

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE GREENWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
GREENWOOD, FLORIDA
March 10, 2020**

The Town Council of the Town of Greenwood, Florida met in a regular session in the Greenwood Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. on the 10th day of March, 2020. The place, time, and date heretofore established for the holding of such meetings.

Mayor Phyllis Bowman called the meeting to order.

Everyone in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Mayor Bowman asked for a moment of silence to honor our men and woman in the military.

The following answered present to roll call:

Mayor, Phyllis Bowman

Council Member, Mamie Vann

Alicia Corder, Town Clerk

Council Member, Jacky Ditty

Lisabeth Beutler, Deputy Clerk

Council Member, Bryan Johnson

George Little, Attorney

The Clerk declared a quorum present.

Others in Attendance: Celeste Myrick, David Fraser, Tory Curran, Susanne M. NeSmith, Charles Sanders, Eugenia Moseley, Juan Moffitt, Doug Martin

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes for the February 11, 2020 Council Meeting, and the financials for February 2020. A motion to approve the minutes and financials as presented was made by CM Vann, with a second by CM Johnson. Vote called. Vann – Yes Johnson – Yes. Ditty – Yes. Passed.

Our next agenda item was Resolution 2020-02 Redesignating the Northwest Florida Region as a Rural Area of Opportunity. A motion to approve Resolution 2020-02 was made by CM Johnson, with a second by CM Ditty. Vote called. Johnson – Yes. Ditty – Yes. Vann – Yes. Passed.

Next on the agenda was the Greenwood Trash Facility and our request for quotes to repair the roof, siding and skirting on the building. We received two quotes, \$2,800.00 from Hall roofing and \$4,900.00 from RHM Roofing. We will be receiving approximately \$1,600.00 reimbursement from FEMA towards the repairs. An additional amount of approximately \$700.00 for the repair of rotted flooring and ceiling is also required. A motion to approve the repairs of the building at the trash facility and awarding the bid to Hall Roofing was made by CM Vann with a second by CM Johnson. Vote called. Vann – Yes. Johnson – Yes. Ditty – Yes. Passed.

Attorney George Little gave updates on pending legals. Regarding the two pending litigations, the Florida League of Cities, the Town of Greenwood's insurance carrier, has assigned counsel for litigation. Attorney Little will consult as needed. Mr. Hall was offered the settlement he requested but at this time he has not accepted the offer.

TC Corder gave clerk notes. TC Corder provided Council with a breakdown on all damaged structures within the Town of Greenwood for the FEMA CAT E claim. FEMA has estimated the cost of the roof repairs to the gymnasium at \$25,265.66. It would cost significantly more to repair and the Town would be responsible for any additional costs. The gymnasium was not insured at the time of the storm and if repaired it would have to be insured. TC Corder recommended having a structural engineer (at a cost of approximately \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00), review the property and give a report on the feasibility of repairs and cost. A structural engineered report will also be done for the cafeteria building. The Town may be eligible for DEO Disaster Relief grant funding for these buildings. A motion to have a structural engineering report done for both the gymnasium as well as the cafeteria was made by CM Johnson, with a second by CM Vann. Vote called. Johnson – Yes. Vann – Yes. Ditty – Yes. Passed.

In regards to the maintenance barn, the insurance company determined that it was less expensive to replace it with a pole barn at the cost of \$42,000.00 than repair. During the on-site inspection, FEMA reps were made aware of the pending plans to build a pole barn in lieu of rebuilding the old maintenance barn. If FEMA does not approve the hazard mitigation plan, the building may not be eligible for reimbursement. The building has been repaired by the Town's insurance company and the named storm deductible was \$1,818.00.

TC Corder gave Council a status update on Well #3. The project is 50% complete. The permanent well is in place and the contractor is waiting on the water samples before they can continue.

The Town has received three requests for donations; two for Project Graduation and one from Sneads FFA. The Town has historically given each of the five schools in Jackson County \$100.00 for their Project Graduation events. A motion to donate \$100.00 to each of the five schools as well as \$100.00 to Sneads FFA was made by CM Ditty, with a second by CM Johnson. Vote called. Ditty – Yes. Johnson – Yes. Ditty – Yes. Vann – Yes. Passed.

A new septic tank is required at the maintenance warehouse. TC Corder contacted six different companies for quotes with only one quote being submitted. The quote from McCoy Septic for the amount of \$3,000.00. The Town has applied for a septic tank permit which cost of \$550.00.

The yard trash debris has been removed from the trash facility. There were 11 loads taken to Waste Management for disposal at a cost of approximately \$1,700.00. The labor to remove and transport the debris was \$2,750.

TC Corder spoke to Council with regards to the FEMA trailer on Maryann Davis' property located at 4178 Applewhite Street and the six-month timeline. Long Term Recovery has contacted the Town stating they are going to start the rebuilding of Ms. Davis' house shortly. TC Corder recommended allowing Ms. Davis to continue to use the FEMA trailer on her property until her residence is complete. The Council has no objections.

TC Corder provided Council with a copy of Kevin Applewhite's Performance Evaluation. Mr. Applewhite's six-month probationary period will be over on April 7, 2020. The evaluation was completed by TC Corder and Cliff Howard, Public Works supervisor. Both feel that Mr. Applewhite is a valuable employee and the Town is fortunate to have him as an employee. CM Ditty commented that he is very pleased with what he has seen. TC Corder is requesting that Mr. Applewhite be taken off probation effective April 3, 2020 and offered the permanent position of Water Maintenance with a fifty cents per hour raise. A motion to end Mr. Applewhite's probationary period effective April 3, 2020 and hire him full-time position with a fifty cent per hour raise was made by CM Ditty, with a second by CM Johnson. Vote called. Ditty – Yes. Johnson – Yes. Ditty – Yes. Vann – Yes. Passed.

CM Johnson inquired about the Planning Commission meeting for the Greenwood Supermarket and the community residence. TC Corder stated that the Greenwood Supermarket is having to make some changes to their original plans and have not submitted all the paperwork needed for the Planning Commission. The paperwork for the community residential home has just been received but there was not enough time to schedule and advertise a Planning Commission Meeting before this council meeting.


A motion to adjourn was made by CM Johnson, with a second from CM Ditty. Vote called. Johnson – Yes. Ditty – Yes. Vann – Yes. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM. The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held on April 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved 14th day of April, 2020



Lisabeth Beutler
Deputy Clerk



Mamie M. Vann, Chairperson