

**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 4, 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., David Jordan, and Carl Palmer, City Clerk Kim Williams, and Council Clerk Tamira Brown. Councilperson Andrew Powell, being absent.

Also present were: Chris Williams of The Tax Payers Channel, T-Mack Howard, Gerad Edic of The Greenwood Commonwealth, Nicole Williams, Andre Williams, Destanee Summer, Karl Grubb, and Emily Roush – Elliot.

Also present were: Public Works Director Susan Bailey, Fireman Martrellis McDowell, Police Chief Jody Bradley, Police Melvin Cook, and Waste Management Director Eddie Curry.

**IN RE: AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilperson Carl Palmer, seconded by Councilperson David Jordan, to amend the agenda to include a resolution approving a conditional use of the C-3 Highway Commercial District located at 1305 West Monroe, Greenwood, to allow for a gymnasium for use by Delta Streets Academy, and a resolution authorizing the City of Greenwood to award bid, enter into agreement and approve the 2020 street improvements project to Gregory Companies, LLC. A vote was taken, Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., David Jordan, and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. Councilperson Andrew Powell being absent. The President declared the motion passed and adopted.

**IN RE: AGENDA**

Motion was made by Councilperson Davis Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Carl Palmer, to adopt the amended agenda. A vote was taken, Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., David Jordan, and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. Councilperson Andrew Powell 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 5831 through 5942 inclusive be paid by Check Numbers 13071 through 13077 inclusive and Check Numbers 13080 through 13183 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 announced that Elizabeth "Betty" Stigler's father had passed and his memorial service was held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020.

Mayor McAdams informed everyone that Cynthia Staniel has been working on our Cares Relief Funds from the Legislature and Greenwood is scheduled to get \$338,000. Cynthia has attended webinars that FEMA and MEMA hosted to learn everything that is needed to receive this funding.

Councilperson David Jordan announced the Governor vetoed the educational bill and the senators would go back in session to rewrite the bill.

Mayor McAdams announced that Fred Randle supplied boxes of masks to each Councilperson so they could pass them out in their ward. She also thanked Samantha Milton for gifting the council and her a custom mask.

Mayor McAdams announced that Charles E. McCoy, Sr., received an email from the USDA stating that they would give away free food boxes that would be available to the residents of Leflore County. The first give-a-way will be Saturday, August 8, 2020 from 10:00am – 12:00 noon. Each family will receive a box of food and everyone has to wear a

mask. The boxes of food will be passed out at Greenwood City Hall and everyone is welcome to come.

Mayor McAdams announced that the voting precinct on Claiborne, which is the old fire station, has major problems. About four years ago there was a major leak that did not get fixed. Now the entire kitchen ceiling has caved in.

**IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA  
NICOLE WILLIAMS –  
TURNING A BUILDING  
INTO A COMMUNITY  
CENTER**

Nicole Williams addressed the Council wanting their support in developing a community center for locals. She introduced herself and explained she purchased a building at 205 West Johnson Street as her son passed out some information on programs she initiated over the last past three years. Nicole stated that she wanted to show the City that things can turn around for the better. She asked that each individual of the City Council donate to her cause.

Councilperson David Jordan asked about another local center on Avenue I. He wanted to know if it was still operating.

Nicole stated that the answer was yes and no. She also said that her program has been up for four years.

Mayor McAdams asked Nicole if she had a 501(C)(3) for the City's funding.

Councilperson Ronnie Stevenson stated that individuals could do a tax write off if this project was a 501(C)(3).

Councilperson David Jordan asked what is it that she proposes and what will this program do.

Nicole stated that her program will provide the needs of the community and she will implement an educational program. She also stated she wants to partnership with the WIN Job Center to help individuals find jobs. This program will ultimately help people who did not finish high school, to receive their high school diploma and give them a second chance.

Councilperson David Jordan stated that he understand that people in this program will need material things but his more direct question is what will this program teach them. He stated that people who have dropped out of school can obtain their GED and go to a Community College for free and learn a trade.

Nicole concluded her presentation by stating that the program will teach individual basic math, science, and social study skills. She also stated she has a staff of 15 certified teachers and they would be available after school. This program comes with a fee, however, they offer free rides to students. Several students who have gone through her program have gotten LPN certification, just as well as heating and air certification.

**IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA  
JACK BILOTTA AND  
HAVIS GLOVER –  
MILWAUKEE TOOLS  
EXPANSION – ABSENT**

**IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA  
GEORGE STANBERRY –  
REZONING FOR A LIQUOR  
STORE FROM I-1, C-3 – ABSENT**

**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 the minutes of the July 21, 2020 City Council Meeting. A vote was taken, Councilperson Johnny Jennings, Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., David Jordan, and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. The President declared the motion passed and adopted.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
THE SALE OF ONE USED  
POLICE VEHICLE TO THE  
TOWN OF MOORHEAD**

**- Adopted Unanimously**

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS –  
VARIOUS DEPARTMENT**

**- 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 4, 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 – Absent

David Jordan

Carl Palmer

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
THE CITY OF GREENWOOD  
TO PLACE SPEED BUMPS IN  
CERTAIN DESIGNATED  
AREAS IN WARD 5**

**- Adopted**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
MILWAUKEE ELECTRIC TOOL  
CORPORATION TO CONSTRUCT  
TWO EXPANSIONS AT THE  
FACILITY LOCATED AT 1003  
SYCAMORE STREET**

**- Adopted Unanimously**

**IN RE: STUDY AGENDA – July 23, 2020 Planning Commission Minutes**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A  
CONDITIONAL USE OF THE  
C-3 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL  
DISTRICT LOCATED AT 1305  
WEST MONROE, GREENWOOD,  
TO ALLOW FOR A GYMNASIUM  
FOR USE BY DELTA STREETS ACADEMY**

**- Adopted Unanimously**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
THE CITY OF GREENWOOD TO  
AWARD BID, ENTER INTO  
AGREEMENT AND APPROVE  
THE 2020 STREET  
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT  
TO GREGORY COMPANIES, LLC**

**- Adopted Unanimously**

**IN RE: STUDY AGENDA – NO ACTION TAKEN**

**IN RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Motion was made by Councilperson David Jordan, seconded by Councilperson Carl Palmer, to vote to go into executive session to discuss the pursuant to section 25-41-7 of the Mississippi Code to hear from Police Chief Bradley regarding the recent violence in Greenwood as allowed by the following sections of said statute: (c) Transaction of business and discussion regarding the report, development or course of action regarding security personnel, plans or devices. And (d) Investigative proceedings by any public body regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law.

No action was taken.

Motion was made by Councilperson David Jordan, 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., David Jordan and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. Councilperson Andrew Powell 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:**

**TAMIRA BROWN  
CITY COUNCIL CLERK**

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