

**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, March 17, 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, Carl Palmer and Cinderella Morris, Council Clerk. Councilperson David Jordan being absent.

Also present were: Emergency Management Director Fred Randle, Gerard Edic, Commonwealth Newspaper and Christopher Williams, Taxpayers Channel.

Also present were: Municipal Judge Carlos D. Palmer, Ouida Martin, Police Chief Jody Bradley, Sergeant Melvin Cook, Fire Chief Marcus Banks, Public Works Director Susan Bailey, Code Enforcement Officer Betty Stigler, Community Development Director Victor Stokes, and Director of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Division Eddie Curry.

IN RE: AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilperson Carl Palmer, seconded by Councilperson Andrew Powell, to amend the agenda to include Resolution authorizing purchase of a new frontloader garbage truck as emergency procurement pursuant to § 31-7-1(f) Miss. Code Ann., Resolution approving an amendment to the Greenwood Zoning and Development Code of the City of Greenwood to change the zoning classification of property located at 607 George Street, Greenwood, Mississippi, from C-2 Community Commercial District to R-2, Multi-Family Residential District and Resolution authorizing the City of Greenwood Municipal Intervention Court to apply for and to accept an Adult Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Grant. A vote was taken, Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. Councilperson David Jordan being absent. The President declared the motion passed and adopted.

IN RE: AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilperson Carl Palmer, 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, and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. Councilperson David Jordan 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 4684 through 4842 inclusive, be paid by Check Numbers 11939 through 12095 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 said that she was sorry that everything was a little bit different coming into the meeting today. She said that the city is taking every precautionary step that the city can take to avoid anyone from contracting this virus and yet leaving this building and contracting it somewhere else. She said that they are doing everything necessary in their power to stop and kill it.

Mayor McAdams said that on tomorrow they were supposed to meet with Stroudwater and get the information from the Greenwood Leflore Hospital on the feasibility study. She said that the meeting will not take place because they have suspended their travel for at least two weeks or greater. She said that Greenwood Utilities has a 125 year celebration. She said she hope everyone has noticed the wonderful banners along Howard Street, Martin Luther King and Grand Boulevard. She said the celebration has been postponed. She said that we will celebrate and make everyone aware of that great celebration.

Mayor McAdams advised Council that our sales tax allocation for the month was \$360,758.00, an increase of \$21,287.00 or 6% from March 2019. She said for the year we have collected \$2,308,831.00, an increase of \$25,000.00 or 1% from this time last year. She said that it has moved up a little bit, but that she is afraid that going forward we will see a lot of decline.

Mayor McAdams announced that the Chamber has created a new link called (Keep Greenwood Strong). She said that the link is shared on the city's website www.cityofgreenwood.org. She told all persons present to please go to the city's website and get this information from the Chamber. She said the Chamber is trying to help all our local businesses and keep them current and updated.

Mayor McAdams stated that as of yesterday, four (4) cases of the Coronavirus have been confirmed. She said all four cases were linked to one event. She said they are quarantined to their homes and that we pray for their recovery. She told everyone to please receive and obtain information from an official website such as Greenwood Leflore Hospital (GLH), Mississippi Department of Public Health (MDPH) or the City of Greenwood. She said that the city is updating its website frequently in order to bring everyone the most recent and updated information regarding the Coronavirus and that GLH is doing the same. She said that the hospital, MML, Chamber of Commerce and all of our local partners have been fantastic getting us updated accurate information and reaching out to Greenwood in order to contain and stop this virus. She stated that President Trump and Governor Reeves have issued National Emergency. She said that this is indeed a serious matter that should be taken seriously and that it should be giving us the privilege of being united and level headed using good judgement at all times in connection with this virus in containing it and keeping it away for those in our city. She said if you can work from home to do so. She said that they have sent a few people home that have compromising situations with their health already that might be in great jeopardy if they were to contract this virus.

Mayor McAdams said that they want citizens to use their safety tips at all times; washing hands frequently, staying in your own personal space of 6 feet or beyond, staying away from large gathers or crowds, taking Vitamin C and Zinc and to do not go to businesses if you can transact your business on the phone. She said that everybody needs to stay calm and level headed through all of this because we will prevail in this situation.

Mayor McAdams said to our local businesses that Market Place has come up with a great ideal, they are extending an hour of operation to the elderly people so that they can shop from 7-8 o'clock, 55 years or older.

Councilperson David Jordan entered the meeting at this time.

Mayor McAdams said that we appreciate all the businesses stepping up. She said that we have had a lot of our local restaurants and bars saying to come order your food for takeout. She thanked the businesses for being mindful and respectable of our safety and wellbeing. She said that she appreciate everyone for their patience in all that is going on. She advised citizens if they had any concerns or needs to call city hall.

Mayor McAdams informed Council that the state tax that the city can get from people that owes the city fines has been working. She said that the city has collected about \$2,500.00 thus far. She said some of these fines are large and that these peoples could only pay the amount of their refund.

Mayor McAdams said that Fred Randle is here from Emergency Management and that we will hear from him in a little bit. She said that he is giving out a handout that she hopes that everyone in the gallery gets one of these handouts with great information going forward on this virus. She wished everyone all the best and told them to stay safe and healthy.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson asked Mr. Randle to come forward at this time.

Fred Randle announced that Leflore County has four confirmed cases of the Coronavirus, the first was on Friday. He said that he decided with the President doing a National Emergency and the Governor Saturday doing a State Emergency that the County and the City would do a local proclamation due to us having the virus in our county. He said we will do a local proclamation for the Coronavirus for 30 days from today, therefore if we get overwhelmed with this virus we can seek state assistance to get funding to help fight this virus. He said that a lot of people in the medical field have been asking for hand sanitizers, gloves and masks. He said that they are short of these items. He said they have a priority list

that the state has. He said that his office will do all it can to assist with the Coronavirus. He said that the health department is handling this virus and that they are the lead agency on it. He informed Council that the handout that he gave them has the CDC website on it. He further stated that it will get bigger and bigger and that they are going to try to contain it. He stressed that we keep washing our hands and do what we supposed to do. He said that he has a proclamation for 30 days from today if the Mayor and Council approved and signed it, he will send it to MEMA and put it in the works. He said that he already has it for the county which the city will fall under also. He said that he likes to do the city and the county because the city might have so many cases and the county may have so many cases.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson read the Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency by the City of Greenwood City Council aloud.

**PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE
OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY (BY THE
CITY OF GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL)**

- Adopted Unanimously

IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA

Municipal Judge Carlos Palmer informed the Council that Ms. Martin is going to pass out to each one of them an information packet that includes their drug court manual as well as a certain adult drug court veteran's court treatment court discretionary grant that his court is interested in applying for. Palmer thanked the Mayor as well as the Council for the opportunity to address them. He said that the city's drug court program is one of two Municipal Drug Court/Intervention Court throughout the State of Mississippi. He said that the city's drug court, also known as intervention court which deals with drugs and alcohol addiction started in May, 2011. He said that they have had a limited budget of \$75,000.00 \$50,000.00 from the State and \$25,000.00 match for the City. He stated that they are very appreciative of the city's continued support of their program. He said with this particular grant it will allow them to expand their services not only to the general population of people who are afflicted by drugs and alcohol, but it will allow them an opportunity to give additional services to our veterans here locally. He said that the grant would allow them to give additional services to veterans and continue services to participants. He said that the grant if approved would give additional resources up to \$500,000.00 to expand its services. He said that the deadline to apply is May 14, 2020. He said that the grant has three different categories that can be applied for under the Department of Justices (DOJ) and that they are going to apply for category two on page seven of the packet, which reads Enhancement of Adult Drug Courts and Veterans Treatment Court. He asked Council to allow them to apply for the grant. He said that he has contacted Dr. Adrian Brown of Brown Associates, out of Indianola to prepare paperwork for the grant. He said that Dr. Brown has most recently facilitated Indianola acquiring their intervention court in Indianola where they got somewhere around \$400,000.00 plus as part of their grant. He said that Dr. Brown has a track record of applying for grants on the city level, county level and state level. He said that he has seen his work and that he is confident that he could put them in the best situation to be successful in their application for this grant. He said that Dr. Brown charges \$5,000.00 for his services which is going to have to be paid as a part of this application process on behalf of the court.

Councilperson David Jordan advised Judge Palmer that one of our Senators in Washington had sent him a letter saying that any grants that we need or want to apply for to do it through him and that he could get it done, Senator Whicker. He said that he is willing to share the information with anyone involved in grant writing. Council discussed this matter further.

Mayor McAdams said that she encourages the grant and thinks that it is a great thing. She said that anything that the city can help our veterans with is a good thing. She said that the city will continued to do what it can.

Attorney Don Brock stated that he did not have the information about the \$5,000.00. He said that each councilperson has a copy of a resolution in front of them to apply for the grant and to accept it. He recommended that someone make a motion to amend the resolution to authorize payment of the \$5,000.00 towards the grant preparation.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson said that he was going to read the resolution adding the \$5,000.00 to it. He read the resolution as a Resolution authorizing the City of Greenwood Municipal Intervention Court to apply for and to accept an Adult Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Grant that cost \$5,000.00 to apply for.

Councilperson Carl Palmer leaves the meeting at this time.

Motion was made by Councilperson David Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., to amend the following resolution to authorize the city to pay up to \$5,000.00 towards the grant preparation and administration. A vote was taken, Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, and David Jordan all voted YEA. Councilperson Carl Palmer being absent. The President declared the motion passed and adopted.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
CITY OF GREENWOOD MUNICIPAL
INTERVENTION COURT TO APPLY
FOR AND TO ACCEPT AN ADULT
DRUG COURT AND VETERANS
TREATMENT COURT
DISCRETIONARY GRANT THAT
COST \$5,000.00 TO APPLY FOR**

- Adopted Unanimously

Councilperson Carl Palmer returns to the meeting at this time.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson asked Councilman David Jordan to give a legislative update at this time.

Councilman David Jordan said that the Lieutenant Governor decided today after checking the Governor that the Senate would leave and possibly come back. He said that session has been halted at this point and will pick up later. He said keeping people out of the legislature is not fair, so they shut the Senate down until they get to the top of this epidemic. He said that they passed a bill today to give county employees and municipal employees their pay if they are off work or they work from home. He said that this is a discretion that has to be made by municipalities and boards of supervisors. He said that it would be lawful for them to do it. He said if their budgets won't allow it, which should be in the budget, then over time the State will reimburse later. He discussed Senate Bill 2925 which would allow municipalities, school boards and county boards of supervisors to grant their employees paid administrative leave if the governor declares a state of emergency. He said the bill passed the Senate and went to the House where members did a strike off by adding language that would apply to paid leave to employees of private companies. He said that they could not pay private employees. He said that the Senate will revisit the bill Wednesday morning at 9:00 o'clock to put their language back in and it becomes a law.

Councilperson Lisa Cookston said that in addition to the great things that the grocery stores are doing and restaurants are doing to try to shop local in town because our independent local merchants are going to be hurting. She said to check your websites they might be delivering or waiving shipping fees. She said if you can eat local, shop local, or get a gift certificate to do so locally.

Councilperson David Jordan asked President Ronnie Stevenson what they going to do. President Stevenson said that Councilperson McCoy had said that Market Place will be opening up to seniors. Councilperson Charles McCoy stated that Market Place will be opening up starting tomorrow for one hour for senior citizens if they desire to shop. He said that they will assist them any way they can and help them, by taking something to the car or bring something from the car.

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 March 3, 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 PRIVILEGE
 LICENSES REPORT OF THE
 CITY CLERK FOR THE MONTH
 OF FEBRUARY, 2020**

- Adopted Unanimously

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

- Adopted Unanimously

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
 ADVERTISEMENT FOR ANNUAL
 QUOTES FOR SERVICES AND
 CERTAIN COMMODITIES**

- Adopted Unanimously

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
 ADVERTISEMENT FOR QUOTES FOR
 THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS FOR
 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

- Adopted Unanimously

**AN ORDER REVISING THE BUDGET
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020
 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, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020, be and the same is hereby revised and amended so as to make the following changes, to wit:

It is requested that the budgets for Solid Waste Enterprise Fund and General Fund for fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 be amended and changed as follows, to wit:

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
420-220-425	Drivers	230,483.00		17,000.00	213,483.00
420-220-580	Mtr Veh Rep/Supp	20,000.00	6,000.00		26,000.00
420-220-680	Mtr Veh Repairs	21,500.00	6,000.00		27,500.00
420-550-900	Operating Trans Out	0.00	5,000.00		5,000.00
001-200-600	Professional Svcs	6,200.00	5,000.00		11,200.00
001-000-381	Operating Trans In	735,000.00	5,000.00		740,000.00

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

COUNCILPERSON	YEA	NAY
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 17th day of March, 2020.

RONNIE STEVENSON
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

CAROLYN MCADAMS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
CINDERELLA M. MORRIS,
DEPUTY 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, MARCH 17, 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	

Mayor McAdams asked Susan Bailey to explain what happened with the frontloader.

Susan Bailey said that they had a 2015 Frontloader on February 11, 2020 that caught on fire under the body. She said that a lot of the wire harness and different things were all melted together. She said that they talked to the insurance and that they sent an adjuster out, who considered it a total loss. She said that it has been an emergency situation trying to get all the dumpsters emptied and on time. She said that she would like to purchase a new 2020 Frontloader, which she has two quotes on. She said that it is a Mack with New Way 40 yard body. She said that on the resolution it has what the insurance will pay us and the difference on the payment of the truck.

Mayor McAdams said that they are looking into a lease purchase but Kim has not gotten those numbers from the bank yet. She said that, that would be another resolution but first they got to get a PO so they can order the truck.

Susan Bailey said that the good thing is that Sansom Equipment, who they plan to get the truck from, has just two on the ground that is ready. She said that she hopes to get a new truck next week.

**IN RE: ROUTINE ITEMS AGENDA
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
PURCHASE OF A NEW FRONTLOADER
GARBAGE TRUCK AS EMERGENCY
PROCUREMENT PURSUANT TO
§ 31-7-1(f) MISS. CODE ANN.**

- Adopted Unanimously

Attorney Don Brock advised Council President Ronnie Stevenson that he needs to open up a hearing for the next resolution. Council President Ronnie Stevenson advised Council that on the next resolution regarding changing a residential district they have to open up a hearing.

Motion was made by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., seconded by Councilperson Johnny Jennings, to open the floor up for a public hearing. 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: PUBLIC HEARING – Amendment to the Greenwood Zoning and Development Code for Lee Abraham d/b/a Kibbie, Inc. requesting a zoning change from C-2 Community Commercial District to R-2, Multi-Family Residential District to convert an old warehouse facility located at 607 George Street into affordable market rate apartments.

The purpose of this public hearing is in regard to the Council approval of an Amendment to the Greenwood Zoning and Development Code for Lee Abraham d/b/a Kibbie, Inc to allow the conversion of an old warehouse facility located at 607 George Street into affordable market rate apartments. Victor Stokes explained this to the Council. He said that a gentleman is purchasing the Saturday Only building on George street to convert into some apartments. He said that the gentleman outlined in the meeting what he would have to do to make it where it could be used as a residential facility. He said that the building will have a courtyard in the middle, have adequate parking and that he will fence in some of the area for the children to have a playground. He said there will be a total of 24 affordable units.

No one present from the general public commented on the amendment.

Motion was made by Councilperson Carl Palmer, seconded by Councilperson Lisa Cookston, to close the public hearing. 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.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN
AMENDMENT TO THE GREENWOOD
ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT CODE
OF THE CITY OF GREENWOOD TO
CHANGE THE ZONING
CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 607 GEORGE STREET,
GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI, FROM
C-2 COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL
DISTRICT TO R-2, MULTI-FAMILY
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT**

- Adopted Unanimously

IN RE: STUDY AGENDA - Greenwood Planning Commission February 27, 2020 Minutes
Council President Ronnie Stevenson advised Council that they each have a copy of the February 27, 2020 minutes for their review.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson asked Attorney Brock about the possibility of limiting the public agenda in wake of the coronavirus. He said that he would have Cinderella call him regarding the public agenda. He discussed the possibly of closing off council meetings to the public in order to practice social distancing. He said that the meeting would still be streamed online and that exceptions would be made to allow the press to attend.

Councilperson David Jordan told Council President Stevenson that if someone wanted to see him and that he was in a council meeting that they have to let him know, then, he could invite them in. Councilperson Jordan said that they cannot just walk in. They would have to call and be approved.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson announced that they had scheduled the Greenwood High School Boys Basketball Team to be here today. He said that they postponed it and would have them here at a later date. He said that it is good to have two champions in our city. He said that this is a good year even with what is going on in the City of Greenwood.

Councilperson David Jordan said that they could set a date where everyone in Greenwood could come to the Capitol once we get over this, hopefully before the session ends.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson said that everyone went to the game, the Mayor, Councilmen Powell and McCoy, Chief Bradley, Chief Banks and that they all had a ball in that wonderful facility at the University of Mississippi. He said the game went into overtime and that Greenwood High had one dominant player DeAndre Smith that actually took the game over. He said that Smith is a sophomore who received the Clarion Ledger "Player of the Week".

Councilperson David Jordan said that that he would like for President Stevenson and the Mayor to utter those words on the Senate Floor.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson that they had a good crowd and that the team beat a team with three state championships.

Councilperson David Jordan announced that we lost 6.5 billion dollars for under counted census. He said that we need those dollars. He said that emphasis is placed on an accurate count. He stressed that we get an accurate count because we need those federal dollars.

Mayor McAdams said that they are sending out information regarding the census where you can go on line to do your census.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson said that we need to get this information to our churches and any other organizations.

Mayor McAdams said that she has felt for a long time that we do not have an accurate count for our city. Mayor said that people are not filling out the forms.

Councilperson Johnny Jennings said that he has a copy where a small town has been running radars and that there is a state law where you cannot run radars if you have a population of less than 2000. He said that someone did a street count and it was determined that there was 2700 people living in the town, but the census said it was 1850. Mayor and Council discussed this further.

Councilperson Johnny Jennings stated that they went to Washington and had a great trip. He said that he was talking around to several people about salaries of supervisors. He said that supervisors whose salaries are not set by the state legislature makes more that those whose salaries are not. He said the supervisor's salaries that are set by taxpayers pay is usually 36 to 56% less. Councilperson David Jordan said that the Legislature may, not shall, increase supervisor's salaries.

Councilperson Charles McCoy said that they met with a lot of representative and found out that they have the same problems that the city is facing or bigger problems, housing problems, crime problems, homeless problems and the Coronavirus.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson stated that they have bigger problems because they are on lockdown.

Councilperson Charles McCoy said that he noticed that a lot of the bigger churches were not having services. He asked does this apply to us. Mayor McAdams said that it does apply to the city. Council President Stevenson said that it was recommended that you do not have services. Councilperson David Jordan said to read Amos, Habakkuk and Micah, that's what the Sunday School lesson is about and these are the days we got now.

Police Chief Jody Bradley said that he met a couple of weeks ago with Captain Gunner of the local Highway Patrol Division. He said that we have to have a verified population of 15,000 to write tickets on a US highway which includes Highway 82 for

speeding. He said reckless driving is not a problem. He said that they cannot write a speeding ticket because the population has not been certified at 15,000.

Mayor McAdams said that at the last census the city had 15,873 or 15,783.

Police Chief Bradley said if that is the case they can write a speeding ticket.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson said that he would like to get Attorney Brock to research that and maybe get an attorney general opinion to see if it is law.

Councilperson David Jordan said that he would rather look into that before he say that it is not happening.

Councilperson Andrew Powell stated that people is complaining about the train sitting on the track blocking the road.

Mayor McAdams said that the train track is federal law and that it has to go through the congressional delegates not the City of Greenwood. Mayor said that it is a problem.

Fred Randle said that most of the time you catch that train sitting there, along down the track they got a train sitting on the sidetrack that passes. They have to wait until that train get off the track so they can get on. Mayor discussed this further.

**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 Monday, March 23, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom Meeting by calling 1-312-626-6799 and entering the Meeting ID: 183 557 693 and livestreamed on Carolyn McAdams Facebook Page, 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, and Cinderella Morris, Council Clerk.

Also present was: Gerard Edic, Commonwealth Newspaper.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson announced that just to make sure, that he is going to call a quick roll. Ronne Stevenson present, Senator Jordan present, Charles McCoy present, Lisa Cookston here, Johnny Jennings here, Mayor Carolyn McAdams here, Attorney Don Brock here, Cinderella Morris here, Andrew Powell here, Carl Palmer here.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson opened the meeting with a prayer. He said that we will not do a pledge, therefore, he will go straight to the agenda.

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, 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.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson stated that the reason they are on this conference call is because of an emergency. He said that he will let the Mayor speak on it real quick, then, he will say a few words and then anyone else that wants to say something.

Mayor McAdams thanked everyone for participating in this unusual manner that we are having to meet today. She said that no one wanted this compromising situation that we are all facing today. She said practicing social distancing of 6 feet or greater apart, practicing hygiene more than ever before, Lysoling, cleaning your tablets, doing preventive measures every day in your businesses, at home and other places. She said this is an unprecedented situation that we are all in together. She said that we must follow the COVID-19 Guidelines to get on the backside of this horrible virus. She said that she too worry about the economy, the economical impact that it puts on Greenwood and global. She said first and foremost we must take care of our citizens and give them a safe and healthy environment. She said thank goodness all of our healthcare providers are on top of this critical situation. She said to please pray for them daily since they are putting their lives on the line everyday as they treat or give tests to those who might test positive for coronavirus. She said to please help them by putting this virus to rest. She said that she has said it many times but is going to say it one more time that the United States of America has fought many battles with everyone. She said that if everyone goes together and gets on top of this we win this battle as well. She said that there are certain things you can still do such as stay in your homes, first and foremost. She said for those who like to exercise go to the grocery store but make sure you are 6 feet, go to the pharmacy, go to medical appointments if necessary but check with your doctor, go to restaurant and get takeout, delivery or drive-thru, care for a friend and support them by calling and making sure they are alright, take a walk, take a bike ride, take a hike, take a jog, but do it outside six feet from whomever you might be with. She said that she appreciate everyone concerns because this is concerning as we go forward. She said that this is the only thing that the city is doing today to fix our problem and limit it as much as possible to the outside world.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson said lets us all "be our brothers keepers" by checking on your neighbors, the elderly, your parents or anybody that you can reach by phone making sure everybody is alright making sure we can do what we can within the guidelines of the Center for Disease Control to help our neighbors.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson read the title of the resolution out loud, he then asked for a vote.

Councilperson Lisa Cookston questioned President Stevenson regarding how these measures were going to be enforced.

Mayor McAdams announced that as soon as this resolution passes that she would send a copy to the chief of police and will also give a copy to the fire chief as well. She said now that we are doing the resolution to monitor social distancing of 10 or less in an establishment then the city can go in and say that you are not following the procedure that you must follow to protect Greenwood. She said that we now have something in place where we can do that. She said that she also wanted to remind the Council that the Governor will be speaking to everyone at 3:00 o'clock today on all the Mississippi channels.

Councilperson David Jordan said that he has a call in conference with the Congressman at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon. He said that he does not know what he will be telling people. He said that he has information for the whole delta area. He said that he would relay this information to the Mayor as soon as he speaks with him tomorrow. He said that he has a conference with the Governor tomorrow and all Senators seeing what he says.

Councilperson David Jordan said that he talked to a lady this morning that had twenty students in a daycare center. He said that he told her to go on and close it up. He said that the lady said that no one had told them. He stated that he told both of them to close up, so those daycare centers are open as of this day. He said that they are closing up now. He said that he told the lady that the Council was getting ready to have a meeting on this. He said that he understands that Sunflower County was closed Friday. He said that they had not heard anything from the Mayor here. He said that we are right on time.

Mayor McAdams questioned Attorney Brock regarding the resolution stating that daycares were essential, and whether they still stay open or not because there are some businesses that still need to provide daycare that has to follow the procedure making sure these kids are 6 feet to 10 feet apart and doing the personal hygiene like every thirty minutes.

Attorney Don Brock said that the Mayor was right. He said that with this actual resolution some municipalities have been a little more lacked on it, some more extreme. He said that this is a more of the middle of the road approach. He said that he agrees with the Mayor in her interpretation in that daycares could be deemed an essential business, but that they have to follow the CDC guidelines. He said that this resolution do not shut down anybody.

Councilperson David Jordan addressed the Attorney stating that children are not going to stay 6 feet apart therefore, it would be best if they shut it down for the safety of everybody because those children returns to homes. He said that he can't have part of them open and part of them not even if this resolution does not speak to it. He said that the nation and the state have spoken to us. He said that he is for shutting them all down until we get farther clarification. He said that he is not for any of them being open because children have their fingers in their mouths, slapping and playing around. He said that he want them all closed.

Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr. told President Stevenson that he had asked the Mayor earlier about the daycares. He said that he was trying to see for himself what guidelines daycares fall under. He said that he agrees with Senator Jordan because it is hard to keep children 6 feet apart. He said that he don't know if they need to put more teeth in it because that is going to be a hard job for them to do.

Councilperson David Jordan said that daycares are under the health department and that it had not told them anything, but we know what the CDC is saying.

Mayor McAdams said that this was a good thing but Milwaukee Tools is still opening, and practicing the guidelines of COVID-19. She said that a lot of our businesses are still open, but practicing the COVID-19 guidelines. She this is the thing if you close the daycares some people will have to go home and not receive a paycheck unless these businesses are paying them regardless.

Councilperson David Jordan said that he will speak to the Congressman at 3:00 o'clock regarding that part of it. He said for the safety of the people he would suggest that we close them all. He said that he will talk to the Congressman this afternoon on how they would get paid. He said if you get sick and die then pay won't mean anything. He said to let's keep them alive, it's a priority.

Mayor McAdams said that she was with Senator Jordan therefore, she would think that you need to close everything.

Councilperson David Jordan said that he had told them that and that he would tell all of them that is open.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson said that Senator Jordan is right that daycares are covered by the State not the city. He said if the State makes that decision that would be fine if Senator Jordan talked to the Governor and the other Senators.

Councilperson David Jordan suggested until that time for the safety of everybody in Greenwood that the city closes all daycares now.

Council President Stevenson advised Senator Jordan that this resolution is not closing anybody. He said that you cannot get together with more than 10 peoples. He said that all daycares get their money from the State of Mississippi and the Health Department. He said that he agreed with Senator Jordan that daycares need to be closed down but that the State and the health department need to do that. He said they are not closing down anybody today. He said that they are saying that you cannot congregate with more than ten people.

Mayor McAdams questioned Senator Jordan regarding the Governor speaking to Mississippi today at 3:00 o'clock.

Senator Jordan said that he had just got a call that the Governor is going to speak to different Senators tomorrow at 3:00 o'clock. He said that he will be talking to the Congressman today at 3:00 o'clock.

Mayor McAdams asked Senator Jordan to see if he can get that guideline in effect.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson told Senator Jordan that all daycare money comes from the State and the Federal therefore the State has the power to keep paying them or shut them down. He said that if that is a decision that Senator Jordan decides, he hopes that they do it.

Councilperson David Jordan said that the resolution doesn't say, but advises to the people of this city. He said that the school system is closed. He said that human life is a priority over any resources of money.

Mayor McAdams said that she thinks we need to defer this to our attorney to see what leverage the city does have if the city can do that. She said that this is a state function and that maybe the Governor will speak on that. She said that she thinks that they all put safety in humans before anything.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson said that if the Governor says that daycares will still get their checks he is sure that every daycare in the State of Mississippi will close. He said if the Governor will do daycares like he did school system they will.

Councilperson Johnny Jennings said if they close the daycare then some policeman, some fireman, some doctors and some essential employees will have to leave their work. He said you got to have a baseline to let some of these peoples go to work. He said that he know some young doctors that won't be able to go to work that will have to do daycare or something else and some policemen and firemen who won't be able to go to work.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson said on the same note to just look at the school system that goes from K – 12th that has closed down until April 17th. He said to him it's the same difference whether you are first grade or daycare. He said that he agree with what Councilperson Jennings is saying. He said that the school system has closed down and asked why the daycare can't close down too. He said that he is not saying that Council need to do that.

Councilperson Johnny Jennings stated that some of the kids that are out of school can keep themselves, but infants can't keep themselves.

Councilperson David Jordan said that he believes that life is more important than a few dollars. He said that this is what the President and everyone on the national level is talking about. He said that federal funds will come to Mississippi for these purposes. He said his point now is that you got twenty to thirty children out in one section that are not being protected. He told Council to lets close all daycares and to push the government to reimburse them which he said they can do from a state and a federal level.

Councilperson Andrew Powell said that he agrees with everything that is being said. He said that the only thing that is being said is that Senator Jordan and the State Senators should be able to make this happen fast along with talking to the Governor today at 3:00 o'clock to make that decision. He said that the health department comes under the government and that the Council does not have any control over the health department. He said that Senator Jordan should be able to take care of that and the lawyer should be able to follow up and then give them a decision as to what to do. He said right now that Council needs that decision from the Governor.

Councilperson David Jordan said the point is to let's save the lives first by closing everything.

Councilperson Charles McCoy asked Attorney Brock if the Council has the authority to close everything down. He said that he knows that the school systems shut down not cause they wanted to, the State required them to shut down until April 17th. He asked Attorney Brock if the city has the authority to shut down a daycare.

Attorney Don Brock said that the State does administer the daycare system. He said that the city does have broad authority under 33-15-17(d) to set a curfew and etc. He said that he would prefer to see what the State does and that Council can reconvene just like this tomorrow or Wednesday. He said that he would prefer to let the State take action on that level personally, but that he serves at the Council's will.

Councilperson Charles McCoy said that he agrees with Attorney Brock and to wait and see what the Governor is going to say at 3:00 o'clock. He said that he thinks that Senator Jordan can talk to our Governor also and tell him what we need to be doing on the state level.

Councilperson David Jordan advised Council that the Governor has already spoken, the public schools are closed. He said that daycare that comes under the health department which has not said anything is still state government. He said let's close the daycares and let the Governor know that we have closed everything for the safety of the people and the children. He said don't jeopardize these children just because the Governor has not said anything.

Councilperson Lisa Cookston said that it seems like the CDC has said that these very young children are really not being affected like that. She said of course they want to protect everybody. She said if they need to wait for the Governor they should table this whole thing since it's so easy for them to get together like this. She asked should they table this until tomorrow.

Councilperson David Jordan said that he thinks they need to put it in action and tell the Governor what they have done tomorrow for the safety of these four and five year olds and let the Governor comment on that. He said if they say that they are not closing daycares then the Council would move it back. He said that he don't think the Council should be taking a chance leaving them out there with no protection.

Mayor McAdams told Council President Stevenson that she don't think that they need to table what they are doing today because if they table what they are doing then the city will have no leverage. She said that they need to keep an interest in doing what they can. She said that we do have a curfew in effect already that they have had forever. She said that we are now to enforce it then come back tomorrow if the Governor allows the city to close those state businesses then the city can do so.

Councilperson David Jordan said that he agrees with what the Mayor is saying in that that the city has a curfew law and that this should fall under the curfew law being that you don't want two or three peoples mingling together who are adults. He said that to protect innocent children it should apply to them as well.

Attorney Don Brock said that he does not have a vote and that he would prepare a resolution whatever the majority of the Council wishes. He said that right now there is a resolution before the Council.

Councilperson David Jordan said that he had already told two daycare owners to close them.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson said that he thinks this is a good thing closing daycares being that Councilperson Jordan is a state leader. He said that you have to realize that there may be seven or eight daycares in the city limits. He said that you got thousands of daycares in the State of Mississippi that should also be closed. He said that he don't think it's going to help or hurt the four or five closing when you still got thousands in Mississippi still open.

Councilperson David Jordan stated that on his conference with the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor tomorrow and with the Congressman in the next hour or so he will let them know what the city has done.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson told Councilperson David Jordan they have discussed this and that they are probably on the same page as he is, they could come back and have a meeting after he discuss it with them and let the Council know what they are saying.

Councilperson David Jordan said that he will be talking with the Congressman at 3:00 o'clock to see what he is saying. He said that he will let the Congressman know what the city has done and that we have got these children that come under the health department that has

not taken any action, although the school children are out which is a conflict. He said that they should not have been left out there by themselves. He said since the department of health hadn't taken any action he will be talking to the Governor and to somebody from that office tomorrow. He said today for the safety of the children he is going to tell Congressman Thompson that the Council is asking him to close daycares until they hear farther from the State and Federal Government for their safety.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson told Councilperson David Jordan that he thinks with him covering several counties that he would want this done in all of his counties.

Councilperson David Jordan said that President Stevenson was right, in that he would want this in all of his district and statewide. He said that is why he is concerned about home first. He said that is why he keeps crying out about you can't allow half of them to go and half of them to go home.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson announced that he was fixing to call for a vote if the Council let him.

Councilperson David Jordan asked President Stevenson if the Council could amend this resolution to include all daycare centers within our municipality.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson reiterated that this resolution does not close any business. He told Councilperson Jordan that he needed to get back with the Council with a resolution that will close the daycares. He said that this resolution is saying that you cannot have more than ten peoples in a gathering.

Councilperson David Jordan said that there is a conflict there because you are going to have ten or more children who are more vulnerable than adults in these daycare centers. He said that you are going to have ten or more there that the city's ordinance is allowing to be there.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson said that this is a statewide thing. He asked Councilperson Jordan what would happen if this came up in Itta Bena. He said that the city has no effect on Itta Bena or the county. He said that New Green Grove might have a daycare that the Council cannot do anything about.

Councilperson David Jordan said that Itta Bena municipality would have to do the same thing.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson asked Councilperson David Jordan what if New Green Grove has a daycare out there at the church. He said that the Council has no authority.

Councilperson David Jordan said that would be county government.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson told Councilperson Jordan that was his district. He said that he thinks Senator Jordan would need a resolution to cover at least his district.

Councilperson David Jordan said that he is talking about what is at hand with the city and that he is also a city councilman. He said that he can deal with that at another time, hopefully tomorrow or this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock when he talk to somebody else.

Councilperson Andrew Powell told Senator Jordan that he needs to meet with the Governor at 3:00 o'clock this evening and make it happen.

Senator Jordan told Councilperson Andrew Powell that he was not meeting with the Governor at 3:00 o'clock today. He said that he was having a conference call with the Congressman today at 3:00 o'clock. He said the meeting with the Governor is tomorrow.

Councilperson Andrew Powell told Senator Jordan to let them pass this resolution here and then he come up with plans for a resolution concerning the daycares. He said that they can call another meeting and come back and vote on it.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson said from what he is hearing he is going to call for a vote on the resolution as it stands.

Attorney Don Brock told Council President Ronnie Stevenson just to make it clear, that this resolution goes into effect for 15 days unless the governing authority make it shorter or longer and it limits businesses with the exception of some, pharmacies, grocery stores and etc. to ten people then everyone else has to follow the CDC guidelines.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson said that his point is that they have to realize that federal law trumps state law and that state law trumps city law. He said whatever the Governor decides the city has to go along with it.

Councilperson Lisa Cookston asked Attorney Brock if the Council could make it shorter being that they are getting new information constantly. She said what if they see things getting better can they vote to make it shorter because the resolution says 15 days or longer.

Attorney Don Brock stated that the Council could make it shorter or longer. He said that he used as his guideline looking at measures taken by Vicksburg, Tupelo, Starkville, Greenville and Oxford. He said that was the overriding link because his understanding is that the incubation period is 14 days so most municipalities have put in a 15 days period on whatever measure they have taken.

Mayor McAdams said that is because the CDC guidelines for COVID-19 is 15 days. She said everyone should abide by that.

Attorney Don Brock stated that if things increase drastically this body can get back together and lift it or somehow shorten it or make it longer.

Councilperson Charles E. McCoy asked President Stevenson if anyone had spoken to the guys in the County yet about following this same ordinance that they are following.

Mayor McAdams said that she had talked to Supervisor Robert Collins. She said that they are meeting today at 4:00 o'clock and supposedly he said they will probably follow the same thing the city is doing now.

Council President Stevenson asked the Mayor if once they vote on this resolution could Robert Collins and Johnny Gary get a copy of the resolution.

Mayor McAdams said that she would make sure that they get a copy and that she would make sure that it happens in a few minutes. She said the central thing here to remember is that the sooner we follow some guidelines and some restrictions the better off we are going to be. She said if we all stay in the same status quo we will never get pass this virus.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson entertained a motion on the resolution. Motion was made by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., seconded by Councilperson Carl Palmer, to adopt the following resolution. A roll call vote was taken, President Ward 3 Ronnie Stevenson yes, Ward 1 Johnny Jennings yes, Ward 2 Lisa Cookston yes, Ward 4 Charles E. McCoy, Sr. yes, Ward 5 Andrew Powell yes, Ward 6 Senator David Jordan yes and Ward 7 Councilman Carl Palmer yes. Council President Ronnie Stevenson announced that the motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF
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AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND
FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC
HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE
AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES**

- 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

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CERTIFIED BY:

**KIM Y. WILLIAMS,
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