

**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 19, 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, 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: Clarence Chapman, David Kelly, Danielle Morgan, Greenwood Convention and Visitors Bureau, Christopher Williams, Taxpayers Channel and Gerard Edic, Commonwealth Newspaper.

Also present were: Community Development Director and Code Enforcement Officer Betty Stigler, Public Works Director Susan Bailey, Fire Chief Marcus Banks, and Assistant Police Chief Marvin Hammond, Sr.

IN RE: AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilperson Lisa Cookston, 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 661 through 787 inclusive, be paid by Check Numbers 14487 through 14611 inclusive, and said claims and accounts being made a part of the minutes as though fully copied herein.

IN RE: MAYOR'S REPORT - NONE

Council President Ronnie Stevenson announced that Mayor McAdams and her sister tested positive for COVID-19. He said that the Mayor and her family will make a decision today about taking her sister off the ventilator. He also stated that the Mayor reported that she has been in bed and taking infusions at the hospital. He asked that everyone keep the Mayor and her family in prayer.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson stated that Attorney Don Brock had written a letter to Suddenlink reminding them of their obligations to the City. He said that the company is obligated to have a local office and local channels available, and that they were in violation of the contract because they did not have either one.

Attorney Brock stated that the letter had highlighted the fact that Suddenlink was in violation. He also said that the local office on Park Avenue had been closed since March and it is stated in the franchise agreement that they would provide an office to immediately assist customers. Attorney and Council discussed this matter further.

IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA

Clarence Chapman, Chartre Consulting, LTD., addressed the Council to update them on the development of a housing complex on George Street. He said he had talked to the Mayor a year ago about properties they could acquire to put housing units in. He stated that the Mayor composed a list of eight properties and the one on George Street was the best selection. Clarence Chapman said that they had applied and was awarded tax credits. He explained that the complex will have twenty-five housing units. This is a low income housing complex and will include twelve two bedroom apartments and thirteen three bedrooms. There will also be a community and business center for the residents. Clarence Chapman stated that once the project starts it will take approximately seven to eight months to complete and the construction for this project will cost approximately three and a half million dollars. He then opened the floor for questions.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson asked what benefits would the city and county receive from this project.

Clarence Chapman said that they will receive taxes allowed by the state law.

Councilperson Lisa Cookston asked how could a resident apply for the housing.

Clarence Chapman stated that they will release a notice approximately sixty to ninety days before construction is complete. Qualifying applicants will be given the opportunity to lease a unit.

Attorney Don Brock asked if the City Council needed to take additional action for this project.

Clarence Chapman answered no. Clarence Chapman invited David Kelly to the podium to discuss this matter further with the Council.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson welcomed Chief Hammond to the meeting. He said that is it unfortunate that Chief Craft could not make his first council meeting as chief because he was sick.

IN RE: POLICY ISSUES AGENDA – NONE

IN RE: ROUTINE AGENDA

IN RE: CONSENT AGENDA

IN RE: MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilperson Lisa Cookston, seconded by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., to adopt the minutes of the January 5, 2021 Council Meeting. 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.

**ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
RECEIVING THE PRIVILEGE
LICENSES REPORT OF THE
CITY CLERK FOR THE
MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2020**

- Adopted Unanimously

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

Unanimously

- Adopted

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AS
MUNICIPAL DEPOSITORIES**

Unanimously

- 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 General Administration and Solid Waste Enterprise Fund budgets for fiscal year ending September 30, 2021 be amended and changed as follows to wit:

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
420-000-381	Operating Trans In	0.00	5,000.00		5,000.00
420-220-680	Repairs/Garbage	18,000.00	5,000.00		23,000.00
001-040-695	Contingency	100,000.00		5,000.00	95,000.00
001-550-650	Operating Trans Out	0.00	5,000.00		5,000.00

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

Respectfully Submitted:
 Carolyn McAdams
 Mayor

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 Lisa Cookston, was duly seconded for adoption by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy Sr., and upon a vote being called received the following vote:

COUNCILPERSON	YEA	NAY
Johnny Jennings	Absent	
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 19th day of January, 2021.

RONNIE STEVENSON
 PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

CAROLYN MCADAMS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
 TAMIRA BROWN,
 COUNCIL CLERK

It is requested that the budget for the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department, for fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, be amended and changed as follows, to wit:

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budget	Decrease Amount	Increase Amount	Revised Budget
001-200-730	Mach & Equip	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 0.00
001-200-600	Prof Services	1,200.00		\$ 500.00	1,700.00

This budget adjustment is a transfer of funds only and does not increase nor decrease the overall total for the Public Works Department. Thank you for your attention and response to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Susan Bailey
 Public Works Director
 SB:gl

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COUNCILPERSON	YEA	NAY
Johnny Jennings	Absent	
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 19th day of January, 2021.

RONNIE STEVENSON
 PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

CAROLYN MCADAMS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
 TAMIRA BROWN,
 COUNCIL CLERK

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

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
001-000-398	Retained Revenue	931,581.00	4,000.00		935,581.00
001-100-730	Machinery & Equip	91,500.00	4,000.00		95,500.00

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

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 Lisa Cookston, was duly seconded for adoption by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy Sr., and upon a vote being called received the following vote:

COUNCILPERSON	YEA	NAY
Johnny Jennings	Absent	
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 19th day of January, 2021.

RONNIE STEVENSON
 PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

CAROLYN MCADAMS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
 TAMIRA BROWN,
 COUNCIL CLERK

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:

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
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420-000-398	Retained Revenue	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
420-224-680	Mtr Veh Repairs	10,000.00	2,000.00	12,000.00

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 Lisa Cookston, was duly seconded for adoption by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy Sr., and upon a vote being called received the following vote:

COUNCILPERSON	YEA	NAY
Johnny Jennings	Absent	
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 19th day of January, 2021.

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:

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
001-000-398	Retained Revenue	831,581.00	100,000.00		931,581.00
001-040-603	Legal Settlement	0.00	100,000.00		100,000.00

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 Lisa Cookston, was duly seconded for adoption by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy Sr., and upon a vote being called received the following vote:

COUNCILPERSON	YEA	NAY
Johnny Jennings	Absent	
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 19th day of January, 2021.

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, JANUARY 19, 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 Lisa Cookston, seconded by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., and was adopted by the following roll call to-wit:

YEAS

NAYS

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

**IN RE: APPOINTMENT AGENDA
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING
DESIGNATED POLICE
DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES
AS DEPUTY CLERKS OF THE
MUNICIPAL COURT
Unanimously**

- Adopted

**IN RE: ROUTINE ITEMS AGENDA
RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE
MISSISSIPPI STATE LEGISLATURE
TO EXTEND FROM SEPTEMBER 30,
2021, TO AT LEAST SEPTEMBER 30,
2025, THE DATE OF REPEAL ON THE
PROVISION OF LAW THAT
ESTABLISHES THE GREENWOOD
TOURISM COMMISSION
Unanimously**

- Adopted

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE PAYMENT OF \$1,000.00 FOR
ADVERTISING TO GREATER
DELTA BROADCASTING DURING
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE
UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL GAMES
Unanimously**

- Adopted

IN RE: STUDY AGENDA – January 11, 2021 Planning Commission Minutes

Council President Ronnie Stevenson advised Council that they each have a copy of the Planning Commission Minutes for their review.

**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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