that they have one truck and a driver they could send to help us but it is expensive and she is willing to do what it takes to get the trash picked up at least one time.

Susan Bailey said that even with four trucks running it is going to take at least one week to pick up the trash for the entire city.

Councilperson Andrew Powell asked if we could ask the county for help.

Mayor McAdams said that she could reach out to them and see what they say.

Susan Bailey answered by saying that we would need someone to help us daily for about a week and a half. This might be a hardship for them.

Councilperson Charles E. McCoy Sr. stated that we need to do a total sweep before the holiday season and he recommends that we sweep the city before the season begins.

Susan Bailey asked everyone to keep in mind that even if we do a complete sweep that there will be trash piled up again because this issue is on-going and constant.

Councilperson Charles E. McCoy Sr. asked if the landfills were closed on Saturday.

Susan Bailey answered yes. She stated that the City is only able to access the landfills weekdays only.

Councilperson Andrew Powell suggested that we inform the community to only put your trash out on trash day.

Councilperson Ronnie Stevenson said that at this point we are going to trust Susan and her team to pick-up the trash.

Mayor McAdams informed everyone that C-Spire wanted to do fiber optics through-out the City. However, the company just wanted to come in and do it without a contract agreement and the City would not receive any percentage. She sent the information to Greg Finnder who also set up a contract for C-Spire to sign. When the contract is sign there will be a \$2,000 fee to do their fiber optics. C-Spire will pay the City 5% of their gross and offer the community another option for cable.

Councilperson Johnny Jennings tells everyone the internet with them is very fast, reliable and affordable.

Councilperson David Jordan asked how much longer is our contract with SuddenLink.

Mayor McAdams answered by saying the contract is until 2026.

Councilperson David Jordan said he thinks this is a good idea.

Councilperson Charles E. McCoy Sr. informed everyone that our Employee Appreciation Picnic was a success this year. Although it was different, it was very successful and it was not possible without our sponsors. He ended by thanking all the sponsors for their help and participation.

#### **IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA**

Chief Jody Bradley addressed the Council to introduce the new Police Chaplin, Bishop Jenkins. Although Bishop Jenkins was away at a funeral on today he wanted to let everyone know he was excited about the position. Chief Bradley informed everyone that his services will be used to help not only the community but also give the officers someone to talk to.

Daniel Splaingaurd addressed the Council to express his gratitude for the council helping his church repair their roof and bell tower. Daniel showed a short video that tracked the progress of the roof repairs. He ended his presentation by thanking the council again.

Earnest Adams addressed the Council to express his concern on the alarming crime rates. Councilperson David Jordan had given a short introduction about Earnest Adams, stating that he is from the area and certified to help the community. Mr. Adams stated that he had come back to Greenwood because the crime concerned him. He also stated that he has been in law enforcement since 1981 and he has made some of the biggest drug bust in the state of Georgia. He has been a lead investigator in most of the homicides that he has solved. He has also been certified by the Secret Service and has setup security camera for Atlanta's most known block party, the Freaknik. He said that he believes that the more citizens trust you it is more likely that they are willing to give you information. Mr. Adams informed everyone that he made history by patrolling and policing Clark Atlanta University with only five officers on duty. Mr. Adams stated that he believes that we have to change the mindset of

citizens and it starts with us showing the community how to treat itself and others. He also said that the he thinks the Police Department needs improvement by properly equipping the officers with the right equipment and that twelve hours shifts are over working the officers. Mr. Adams said that he believes that the police shifts should be broken up into three (3) eight (8) hours shifts. He stated that we really need trust and that would involve immediate change. Mr. Adams informed everyone that he is a certified in the State of Georgia to train civilians, he is a firearms instructor, a Georgia Law instructor, an ASP baton instructor, a speed- radars gun instructor, a gang instructor, and certified by the Department of Justice. Earnest Adams said that he was just offering his services and wanted to help the City of Greenwood.

Councilperson David Jordan suggested that we get Mr.Adams to help right away.

Mayor McAdams said that she thinks the Police Department is doing a great job and is diligently working on building the trust in the community.

**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 Lisa Cookston, to adopt the minutes of the October 20, 2020 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.

**AN ORDER REVISING THE BUDGET  
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021  
 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, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021, 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 Solid Waste Enterprise Fund for fiscal year ending September 30, 2021 be amended and changed as follows, to wit:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Increase Amount</b>	<b>Decrease Amount</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>
420-000-296	Solid Waste Collect	2,018,300.00	11,335.00		2,029,635.00
420-220-555	Supplies & Materials	7,200.00	11,335.00		18,535.00

This budget adjustment constitutes a transfer of funds and constitutes an increase to the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kim Williams  
 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:

<b>COUNCILPERSON</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>
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 5<sup>TH</sup> day of November, 2020.

RONNIE STEVENSON  
 PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

CAROLYN MCADAMS, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
 TAMIRA BROWN,  
 COUNCIL CLERK

It is requested that the budget for General Fund for fiscal year ending September 30, 2021 be amended and changed as follows, to wit:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Increase Amount</b>	<b>Decrease Amount</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>
001-000-381	Operating Transfers	720,000.00	10,000.00		730,000.00
001-550-649	Christmas Decor	9,000.00	5,000.00		14,000.00
001-550-639	Stars and Stripes	3,500.00	5,000.00		8,500.00

This budget adjustment constitutes a transfer of funds and constitutes an increase to the General Fund.

Respectfully Submitted:  
 Kim Williams  
 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:

<b>COUNCILPERSON</b>	<b>YEA</b>	<b>NAY</b>
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 5<sup>TH</sup> day of November, 2020.

RONNIE STEVENSON  
 PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

CAROLYN MCADAMS, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
 TAMIRA BROWN,  
 COUNCIL 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 66, CITY OF GREENWOOD, NOVEMBER 05, 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 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: APPOINTMENT AGENDA  
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING  
THE APPOINTMENT OF MEAGAN  
HOWARD TO THE LIBRARY BOARD**

**- Adopted Unanimously**

**IN RE: ROUTINE ITEMS AGENDA  
A RESOLUTION APPROVING A  
PERMIT APPLICATION OF CSPIRE  
FOR USE AND OCCUPANCY  
AGREEMENT FOR THE  
CONSTRUCTION OR ADJUSTMENT  
OF A UTILITY WITHIN CITY STREET  
RIGHT-OF-WAY**

**– Adopted Unanimously**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
THE SALE OF A LOT AT 100  
WEST MARKET STREET,  
GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI,  
TO JOHNSON MCADAMS**

**– Adopted Unanimously**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT  
OVER AND ACROSS 150’  
ENCROACHMENT TO THE JOHN  
RICHARDS COLLECTION, LLC**

**– Adopted Unanimously**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
PAYMENT TO SCOTT PETROLEUM  
COMPANY OF A DISPUTED CLAIM**

**– 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:**

**KIM Y. WILLIAMS,  
CITY CLERK**

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