

**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 21, 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, and Carl Palmer, Cynthia Staniel, CAO; Kim Williams, City Clerk, and Cinderella Morris, Council Clerk. Councilperson David Jordan being absent.

Also present were: Angela Curry, Director of Greenwood Leflore Industrial Board and the Greenwood Leflore-Carroll Economic Development Foundation, John Wiggers, Michelle Stadelman, Jean Cadney, Allan Hammons, Beth Stevens, Director Chamber of Commerce, Willie Meeks, Jr., Crystal Williams, Gerard Edic, Commonwealth Newspaper and Christopher Williams, Taxpayers Channel.

Also present were: Police Chief Jody Bradley, Sergeant Melvin Cook, Assistant Fire Chief John Lewis, 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 Charles E. McCoy, Sr., to adopt the 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 4168 through 4297 inclusive, be paid by Check Numbers 11430 through 11446 inclusive and Check Numbers 11448 through 11556 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 advised Council that our sales tax allocation for the month was \$376,900.00, a decrease of \$3,836.00 or 1% from January 2019. She said for the year we have collected \$1,541,432.00, an increase of \$11,668.00 or 1% from this time last year.

Mayor McAdams announced that the city had its first Swearing in Ceremony for the new police chief and five new police officers, three women and two men. She said that they will be going to the academy in May.

Mayor McAdams said that Angela Curry would like to discuss an economic development prospect in executive session due to the sensitivity of the information.

Mayor McAdams said that Michelle Stadelman, Delta Design Build Workshop, wrote the blight elimination grant for the city. She said that the city received a formal letter granting the city \$300,000.00. She asked Michelle Stadelman to speak at this time on the blight grant.

Michelle Stadelman gave details about the grant. She said that they started out with thirteen properties that were revised to twelve properties. She said the grant will pay \$25,000.00 for each property, reimburse the city for the demolition of the properties, as well as costs associated with the acquisition of the property and clearing of the title. She stated that the grant will address the properties maintenance, taxes and cutting of the grass. She said the program is voluntary. She said that the first step is to get appraisals. She stated that the program closes for new applications on April 15. Mayor McAdams advised Stadelman that a resolution to sign the contract will be on the next meeting agenda.

Mayor McAdams stated that they were in the process of working out raises. She said that the raises are not across the board. She said that she and Kim has being talking today regarding the raises.

IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA

Crystal Williams, Project Coordinator for Juneteenth Celebration, addressed the Council regarding a Juneteenth Celebration in Whittington Park June 20, 2020. She asked for the city's support.

Council President Ronnie Stevenson advised Williams that the city support in in-kind and that the city will support the event.

Jean Cadney addressed the Council regarding putting up banners celebrating 125 years of having electricity in the city. She said that before she purchased the banners, she wanted to get the city's approval. She said the banners will be up for a week.

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 January 7, 2020 City Council meeting. 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.

**ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
 RECEIVING THE PRIVILEGE
 LICENSES REPORT OF THE
 CITY CLERK FOR THE MONTH
 OF DECEMBER, 2019**

- Adopted Unanimously

**ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
 RECEIVING THE FINANCIAL
 REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK
 FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER,
 2019**

- 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 budget for the Community Development Department for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, be amended and changed as follows, to-wit:

<u>Acct.#:</u>	<u>Descr.</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Revised</u>
001-184-475	Work/Comp.	\$ 5,400.00	\$2,108.00	\$.00	\$ 7,508.00
001-184-730	Mach./Equip.	\$ 6,500.00	\$.00	\$2,108.00	\$ 4,392.00
Total		\$11,900.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$11,900.00

The above constitutes a transfer of funds only and does not increase or decrease the overall total budget.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Victor L. Stokes
 Director of Community Development
 VLS: prh

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	Absent	
Carl Palmer	X	

The President of the Council then declared the motion passed and adopted this the 21st day of January, 2020.

RONNIE STEVENSON
 PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

CAROLYN MCADAMS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
 CINDERELLA M. MORRIS,
 DEPUTY CLERK

It is requested that the budgets for the Street Division, Parks Maintenance Division, Engineering Division and Cemetery Project (all are divisions of the Public Works Department) for fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, be amended and changed as follows, to wit:

Account Number	Account Description	Current Budget	Decrease Amount	Increase Amount	Revised Budget
001-201-522	Other supplies	2,000.00	750.00		1,250.00
001-341-500	Office supplies	400.00	300.00		100.00
001-200-730	Mach & equip	500.00		1,050.00	1,550.00
004-250-500	Supplies	4,500.00	1,500.00		3,000.00
004-250-600	Prof services	1,500.00		1,500.00	3,000.00

This budget adjustment constitutes 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

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	Absent	
Carl Palmer	X	

The President of the Council then declared the motion passed and adopted this the 21st day of January, 2020.

RONNIE STEVENSON
 PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

CAROLYN MCADAMS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
 CINDERELLA M. MORRIS,
 DEPUTY CLERK

It is requested that the budget for 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
001-000-381	Operating Transfers	720,000.00	5,000.00		725,000.00
001-550-649	Christmas Decor	7,500.00	5,000.00		12,500.00

This budget adjustment is a transfer of funds only, and does not increase nor decrease the overall total budget for 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	Absent	
Carl Palmer	X	

The President of the Council then declared the motion passed and adopted this the 21st day of January, 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, JANUARY 21, 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 - Absent Carl Palmer	
<p>IN RE: APPOINTMENT AGENDA A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOANNE BRANHAM TO THE GREENWOOD TREE BOARD FOR WARD 7</p>		<p>- Adopted Unanimously</p>
<p>IN RE: ROUTINE ITEMS AGENDA RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A LEGAL FEDERAL HOLIDAY FOR NATIVE AMERICAN INDIANS</p>		<p>- Adopted Unanimously</p>
<p>RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POSITION OF CORPORAL IN THE CITY OF GREENWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT</p>		<p>- Adopted Unanimously</p>
<p>John Ray, African American Arts & Heritage Foundation, addressed the Council asking the city to provide financial assistance for two events he plans to hold in Florewood Park, one in the spring and another in the fall. He said that he needs the Council's help with the events. He handed out a copy of his presentation to the Mayor, Council, Attorney and Clerk of the Council. Mayor and Council discussed this further.</p>		
<p>IN RE: STUDY AGENDA - NONE</p>		
<p>Motion was made by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., seconded by Councilperson Johnny Jennings, to go into a closed session to determine whether or not to go into executive session. 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.</p>		
<p>Angela Curry, Director of Greenwood Leflore Industrial Board and the Greenwood Leflore-Carroll Economic Development Foundation, asked that John Wiggers, Allan Hammons and Jean Cadney be allowed to stay in the Executive Session.</p>		
<p>IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION</p>		
<p>Motion was made by Councilperson Johnny Jennings, seconded by Councilperson Carl Palmer, to vote to go into executive session. 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.</p>		
<p>Motion was made by Councilperson Johnny Jennings, seconded by Councilperson Carl Palmer, to go into executive session to discuss the location, relocation or expansion of an industry or business in the area. 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.</p>		
<p>Mayor, Council, City Attorney, Angela Curry, Allan Hammons and John Wiggers discussed the location, relocation or expansion of an industry or business in the area.</p>		
<p>No action was taken.</p>		

Motion was made by Councilperson Johnny Jennings, seconded by Councilperson Carl Palmer, to end the executive session. 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.

**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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