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Greenwood*

AN ACT To provide for the creation of a Municipal Corporation to be Known as the Town of Greenwood in Jackson County, Florida; to Fix and Determine the territorial Limits, Jurisdiction and Powers of said Town, and the Jurisdiction and Powers of its Officers.

Section 1. A municipal corporation to be known as the Town of Greenwood is hereby created and established in Jackson County, Florida, and the territorial limits of said municipality shall be as follows:

Southeast quarter of Section thirty-one, and Southwest Quarter of Section thirty-two, in Township Six North, Range Nine West; also Northeast Quarter of Section Five, and Northeast Quarter of Section Six, in Township Five North, Range Nine West.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

Sec. 2. The said corporation shall have perpetual succession, and by the name of the Town of Greenwood may sue, be sued, and defend, plead and be impleaded in all courts and places, and in all matters and proceedings; may have and use a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure; may contract and be contracted with; may acquire by gift, grant, devise, bequest, purchase, lease, condemnation or in any other manner, real estate, or personal property, for municipal purposes, for public parks or cemeteries, or for the furnishing of water and electric energy for the Town of Greenwood and its inhabitants; may own, hold, use, operate and enjoy such property; and may sell, lease, and dispose of such property, or any part thereof, whether real or personal, when authorized by the Town Council as hereinafter provided, may establish and operate a water works and electric light system for the Town of Greenwood and its inhabitants, and sell such property as may be acquired in connection therewith at its pleasure; and may provide, by purchase, lease, contract, or otherwise for the supplying of water and electric energy by any third person, or corporation, to the Town of Greenwood and its inhabitants, whether from within or without the limits of said town; may adopt such ordinances as may be deemed appropriate

by this charter. All members of the Town Council and the Mayor shall be elected by the qualified voters of the Town of Greenwood. The Clerk and Marshall shall be employed by the Town Council, by and with the consent of the Mayor as herein provided.

The Mayor and all members of the Town Council shall serve without compensation, and the salaries or compensation of the Clerk and Marshall shall be fixed by the Town Council, by and with the consent of the Mayor as herein provided; Provided, however, the salary of the Marshall shall not exceed Ten Dollars per month. The Clerk's compensation shall be fixed either at a stipulated salary, or provided for by fees or commissions on taxes collected, or both.

Sec. 4. The Mayor shall be chief executive officer of the Town of Greenwood, and shall see that all laws or ordinances of the town are enforced; shall preside at the trial of all persons charged with violations of any town ordinance, and shall approve or disapprove, within three days after presentation to him, any and all ordinances adopted by the Town Council.

Sec. 5. The Town Council shall sit at such regular intervals or meeting periods as it may fix, or may hold special meetings at any time upon call of the Chairman of the Town Council. The members, as soon after their qualification as practicable, shall elect one of their members as Chairman, who shall during his term of office, preside at all meetings. Two members shall be required to constitute a quorum. The affirmative vote of at least two members of the Town Council shall be required to pass or adopt any resolution, ordinance or regulation. All ordinances, and resolutions shall as soon as practicable after their adoption be submitted to the Mayor for his approval, and he shall have three days within which to approve or disapprove same. If he fails within such three day period to disapprove such ordinance or resolution it shall become a law without his approval. If the Mayor vetoes or disapproves any ordinance or resolution as herein provided for, the same may be passed by the Town Council over his veto, but to pass same over

disapproval of the Mayor, may be exercised by the unanimous action of the Town Council.

Sec. 8. The Town Council with the approval of the Mayor, or the Town Council by its unanimous action without the Mayor's approval may exercise any right, privilege, power or duty granted or given to the Town of Greenwood, including the power to acquire, by gift, purchase, lease, condemnation or otherwise, a water plant and water works for the Town of Greenwood and its inhabitants, and an electric lighting and electric energy plant or system; may operate such water and electric plants as municipal enterprises; may sell such water and electric plant and all property acquired or owned in connection therewith; may provide by lease, contract, franchise or otherwise for the supply of water and the provision of a water works system for the Town of Greenwood and its inhabitants, and may provide by lease, contract, franchise or otherwise for the supply of electric energy and the lighting of the Town of Greenwood and its inhabitants; may grant a franchise or franchises to any person, firm or corporation, with or without profit to the Town of Greenwood, for the establishment, improvement, maintenance and operation of an electric energy or lighting plant within the Town of Greenwood, and for the supply, sale and distribution of electric energy produced without the Town of Greenwood, to the Town of Greenwood and its inhabitants, the power to impose taxes, fix the millage to be assessed, make levies, and provide for the collection of such taxes, and the sale of property for non-payment of such taxes; the power to borrow money for the Town of Greenwood, and pledge the credit of the Town of Greenwood therefor, and give the note or notes, or other evidence of indebtedness of such town for such sums as may be borrowed, and to pay interest upon such sums as may be borrowed, not exceeding eight per cent per annum; the power to appoint or employ any agent or

taxation not to exceed in any case the actual value of the property; Provided, however, that the total taxes levied in any one year shall not exceed forty mills on the dollar of assessed valuation; and provided, further that taxes for municipal purposes other than for light and water and purposes incidental to light and water, or the payment of light and water properties, or indebtedness incurred for light and water properties, shall not exceed ten mills on the dollar of assessed valuation.

Sec. 11. The Town of Greenwood, by its Town Council, by and with the approval of the Mayor as in this charter provided, shall have the power to condemn property of any kind for municipal purposes in the same manner as is now provided by law for the condemnation of property by cities and towns.

Sec. 12. The Town of Greenwood may, by its Town Council, with the approval of the Mayor in the manner herein provided, for the passage of ordinances, borrow money for any municipal purpose, from any private person, firm or corporation, for a period not to exceed one year at a time, without renewal, at a rate of interest not to exceed eight per cent per annum; and the Town of Greenwood may give its note or notes, or other evidence of indebtedness therefor; Provided that the amount which the Town of Greenwood shall borrow, added to what the town may already owe for borrowed money, shall not exceed the sum of \$50,000.00.

Sec. 13. The Mayor and all members of the Town Council shall be qualified electors of the Town of Greenwood, and shall respectively and severally hold office for the term of two years from the date of their election. The first regular election of the Town of Greenwood shall be held on the first Monday in June, 1927, and biennially on the first Monday in June thereafter. All officers shall hold office respectively until their successors shall have been elected and have qualified.

Sec. 14. No salary shall be paid to any officer or officers of the

County, Florida for twelve months, and next before any town election, and shall have paid all taxes upon real or personal property due and payable to the Town of Greenwood prior to any town election shall be qualified electors in the Town of Greenwood, except such election be an election to authorize the issuance of bonds by the Town of Greenwood in which event such persons shall, in addition to the other qualifications herein prescribed, be free holders of the Town of Greenwood for at least six months before the date of such election, holding real property for such period within the Town of Greenwood of the assessed valuation of not less than \$100.00

Sec. 16. Except as herein otherwise provided, all taxes shall be assessed, levied and collected, and all property shall be sold for unpaid taxes, in the manner now provided by general law for the government of cities and towns in the State of Florida, Provided, however, that all taxes levied by the Town of Greenwood upon personal property shall be a lien upon the real estate of the owner, and likewise all taxes levied upon real estate shall be a lien upon the personal property of the tax payer and personal property may at any time be seized and sold by the Town of Greenwood for any unpaid taxes which may be due the Town of Greenwood by the owner of such personalty, whether upon personalty or real estate.

Sec. 17. The Town of Greenwood shall be authorized to issue bonds for the erection of a water works plant or system, or for the erection of an electric light plant or system, or both such plants or systems, _____ and such bonds shall be issued in the manner now provided by general law for the issuance of bonds by towns and cities.

Sec. 18. The Town of Greenwood shall have the same rights, powers, privileges over public highways, roads, streets, and alleys within the limits of the said town as are now given by general law to cities and towns in the State of Florida, and the Town of Greenwood shall have full power to use such streets, highways, roads, alleys and public

not exceeding thirty years from date of the granting of such franchise.

Sec. 19. In case of any vacancy in any elective office herein provided for, the same may be filled by a special election, which shall be called by the Town Council, and held under such rules and regulations as the Council may adopt. Any officer elected at such special election shall hold office until the next general election, or until his successor shall have been elected and qualified.

Sec. 20. The Town Council shall have the power to adopt such ordinances as may be deemed necessary to police the town, and to maintain law and order therein, and to prescribe penalties and punishments for violations thereof, and the Mayor shall have the power to enforce such ordinances by the imposition and collection of fines, or by imprisonment as may be provided by ordinance.

Sec. 21. That until the Mayor and Council herein provided for to be elected at the election to be held on the 6th day of July, 1927, shall have been elected and qualified, the following are named as Mayor and Council respectively, of said town, and shall have and exercise all rights, powers, duties, and privileges herein delegated to the Mayor and Council of said town: The Mayor shall be E. M. Pender: The Council shall be R. A. Willis, A. D. Harkins, N. A. Pender, and

_____ . That in the event of the death or resignation of any of these officials before the date provided for the first general election, the Council of said town is hereby authorized to name his successor to such office to hold until the first general election provided for.

Sec. 22. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 23. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming a law without such