

**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, November 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 Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Andrew Powell, David Jordan, and Carl Palmer, City Clerk Kim Williams and Council Clerk Tamira Brown. Councilpersons Johnny Jennings and Charles E. McCoy, Sr., being absent.

Also present were: Roger Davis, Carolyn Davis, Naomi Jones, Donny Whitehead, Chris Williams, Taxpayers Channel and Gerard Edic, Commonwealth Newspaper.

Also present were: Community Development Director and Code Enforcer Officer Elizabeth Stigler, Special Prosecutor for Code Violations Don Brock, Public Works Director Susan Bailey, Fire Chief Marcus Banks, Fire Chief of Training Martrellis McDowell, Police Chief Jody Bradley. Police Captain Terrence Craft, Police Sergeant Melvin Cook, Officer Abigail Redmond, Officer Hollis Myrick, and Officer Tyquana Rucker.

IN RE: AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilperson Carl Palmer, seconded by Councilperson David Jordan, to adopt the agenda. A vote was taken, Councilpersons Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Andrew Powell, David Jordan, and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. Councilpersons Johnny Jennings and Charles E. McCoy Sr. 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 140 through 271 inclusive be paid by Check Numbers 13972 through 14101 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 welcomed everyone and started her report by congratulating Councilperson President Ronnie Stevenson on his new grandchild. She then invited Fire Chief Marcus Banks to the podium to give us a brief update on what is going on in the Fire Department.

Mr. Banks said that since Victor Stokes had retired, the Fire Marshal position had been open and they had been looking to fill it. Mr. Banks said that Mr. Cooley was selected and that he has over twenty two years of service with the Greenwood Fire Department, a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration, and an Associate Fire Fighter Degree.

Mr. Cooley thanked the Council for allowing him to be promoted to the Fire Marshal position.

Mr. Banks ended by announcing that Mr. Cooley was also selected as Fire Fighter of the Year and thanked the council for allowing the transition to happen.

Police Chief Jody Bradley and Police Captain Terrance Craft were invited to the podium to announce the new Police Officers.

Captain Craft introduced three new officers out of the seven that were hired. He introduced Abigail Redmond, the new Detective Sergeant, Hollis Myrick, the new Patrol Officer and Tyquana Rucker. Mr. Craft stated that they have hired at least twenty six new officers over the year and although they have lost a few, they are on the right path of getting a full staff.

Councilperson David Jordan asked how many more do we need before we are up to par.

Captain Craft answered by stated that they are down another ten or twelve officers.

Councilperson David Jordan asked when are those ten or twelve coming in.

Captain Craft said that they are working them as they come in.

Councilperson President Ronnie Stevens thanked the officers.

Mayor McAdams announced MDOT conducted a walk through on Fulton Street and that there are minor “tweaks” that need to be made, however, the project is almost done.

Mayor McAdams informed everyone that we finally have four trash trucks running for the first time since March.

Mayor McAdams said that we have been trying for two to three years, to get the loan that was used to build the Waste Water Treatment Plant, for \$40,000,000.00 lowered. We had to borrow the money on a twenty year term because that was all that was offered at the time. However, in the middle of the twenty year term, we were allowed the ability to switch to a thirty year term. Although we still have to pay the same amount of money back, this gives us 1.3 million dollars annual to put back in our budget. This is also a great reduction in what we have to pay back at one time.

Councilperson Charles E. McCoy enters the meeting.

Mayor McAdams announced she received an official letter from the Secretary of State stating that Governor Reeves has appointed her to serve on the State Work Force Investment Board. She said that this is extremely important to Greenwood because the Delta needs a more aggressive approach toward the work force development. This will possibly revamp or help the work forces we already have in place.

Mayor McAdams ended her report by saying she was honored that Governor Reeves thought of her.

IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA

Naomi Jones addressed the Council to give them an update on the Library’s repairs at different location. She said that the roof at the main library on Washington Street had been completely replaced. She also thanked the Council for their help in getting the Wilson Library’s parking lot repaved and said that they are now looking to replace the roof. Ms. Jones handed out bids to give the Council an idea on what it would cost to replace the Wilson Branch library roof.

Councilperson David Jordan asked when the roof at the Branch Library would be fixed.

Ms. Jones answered by saying that as soon as the Council approves the company and the bid then she would call to schedule a start date.

Councilperson President Ronnie Stevenson asked if there were any local companies to submit a bid.

Ms. Jones answered by stating that Dixie was in Winona and Mark Banks was in Water Valley and these were the only two bids she received.

Councilperson President Ronnie Stevenson asked Ms. Jones if she had already submitted the bids to the County.

Ms. Jones said she had given the bids to the County and they said that they would pay half if the City would pay half.

Attorney Don Brock suggested that the Council go ahead and vote on paying half of the repairs so that the replacement of the roof could start as soon as possible.

Councilperson President Ronnie Stevenson asked what amount would the Council pay.

Attorney Don Brock said that the Council would pay half of \$13,234.00.

Councilperson President Ronnie Stevenson asked if that was \$6,617.00.

Ms. Jones answered yes.

Councilperson President Ronnie Stevenson asked Mayor McAdams where the money would come from because we have not budgeted for this.

Mayor McAdams stated that we had money in the Professional Services Fund but when the money runs over there is also money in the Contingency Fund. She also questioned the big difference in the two quotes.

Naomi stated that the reason for the differences in the quotes was because Dixie Roofing Company wanted to completely remove the old roof and Marks Banks Roofing Company did not.

Motion was made by Councilperson David Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., to pay \$6,617.00 towards the repairs to the roof at the Jodie Wilson Library. 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.

<p>IN RE: DILAPIDATED HOUSING RESOLUTION ADJUDGING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY Mary Jenkins Debra Brock 315 Henderson Street</p>	<p>- Tabled Unanimously</p>
<p>RESOLUTION ADJUDGING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY Belle Assets, LLC Twila F. Flowers 601 West Market Street</p>	<p>- Adopted Unanimously</p>
<p>RESOLUTION ADJUDGING PROPERTY NOT TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND DISMISSING ACTION Unknown heirs of Betty Rose and any other person having interest 710 West Washington Street</p>	<p>- Adopted Unanimously</p>
<p>RESOLUTION ADJUDGING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY Ruth Jones 716 Rear Howard Street</p>	<p>- Adopted Unanimously</p>
<p>RESOLUTION ADJUDGING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY Jennifer Jones d/b/a Delta Feed Co. 515 Main Street</p>	<p>- Adopted Unanimously</p>
<p>RESOLUTION ADJUDGING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY Willie Brandon 616 Main Street</p>	<p>- Adopted Unanimously</p>
<p>RESOLUTION ADJUDGING PROPERTY NOT TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND DISMISSING ACTION Man Qui et al 629 Main Street</p>	<p>- Adopted Unanimously</p>
<p>RESOLUTION ADJUDGING PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY Jackie Smith 101 Young Street</p>	<p>- Adopted Unanimously</p>

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

Marshal Wilson
c/o Lucinda Marshal
400 Stephens Avenue

- Adopted Unanimously

**RESOLUTION ADJUDGING
PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE
TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
SAFETY**

Maggie Thomas
410 Ash Street

- Tabled Unanimously

**RESOLUTION ADJUDGING
PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE
TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
SAFETY**

Lizzie Jordan
501 Avenue F

- Adopted Unanimously

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

Estate of Josephine Gray, Deceased,
and to any other heir
110 West Martin Luther King

- Adopted Unanimously

**RESOLUTION ADJUDGING
PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE
TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
SAFETY**

Lou Alma Davis
1003 East Martin L. King

- Adopted Unanimously

**RESOLUTION ADJUDGING
PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE
TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
SAFETY**

Alma Henderson, et al
512 Avenue K

- Adopted Unanimously

**RESOLUTION ADJUDGING
PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE
TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
SAFETY**

Willie Reed
1008 Broad Street

- Adopted Unanimously

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

Robert Logan, III, et al
1010 Broad Street

- Adopted Unanimously

**RESOLUTION ADJUDGING
 PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE
 TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
 SAFETY**

Viking Investments, Inc.
 408-410 Bowie Lane

- Adopted Unanimously

**RESOLUTION ADJUDGING
 PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE
 TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
 SAFETY**

Maplot Investments Corporation
 404 2nd Avenue North

- Adopted Unanimously

**RESOLUTION ADJUDGING
 PROPERTY TO BE A MENACE
 TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
 SAFETY**

Charles E. Mitchell
 1008 Corinne Drive

- Adopted Unanimously

IN RE: POLICY ISSUES AGENDA – NONE

IN RE: ROUTINE AGENDA

IN RE: CONSENT AGENDA

IN RE: MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilperson Carl Palmer, seconded by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., to adopt November 05, 2020 Council Meeting. A vote was taken, Councilperson 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 OCTOBER, 2020**

- Adopted Unanimously

**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 budget for the Fire Department for fiscal year 2020-2021 be amended and changed as follows to-wit.

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Budget</u>
001-160-420	Sergeants	363,970		\$30,000	\$333,970
001-160-418	Deputy Fire Marshal	0	\$30,000		30,000.
		\$363,970	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$363,970

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcus D. Banks, Fire Chief
Greenwood Fire Department

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 Carl Palmer, 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 17th day of November, 2020.

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, NOVEMBER 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 Ronnie Stevenson, 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	

**I IN RE: APPOINTMENT AGENDA
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
CITY OF GREENWOOD MUNICIPAL
INTERVENTION COURT TO APPOINT
BROWN & ASSOCIATES AS
ADMINISTRATOR OVER THE ADULT
DRUG COURT AND VETERANS
TREATMENT COURT DISCRETIONARY
GRANT**

- Adopted Unanimously

**IN RE: ROUTINE ITEMS AGENDA
RESOLUTION REMOVING THE
GREENWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT
AND GREENWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT
UNDER THE CITY'S COMPENSATION PLAN**

- Adopted Unanimously

IN RE: STUDY AGENDA – NONE

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THIS MEETING WAS
ADJOURNED**

RONNIE STEVENSON, PRESIDENT

JOHNNY JENNINGS, VICE PRESIDENT

LISA COOKSTON

CHARLES E. MCCOY, SR.

ANDREW POWELL

DAVID JORDAN

CARL PALMER

CERTIFIED BY:

**KIM Y. WILLIAMS,
CITY CLERK**

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