

**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 01, 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, Kim Williams, City Clerk and Tamira Brown, Council Clerk.

Also present were: Stephen McIntyre, 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, Sergeant Melvin Cook, Community Development Director and Code Enforcement Officer Elizabeth Stigler and Special Prosecutor for Code Violations Don Brock.

IN RE: AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilperson David Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy Sr., to amend the agenda to add a Resolution approving matching funds for repairs to the roof of the Greenwood-Leflore Public Library 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 Lisa Cookston, 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 279 through 383 inclusive, be paid by Check Numbers 14109 through 14212 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 her report with the sales tax allocation. She stated that she would read November's report because she received it late. She said that our sales tax allocation this month was \$402,386. This is an increase of \$16,591 or 4.3% from October 2019 and for the year; we have collected \$804,956, which is an increase of \$26,580 or 3.4% over this month last year.

Mayor McAdams said that she received a letter from Waste Connection, the landfill on Highway 49, saying that they have increased their cost by 1.5%.

Mayor McAdams informed everyone that Crime Stoppers stickers will be inserted in 9,200 utility bills, with information about the anonymous hotline and how to report a crime. She also stated that since the card is so small it was no cost to the City or Greenwood Utilities.

Mayor McAdams announced that the Christmas Parade, sponsored and overseen by the Chamber of Commerce, will be different this year. Unfortunately, there will be few bands because of pandemic; however, all other entertainment in the Christmas Parade will be stationary. This is called a reverse parade and the community is encouraged to drive by on the parade route. She also stated that Rail Spike Park has been decorated with different sceneries and lights, thanks to Greenwood Utilities. She asked the Council to decide whether or not they would like to have a float on the parade route this year.

Councilperson David Jordan stated that he feels like the City should be represented by a float and at least one person should sit on it.

Councilperson President Ronnie Stevenson stated the he will vote the way that majority of the Council votes but he will not sit on the float and asked if anyone wanted to volunteer.

Councilperson Andrew Powell stated that he would not be available.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson asked Councilperson Carl Palmer what was his choice.

Councilperson Carl Palmer answered no.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson asked Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr. what was his choice.

Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr. said that he thinks it would look bad if they asked others to participate in the parade and they did not participate themselves. He stated that if the weather permits he would sit on the float.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson asked Councilperson Lisa Cookston her choice.

Councilperson Lisa Cookston stated that she is not going to sit on the float because she wants to see the parade.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson asked Councilperson Johnny Jennings what was his choice.

Councilperson Johnny Jennings answered no because he will be driving around seeing the parade.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson asked the Council if they did or did not still want the float, although only one (1) person may be on it.

Councilperson Person David Jordan said that because the parade has always had a float to represent the City, he feels like even if only one (1) person is out there the City should have the float in the parade.

Councilperson Johnny Jennings asked if we could get someone for each department to sit on the float, perhaps, one (1) officer and possibly one (1) fireman.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson reminded Councilperson Johnny Jennings that because of the pandemic and social distancing rules, we may get three (3) to four (4) people on the float.

Mayor McAdams also reminded Councilperson Johnny Jennings that the Police are very busy trying to ensure that citizens are as safe as possible right now.

Councilperson Johnny Jennings suggested we use auxiliary officers to sit on the float along with Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr. if all the other officers are busy.

Mayor McAdams said that we were using all our officers, including auxiliary officers, on the street to patrol and ensure safety.

Councilperson Johnny Jennings urged that the presence of an officer on the float would be good.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson asked what was the chances of us getting a float ready by Friday.

Mayor McAdams answered by stating the float has already been cleaned and is ready for the parade. She also stated that a lot of people are opting out of the parade this year but the county has decided still participate.

Mayor McAdams said the point is to still encourage people to abide by the mask ordinance because the virus is raging again. She informed everyone that the City of Greenwood has over 2,000 people with the virus, 91 deaths, and the hospital is filled to its capacity again in the COVID Unit. She said by not abiding by the ordinance set by the City and the guidelines set by the CDC and trying to prevent people from getting COVID, we have to do our part. Which is why having a parade and telling others to participate and the City doesn't physically participate is somewhat hypocritical.

Councilperson Johnny Jennings suggested that we put sign on the float reminding everyone to wear their mask.

Jokingly, Councilperson Johnny Jennings motioned that Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr. sits on the float. Councilperson Ronnie Stevenson seconded the motion. The Council unanimously voted in favor of Charles E. McCoy, Sr. sitting on the float.

Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr. said he would sit on the float if the weather permits.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson said Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., is welcomed to recruit any City employee to sit with him.

Councilperson Carl Palmer suggested that there be blow ups on the float as well.

Mayor McAdams reminded everyone that the event is from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and that the fireworks will start at 7:00 p.m. She also asked that people not congregate by the river

or levy and this should help prevent the spread of the virus.

Mayor McAdams stated that employees will be able to leave at 3:00pm on Friday, December 04, to be able to pick up their families and prepare for the parade.

Mayor McAdams announced that Fred T. Neely completed our 2019-2020 audit and that Lance Mohammed will be here, on December 15, 2020, to give us a briefing. She stated that our General Fund showed the deficient of \$190,000.00 but we still had a net positive of \$2.6 million in our reserve.

Lastly, Mayor McAdams introduced and invited to the podium Stephen McIntyre, a local artist who had put together an art piece to go along Rail Spike Park. She said she hoped this would help build up this walking trail.

Stephen McIntyre came to the podium and started his presentation by stating that he is a native of Greenwood, Mississippi. He said that he and the Mayor had several discussions about erecting a sculpture along Rail Spike Park, between Howard and Fulton Street. He stated that this project alone can increase tourism, cultural virtualization, and property tax. He informed everyone that the neighboring City of Chattanooga, Tennessee had several public art pieces including; side walk sculpture gardens, movable bridges, and make American waterscapes. He said that Chattanooga also possess the largest gardens scape in the Southeast, Mona View Park. He stated that Mona View Park houses many public art pieces.

Mr. McIntyre said that he is a trained welder, sculpture, actor and fashion designer and that his training started when he was five (5) years old. He also has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mass Communication, has over 1000 hours in art tourism and has sold over \$100,000.00 in clothing and art pieces in fourteen states.

Mr. McIntyre said that he envisioned an eight (8) foot stainless steel tree and that a benefit of doing it stainless steel is that it will require minimum maintenance. He also informed the Council that Patrick Johnson, who is brother and a structural engineer, will assist him in the plans for this project and ensure structural integrity. Another benefit for stainless steel is that it will eliminate the need for powder coating. This means that the cost of the project will decrease because we will not need this material for the job. Stainless steel has virtually none existing rust and is brighter and cleaner than carbon steel and should last over 100 years with minimum maintenance. He said that the tree will stand approximately eight (8) to ten (10) feet tall with the trunk having a diameter of 1.5 feet, mid-section, and about two (2) feet at the base. The trunk and branches will be approximately four (4) to five (5) feet tall.

Mr. McIntyre quoted that the labor will be \$5,000.00, which is \$50.00 dollar per hour for 100 hours. The stainless steel was a little over \$1800.00 but now he has found some for roughly \$1465.09. This project will require stainless steel welding wires at \$54.00 each. Mr. McIntyre estimated he would use about two rolls of that. The stainless steel will need to be welded with an argon tri-gas mix; this will cost about \$125.00. Lastly, he will need a CNC stainless steel marker cutter. The marker cutter will allow him to make a plaque that has his name and City of Greenwood on it. Overall, the total cost for this project will be roughly \$7,000.00 to \$7,500.00. He stated that this is an accurate estimate of the project and that sculptures of this size are usually hundreds and thousands of dollars. Mr. McIntyre said that he is keeping his price low because he knows this will benefit the City of Greenwood, and he would like to see more funding go towards projects like this. He stated that he prefers 50% of payment for the down payment and 50% percent upon completion of the project. Mr. McIntyre ended his speech by saying he hopes this project inspire other local artists to do projects for the City. Then he opened the floor for questions.

Councilperson David Jordan asked how tall would the sculpture stand.

Stephen McIntyre stated that the sculpture would stand approximately eight (8) to ten (10) feet tall.

Councilperson David Jordan asked how long it would take to complete this project.

Stephen McIntyre answered saying it should take about four (4) to six (6) weeks.

Councilperson David Jordan expressed how he feels like this is a great idea.

Mayor McAdams agreed with Councilperson David Jordan saying that this project should add some dimension to Rail Spike Park and hopefully it prompts more artists to want to add their pieces along the trail.

Councilperson Andrew Powell asked how tall the tree would be, how many are we going to erect and how much would it cost.

Stephen McIntyre answered by saying it would be about eight (8) to ten (10) feet tall, we would only sculpt one, and the cost for this project is about \$7,500.00

Council President Ronnie Stevenson suggested we do a project like every year.

Councilperson David Jordan requested a mocking bird be put on the tree.

Stephen McIntyre said that it could be done.

Councilperson Lisa Cookston said that she hopes this inspires people to possibly donate some more art pieces to the City.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson said that he had two questions that he wanted to ask and that Councilperson David Jordan might be able to answer them. The first question was about sales tax. Council President Ronnie Stevenson said that sales tax had been 7% since he was a child. With the landfill fee increasing, is there a way we could increase sales tax.

Councilperson David Jordan said that the Senate could introduce a bill for it and asked how much did he want to increase it to.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson suggested raising the sales taxes to 8%.

Councilperson David Jordan stated that this would put more on the general public; however, he would discuss this with the Lieutenant Governor.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson said that his second question was about the flag and that he wanted to know whether or not we had finalized the new Flag.

Councilperson David Jordan said that the State Flag is official and it will go up in January. He also stated that the flag has a new symbol that everyone seems to love and that the new flag has more votes than anything else in Leflore County.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson asked when can we put up our flag.

Mayor McAdams answered by stating that when we put in the order and she asked the Bettie Ray, The Mayor's Secretary, if we put in the order yet.

Betty Ray stated that we have put in the order; however, we will not receive the order until January.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson stated that he was proud of the young lady who created the design because she is from Greenwood.

Councilperson Johnny Jennings asked if we had a pole to put the new flag on.

Mayor McAdams answered yes.

Councilperson Charles E. McCoy Sr., asked what will it take for the City to own its own landfill.

Mayor McAdams reminded Councilperson Charles E. McCoy Sr., that the county owns the landfill and once before, the City tried to operate a rubbish fill but the citizens had a hard time distinguishing between garbage and rubbish and the rubbish fill was shut down

IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA

Chief Marcus Banks addressed the Council to inform them how important and helpful the crash truck was to the City and ask for their help with repairs. He stated that several years ago the County purchases the crash truck and the City had agreed to house it. Mr. Banks informed the Council that with this crash truck they were able to respond to the plane crash a couple years ago, train derailments, and the fire that happened on Highway 49. He asked the Council to take a look at the two quotes before them and asked for their help in getting the truck repaired.

Councilperson Carl Palmer asked what the is the crash truck used for, specifically.

Chief Marcus Banks answered specifically, for the airport.

Councilperson Carl Palmer asked what specific function does the truck have.

Chief Marcus Banks stated that we have to have a crash truck for the airport to be in compliance. It also helps with some of the Federal Grants that we receive and helps assembly large aircraft that the airport receives. He informed the Council that the County had purchased several crash truck but we were the only ones who could house this particular truck because other Fire Stations are too small.

Councilperson Andrew Powell asked if this truck has water and foam on it.

Chief Marcus Banks answered yes.

Councilperson Carl Palmer asked what is the truck used for besides when a plane crashes.

Chief Marcus Banks answered hybrid carbon shields, diesel gas, train derailments, but not usually for construction fires. He also stated that he thinks the crash truck is a very good tool to have.

Councilperson David Jordan asked was it standard equipment for the airport.

Chief Marcus Banks answered yes and said that it was standard equipment for the Aircraft Firefighter.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson stated that the Council hears very little from the airport and asked Attorney Don Brock was everything ok.

Attorney Don Brock said yes, everything is ok and this was the first issue that they had in a while.

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

Mary Jenkins and Debra Brock
315 Henderson Street
2020

- Tabled until December 15,

**RESOLUTION ADJUDGING
PROPERTY NOT TO BE A MENACE
TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
SAFETY AND DISMISSING ACTION**

Maggie Thomas
410 Ash Street
Unanimously

- Adopted

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 November 17, 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.

**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**

Unanimously

– Adopted

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE CITY CLERK TO GIVE NOTICE
REQUIRED BY MCA SECTION
27-105-305 TO FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS FOR THE PRIVILEGE
OF KEEPING MUNICIPAL FUNDS**

Unanimously

– Adopted

**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, DECEMBER 01, 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 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: ROUTINE ITEMS AGENDA
FINAL ORDER BY THE CITY OF
GREENWOOD MAYOR AND CITY
COUNCIL EXEMPTING CERTAIN
PROPERTIES OF MILWAUKEE
ELECTRIC TOOLS FROM CITY
AD VALOREM TAXES** – Adopted
Unanimously

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A
PERMIT APPLICATION OF AT&T
FOR USE AND OCCUPANCY
AGREEMENT FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OR ADJUSTMENT
OF A UTILITY WITHIN CITY STREET
RIGHT-OF-WAY** – Adopted
Unanimously

**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

**RESOLUTION COMMISSIONING
A LOCAL ARTIST TO CREATE A
SCULPTURE FOR RAIL SPIKE PARK** – Adopted
Unanimously

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
PAYMENT OF HALF THE EXPENSE
TO REPAIR THE CRASH TRUCK AT
THE GREENWOOD LEFLORE
AIRPORT, TO BE SPLIT WITH
LEFLORE COUNTY** – Adopted
Unanimously

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MATCHING
FUNDS FOR REPAIRS TO THE ROOF
OF THE GREENWOOD-LEFLORE PUBLIC
LIBRARY** – 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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**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF LEFLORE
CITY OF GREENWOOD**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL was held this Thursday, December 10, 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: Mayor Carolyn McAdams, Councilpersons Lisa Cookston via telephone call in, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., and Andrew Powell and Council Clerk Tamira Brown. Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, David Jordan and Carl Palmer being absent.

Also present was: Michelle Stadelman, Design Build Solutions.

Also present was: Community Development Director and Code Enforcement Officer Betty Stigler.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson opened the meeting with a prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: AGENDA

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

**IN RE: ROUTINE AGENDA
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
CITY OF GREENWOOD TO ACCEPT
THE BID FROM CAIN, INC., FOR THE
DEMOLITION OF DILAPIDATED
HOUSING AND ASBESTOS REMOVAL
ON BEHALF OF THE BLIGHT
ELIMINATION PROGRAM
Unanimously**

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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