

**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, January 5, 2021 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: Debra Adams, Kenderick Cox, Annie P. Washington, Brittany Gray, Mary S. Cotton, Chimere Craft, Antwoine Williams, Gerard Edic, Commonwealth Newspaper and Chris Williams, Taxpayers Channel.

Also present were: Mayor's Secretary Bettie Ray, Public Works Director Susan Bailey, Sergeant Melvin Cook, Police Captain Terrence Craft, Fire Chief Marcus Banks, Special Prosecutor for Housing and other Code Violations Don Brock, Jr., Community Development Director and Code Enforcement Officer Betty Stigler.

IN RE: AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilperson Johnny Jennings, seconded by Councilperson Andrew Powell, to adopt 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: BID OPENING

The purpose of this bid opening was to receive bids for the privilege of keeping all the funds of the City of Greenwood, Mississippi for a period of two years, beginning February 1, 2021.

Bids were received by Kim Williams, opened and read by Kim Williams for the following:

- (1) Regions Bank – (1) Type 035 Public Funds Interest Checking accounts for accounts with a rate of .01%. Interest is paid monthly on the collected balances and statements are provided monthly. Deposits will be properly collateralized as the bank is a part of the State of MS collateral pool. Regions Bank also proposes to continue with the Morgan Stanley Mutual Fund sweep for excess funds. This Mutual Fund is available always if needed in the operating account. Regions Bank will be glad to discuss the sweep in more detail if interested. At this time this sweep is not profitable but hopefully will turn around and we will contact you to consider. All fees associated with this account will apply.
- (2) Regions Bank also proposes a proven on-line banking solution to complete treasury management needs. The iTreasury suite of services, in operation for more than 11 years, provides an electronic window to bank accounts through any PC with Internet access.
211 Front Street
Greenwood, MS 38930
- (2) Trustmark National Bank –complies with the Mississippi statutory requirements for qualification as a public fund depository and is a guaranty pool member under Sections 27-105-5 and Section 27-105-6 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended. Trustmark will secure the City's funds on deposit by placing qualified securities on deposits with the State Treasurer as provided by Section 27-105-5.

The City's funds on deposit at Trustmark will bear interest at the fixed rate of 0.10% subject to Trustmark's monthly maintenance and activity fees included (the "Preferred Rate"). The Preferred Rate will not be applied until receipt of a fully executed copy of this Letter Agreement. Once we receive your executed copy of this Letter Agreement, the Preferred Rate will be applied within thirty (30) days of bid acceptance on existing accounts and within 30 days of account opening on new accounts.

212 Howard Street
Greenwood, MS 38930

- (3) Guaranty Bank – is an approved State Depository and participates in the Statewide Collateral Pool Program administered by the Treasurer of the State of Mississippi to meet pledging requirements of Section 27-105-5 of the Mississippi Code.

Guaranty Bank would like to serve as the lead depository for the City of Greenwood and provide full checking, cash management and savings services. As such, the earnings credit you receive on your deposits will allow Guaranty Bank to provide all checking and cash management services without service charges or activity fees. In addition to receiving the earnings credit to offset charges, all accounts, including your operating account, placed with Guaranty Bank in checking or savings accounts will earn interest at a fixed rate of 0.1%

122 Howard Street
Greenwood, MS 38930

- (4) Bank of Commerce – A fixed annual interest rate of 0.55%, for the two-year period, beginning February 1, 2021. There will be no monthly service charge associated with your account(s). All funds will be securitized by pledges and held in compliance with Section 27-105-315, Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, as per the Office of the State Treasurer.

310 Howard Street
Greenwood, MS 38930

- (5) BankPlus – agrees to pay interest on the transaction accounts maintained with us at either 0.00% or 0.05% based on balances. Average total balances between \$15,000,000 and \$30,000,000 will receive 0.05%. However, should average balances total less than \$15,000,000 or greater than \$30,000,000, no interest will be paid. These rates will remain fixed over the term of this agreement and will automatically revert to the default rate for BankPlus Public Funds Interest Checking accounts on 01/31/2023.

916 Highway 82 West
P. O. Box 8287
Greenwood, MS 38935-8287

All bids will be turned over to Kim Williams, City Clerk, for tabulations and recommendations. Kim Williams, City Clerk advised Council that she will take these bids under advisement. She stated that she will have a resolution at the next meeting accepting a bid.

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 529 through 530 inclusive, be paid by Check Numbers 14228 and 14357 inclusive, and Claims Numbers 539 through 660 inclusive, be paid by Check Numbers 14366 and 14486 inclusive, and said claims and accounts being made a part of the minutes as though fully copied herein.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson stated that the Council wanted to make a presentation at this time. Antwoine Williams was recognized for his service on the School Board, and Chief Marcus Banks was recognized for his twenty six (26) years at the Fire Department. Lastly, Council President Ronnie Stevenson addressed that the Council worked vigorously to get employees essential work pay but it was not possible. He closed his presentation thanking the employees for their work and service.

IN RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McAdams opened her report by reading the sales tax allocation. She stated that she received the report late and this is the reporting for November 2020. She said that our sales tax allocation was \$429,617.00. This is an increase of \$43,833.00 or 11% from November 2019. For the year, we have collected \$1,235,573.00, which is an increase of \$71,042.00 or 6% more than November 2019.

She informed everyone that she had spoken with Mr. Chaney, Greenwood Health Department, and he shared with her how the process of the COVID-19 vaccine was working. As of now, the vaccine is available for healthcare workers who do not work for the hospital. By mid January the vaccine will be available for essential workers and first responders, this will be Phase 1(b).

Mayor McAdams stated that Kim Williams, City Clerk, had closed the books for fiscal year 2020. We had a small surplus of \$36,526.00, however, this is unaudited.

Mayor McAdams stated that on New Year's Eve, the Police Department had plenty of calls and reports about guns being shot in the City. She reminded everyone that shooting in the city limits is illegal and encouraged the public to submit any videos that specifically point out individuals who are illegally handling firearms.

Mayor McAdams stated that she was presented a new Mississippi State Flag by Sue Anna Joe, who designed the magnolia. She said that she is proud to have a new flag designed by someone who lived in Greenwood. She stated that this says to the people that we are ready to move forward as a state. She also stated that the individuals who purchased the flag, to be donated, are the owners of the Mississippi Delta Chinese Heritage Museum, located in Cleveland, MS.

Mayor McAdams ended her report by wishing everyone a Happy New Year again.

Councilperson Carl Palmer expressed his concern about the parties that were held on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day and questioned the mask ordinance.

Mayor McAdams reminded him that the mask ordinance is still in place and that the police were busy trying to stop the gunshots.

Councilperson Carl Palmer asked Betty Stigler, Community Development Director, what is the issue with getting temporary services on a house.

Betty Stigler stated that there is no problem with getting temporary services but the house has to be up to code.

Councilperson Carl Palmer and Betty Stigler discussed this matter further.

IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA

**IN RE: DILAPIDATED HOUSING
RESOLUTION SETTING HEARING
AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF
NOTICE**

Mary Jenkins and Debra Brock

315 Henderson Street

Unanimously

- Tabled

IN RE: POLICY ISSUES AGENDA - NONE

IN RE: ROUTINE AGENDA

IN RE: CONSENT AGENDA

IN RE: MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilperson Johnny Jennings, seconded by Councilperson Andrew Powell, to adopt the minutes of the December 15, 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.

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

- Adopted

**ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
RECEIVING THE FINANCIAL
REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER,
2020
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, JANUARY 5, 2021,**
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 Johnny Jennings, seconded by
Councilperson Andrew Powell, 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
TERRENCE CRAFT AS CHIEF
OF POLICE FOR THE CITY
OF GREENWOOD
Unanimously**

– Adopted

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING
THE APPOINTMENT OF
KYLE SCOTT TO THE
PLANNING COMMISSION
FOR WARD 4
Unanimously**

- Adopted

IN RE: STUDY AGENDA – NONE

Council discussed purchasing a radio broadcasting ad to promote Mississippi Valley
State University basketball games. Mayor McAdams informed the Council that the basketball
games will be broadcasted on the Lee Hall radio show. This would cost \$6,300.00 in total.

The city was asked to pay \$2,100.00. The Council conclude that they would pay \$1,000.00.

Motion was made by Councilperson Ronnie Stevenson, seconded by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., to donate \$1,000.00 to purchase broadcasting ads to promote Mississippi Valley State University basketball games on the Lee Hall radio show. 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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