

**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, August 18, 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, Andrew Powell, David Jordan, and Carl Palmer, City Clerk Kim Williams, and Council Clerk Tamira Brown. Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., being absent.

Also present were: Chris Williams of The Tax Payers Channel, Gerad Edic of The Greenwood Commonwealth, Phyllis Adams, Dr. Ian Lamont, Angela Curry, Havis Glover, Karl Grubbs, Zack Patterson and Danielle Morgan.

Also present were: Public Works Director Susan Bailey, Fire Chief Marcus Banks, Police Lieutenant Roland Galvan, and Police Bobby Edwards.

**IN RE: AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilperson Carl Palmer, seconded by Councilperson Johnny Jennings, to adopt the agenda. A vote was taken, Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Andrew Powell, David Jordan, and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., being absent. The President declared the motion passed and adopted.

Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr. enters the meeting

**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 5943 through 6065 inclusive be paid by Check Numbers 13184 through 13302 inclusive

**IN RE: MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor McAdams announced that Phyllis Adams, the Mayor from Cary, Mississippi, was visiting with us today. She also asked Lieutenant Galvan to introduce, Bobby Edwards, our new officer.

Mayor McAdams asked Angela Curry, from Economic Development, to come to the podium. Curry informed the council that they have a tax exemption coming from Milwaukee Tools and the reason for the exemption request is because the company is growing. Angela Curry asked Havis Glover, from Milwaukee Tools, to come to the podium and explain what the company expansion means.

Havis Glover reminded the Council that the last meeting he had with them they were asking for an expansion on the building and that has led to more job openings. Havis stated that the company is working 24/7, with three shifts and 170 people who are full time workers and 870 people part time and temp workers.

Councilperson President Ronnie Stevenson questioned why unemployment rates are so high if jobs openings are out there. He also wanted to know the requirements for the offered positions and if failure of drug testing was an issue

Havis answered saying that failing drug testing was one issue but absenteeism is another.

Councilperson David Jordan inquired about the wages and wanted to know if the starting wage was above minimum.

Havis stated that each department is different and he was not sure what the starting rate was.

Angela said that although she was not sure of an amount she knew it was above minimum wage.

Councilperson David Jordan commended them for having three shifts and over a 1,000 employees.

Councilperson Johnny Jennings asked about the range of employees and wanted to know how big was the employee "Foot Print".

Angela answered saying that the employees make up is from five different counties and that they currently have over 4,000 in commuters a day.

Councilperson Charles E. McCoy Sr. also commended Milwaukee Tools for their cleanliness at the factory.

Mayor McAdams asked Carl Grubbs to come to the podium and brief everyone on where we are with repaving the streets.

Carl Grubbs stated that when he met with the contractor he said that we will start working on the pavement of the streets soon.

Carl informed the Council that the bid stated that the contractor would keep the milling and explained that when the contractor keeps the milling the price for the street pavement is lower, however, if the City keeps the milling the price will increase and this will add a one dollar value per square yard for pavement within each ward. Carl said there are about 450 truckloads of milling and Mayor McAdams, Susan Bailey and Eddie Curry decided to keep half of the milling. This will add about \$9,000 extra to repave each ward.

Councilperson President Ronnie Stevenson asks Susan Bailey, Public Works Director, if keeping half the milling was a good idea.

Susan answered yes and explained that milling is what we use to fill pot holes and fix streets.

Motion was made by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., seconded by Councilperson Johnny Jennings, to do a Change Order. 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.

Mayor McAdams announced our sales tax allocation this month was \$419,059. This is an increase of \$56,494 or 15.6% from August 2019. For the year, we have collected \$4,340,861, which is an increase of \$85,242, or 2% over this month last year.

Mayor McAdams stated that Kim Williams, City Clerk, has been working on the budget getting all the information in and ready for review. She also informed everyone that she received an email from MDOT stating that they have received funding for grants. The City of Greenwood will apply for The Transportation Alternative Grant.

Councilperson David Jordan expressed his concern, on behalf of citizens in his ward, about trash pickup. He asked Susan Bailey where we were with trash pickup routes and what is the status on hiring a new driver.

Susan Bailey stated that she was still looking for a trash truck driver and potential candidates did not follow through with the hiring process.

Councilperson Charles E. McCoy Sr. thanked the Police and Fire Department for their help during the food drive. He stated that it went very well and that another drive is being planned.

**IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA  
CHELSEA ATKINSON –  
AFLAC REPRESENTATIVE**

In Chelsea Atkinson absence, Zack Patterson addressed the council informing them about benefits AFLAC has to offer to companies and employees. He stated that this insurance is supplemental and pays additionally to what you are already using. Zack informed the Council that their accidental and cancer policy are their most popular policies and that it is roughly \$6.20 a week per individual and \$740 per group.

Councilperson President Ronnie Stevenson asked Zack if he was referring to family or employees when used the term group.

Zack Patterson explained that he was referring to a group of employees of about 22 who are eligible.

Zack Patterson ended by thanking the council and saying if there are no more questions he would like to leave his card.

**IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA  
DANIELLE MORGAN–  
HIGHLIGHT CONVENTION  
& VISITORS BUREAU 2020-  
2021 BUDGET**

Danielle Morgan addressed the Council to brief them on the year end review and 2020-2021 budget for the Greenwood Convention and Visitors Bureau. She stated that in spite of the pandemic, they finished this year ahead of last year in sales tax. In the beginning of the year they started out strong enough to carry them into the next year.

Danielle shared that she believed the pandemic caused local supporters and nearby communities to shop locally.

Councilperson Johnny Jennings questioned how are we going to integrate tourism with main stream as far as booking small conventions.

Danielle answered by saying that they have posted several tour related events in the past and it turned out well. She also stated that they are working on 360 virtual tours for meeting planners. This would allow the planners to see a full view of the space without coming in and so far it has been working out for everyone.

**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 Johnny Jennings, to adopt the minutes of the August 4, 2020 City Council Meeting. A vote was taken, Councilperson 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  
JULY, 2020**

**- Adopted Unanimously**

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

**- Adopted Unanimously**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
THE CITY OF GREENWOOD TO  
ENTER INTO SOFTWARE SUPPORT  
AGREEMENT WITH DATA SYSTEMS  
MANAGEMENT, INC**

**- Adopted Unanimously**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
CITY OF GREENWOOD TO ENTER  
INTO A TWELVE-DAY CONTRACT FOR  
DISCOUNTED SERVICES WITH DATA  
SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT, INC.**

**- Adopted Unanimously**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING FY  
2020-2021 BUDGET FOR THE  
GREENWOOD CONVENTION  
& VISITOR'S BUREAU**

**- Adopted Unanimously**

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT –  
VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

**- Adopted Unanimously**

**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, August 18, 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 David Jordan, 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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE  
PAYMENT OF \$12,950.40 FROM  
EACH CITY WARD FOR THE  
REPAVING OF THE ALLEY  
FROM FULTON STREET TO  
MAIN STREET IN DOWNTOWN  
GREENWOOD**

**- 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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**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF LEFLORE  
CITY OF GREENWOOD**

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL** was held this Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 4:00pm 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, Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, Lisa Cookston, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, David Jordan and Carl Palmer, City Clerk Kim Williams and, Council Clerk Tamira Brown. Council President Ronnie Stevenson being absent.

Also present were: Public Works Director Susan Bailey, Community Development Director Betty Stigler, Fire Chief Marcus Banks and Gerard Edic, Commonwealth Newspaper.

Councilperson Johnny Jennings opened the meeting with a prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN RE: BUDGET WORK SESSION**

The purpose of the special meeting today is to hold a work session for the Council and Mayor to discuss the FY2021 budget.

Mayor McAdams thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated that there are no raises this year but the police department has had changes to their budget. She said that the budget did increase from \$12,103,093 last year and going into the next fiscal year the proposed budget is \$12,551,040 and this is right at an increase of \$400,048.

Mayor McAdams said that we did have to borrow \$472,261 out of the reserve to balance the budget. She reminded everyone that we still have not received our COVID-19 funds from the Federal or State Government. We are anticipating \$377,000 that will go back into our General Fund Account.

Mayor McAdams said that \$338,000 is coming from the State Government and \$39,000 is coming from the Federal Government.

Mayor McAdams said that the Police Department needs new vehicles because their vehicles are being used consistently. She also stated that there are five vehicles at \$40,000 each that we are looking to purchase.

Kim Williams, City Clerk, explained that we may not receive what was projected as revenue this fiscal year because of COVID – 19. She said that the budget for this year is \$13,081,301 and last year budget was 12,103,093 a difference of \$920,208. She also said that millage rates for the general fund is 43.29 which means it did not change from last year, D&R is 3.32 which means it went down slightly and that bond fund went from 5.51 to 10.32 due to the new street bond.

Kim Williams explained that the Waste Water Treatment Plant did not receive their projected revenue and had high expenditures and that resulted in the department being \$2.1M over budget.

Mayor McAdams asked everyone to keep in mind that the City has had a lot of cave-ins right at \$900,000 and that \$630,000 of that will be reimbursed through FEMA.

Kim Williams suggested that the budget be lowered, anticipate additional revenue, and when the money is received we can do budget adjustments.

Councilperson Ronnie Stevenson enters the meeting.

Councilperson Ronnie Stevenson asked if someone brief him on what has happened in the meeting so far and also wanted to know if we would have to use any reserve money.

Mayor McAdams answered yes. We will have to use \$472,000 from reserves but we are due \$377,000 from COVID funds.

**August 19, 2020**

**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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