

**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 6, 2026 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 Kenderick Cox, Attorney Don Brock, Jr., Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, Carl Palmer, and Clerk of the Council, Vicki Lott.

Also, present were: Terry Coleman, Marcus Banks, Vera Johnson, Tennie Benford, Beth Stevens, Richard Beattie, Allen Mitchell, Regina Burch, Thomas Gregory, Michelle Stadelman, Beth Williams, Sam Williams, Jack Stuckey, Hannah Grace Hodges, Channing Hodges, Annie P. Washington, Willie Meeks, Jr., Iris Saffold, Kiara Williams, Margarete Meeks, and Brent Maze, Commonwealth Newspaper.

Also present were: Fire Chief Martrellis McDowell, Police Lieutenant Melvin Cook, Director of Recycling Darwin Greene, Police Captain Edgar Gibson, Interim Police Chief Serafin Simon, Jr., Assistant Police Chief Talisha Leach, Police Captain Rolando Galvan, Fire Battalion Chief Jamoni Jennings, Director of Community Development Marvin Russell, Chief Administrative Officer Elizabeth Liddell, and City Clerk Carla Williams.

IN RE: AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilperson Carl Palmer, seconded by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr. to amend the agenda to include a resolution confirming the nomination and appointment of Serafin Simon, Jr., as Chief of Police for the City of Greenwood, Leflore County, Mississippi, and a resolution declaring a vacancy in the office of council member for ward 6 and calling a special election to fill the unexpired term. A vote was taken, Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., Andrew Powell, and Carl Palmer voted YEA. The President declared the motion passed and adopted.

IN RE: AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr., and seconded by Councilperson Johnny Jennings, 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. 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 69 and evidenced by Claims Numbers 3966 through 3971 inclusive, and Claims Numbers 1 through 84 inclusive, be paid by Check Numbers 2521 through 2628 inclusive, accounts being made a part of the minutes as though fully copied herein.

Councilperson Ronnie Stevenson extended condolences to Ms. Dorothy "Dot" Glenn's family on behalf of the Mayor, City Council and all City Employees.

IN RE: MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cox welcomed everyone to the regularly scheduled City of Greenwood Council meeting.

Mayor Cox gave his condolences for Ms. Dot Glenn. Mayor Cox stated the Ms. Glenn created a legacy that will live for a long time. Mayor Cox gave the funeral arrangements stating that the funeral for Ms. Glenn will be held at Friendship Baptist Church on Saturday, January 17, 2026 at 2:00p.m.

Mayor Kenderick Cox gave 3 names for consideration for the Election Commission due to a Special Election having to be held due to the untimely death of Ms. Glenn. Robert Tanner is from Ward 3, Narie Givens is from Ward 7, and Christopher Carpenter is from Ward 1. Mayor Cox stated that these 3 individuals had been recommended by Mr. Preston Ratliff.

Mayor Cox gave a handout that shows projections of Wastewater Revenue for areas and some businesses that had an increase in rates beginning in January. The increases will bring needed revenue to the city. A copy of the handout is in the City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Cox presented the Council with a handout regarding Vacant & Abandoned Structure Registration. The handout gave information from the ordinances of Hattiesburg and Vicksburg. A copy of the complete handout is located in the City Clerk's Office.

Interim Police Chief Serafin Simon, Jr., Assistant Police Chief Talisha Leach, and Police Captain Rolando Galvan came before the Council to give updates on the recent gun violence and shootings that have occurred in Greenwood. Interim Police Chief Serafin Simon, Jr. reported that Police Sergeant May is doing well and recovering at home. Interim Police Chief Simon expressed his appreciation and gratitude for all the surrounding counties and the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation for the support they provided on the night Sergeant May was shot. The investigation is ongoing. In another shooting incident, there is a suspect in that shooting death, and that is still under investigation as well. Interim Police Chief Simon stated that agencies are working together to do a saturated detail as soon as possible, but he wants everything finalized and in place before giving any updates and answers to the public so that it will be correct. Interim Police Chief Simon stated that between the years of 2017 and 2025, there were 500 guns taken off of the streets, but within the last two months, over 15 guns have been taken. Interim Police Chief Simon stated that in the last two months, there have been 6 new officers hired, and he would love to have 7 to 8 people per shift. At this time, the police department is lacking maybe 6 people to be fully staffed on the streets. Interim Police Chief Simon stated that the moral is high in the police department, Police Captain Edgar Gibson is doing a wonderful job with recruiting, and the whole department has been accepting of the new administration.

Councilperson Johnny Jennings asked Mayor Cox about the 3 possible commissioners that the Mayor named for the Election Commission. Councilperson Jennings said that normally the Council would get to meet the people before appointment to the Election Commission. Mayor Cox stated that he was not asking for a resolution for these prospective commissioners, it was just some that had been mentioned to him from Mr. Preston Ratliff. Mayor Cox stated that they had knowledge and experience with elections.

Councilperson Charles E. McCoy, Sr. asked Mayor Cox if the abandoned properties were state owned or owned by individuals and what could be done. Mayor Cox stated that state owned properties could be donated to the city. Director of Community Development, Marvin Russell has spoken with some of the Planners in the Hattiesburg area, and they are making property owners clean their properties or sell them. They are holding owners of the vacant or abandoned properties accountable.

Councilperson Ronnie Stevenson stated that Mrs. Linda McCoy, Mr. Charles McCoy's wife's mother, Ms. Lizzie Hemphill, passed away and the funeral will be held Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 11:00am at New Zion.

Councilperson Ronnie Stevenson recognized Ms. Dreaka Glenn, who was Ms. Dot's Glenn niece. Ms. Dreaka took care of Ms. Dot until her untimely death. Ms. Dreaka Glenn thanked the Council and gave the arrangements for Ms. Dot Glenn's funeral.

IN RE: PUBLIC AGENDA

IN RE: POLICY ISSUES AGENDA

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 December 9, 2025 City Council Special Meeting, and the December 16, 2025 City Council meeting. A vote was taken, Councilpersons Johnny Jennings, Lisa Cookston, Ronnie Stevenson, Charles E. McCoy, Sr., and Carl Palmer all voted YEA. Councilperson Andrew Powell voted NAY.

**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 69, CITY OF GREENWOOD, JANUARY 6, 2026 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:

COUNCILPERSON	YEA	NAY
Johnny Jennings	X	
Lisa Cookston	X	
Ronnie Stevenson	X	
Charles E. McCoy, Sr.	X	
Andrew Powell		X
Carl Palmer	X	

**IN RE: ROUTINE ITEMS AGENDA
 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
 CITY OF GREENWOOD TO PLACE
 SPEED BUMPS IN CERTAIN DESIGNATED
 AREAS**

-Adopted Unanimously

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE
 NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF
 SERAFIN SIMON, JR. AS CHIEF OF
 POLICE FOR THE CITY OF GREENWOOD,
 LEFLORE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

-Adopted Unanimously

**RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANCY
 IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER
 FOR WARD 6 AND CALLING A SPECIAL
 ELECTION TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM**

-Adopted Unanimously

IN RE: STUDY AGENDA

Youth Center Fees – Recycling Director Darwin Greene and Chief Administrative Officer Elizabeth Liddell are going to be working together on getting increased rental fees together to present to the Council.

Councilperson Ronnie Stevenson stated that the fees for the Carl Center needed to be looked into as well. Councilperson Stevenson has had constituents complain about the excessive fee, then paying separate for the rental of tables and chairs.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THIS MEETING WAS

ADJOURNED

RONNIE STEVENSON, PRESIDENT

JOHNNY JENNINGS, VICE PRESIDENT

LISA COOKSTON

CHARLES E. MCCOY, SR.

ANDREW POWELL

CARL PALMER

CERTIFIED BY:

**CARLA WILLIAMS
CITY CLERK**