

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE GREENWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
GREENWOOD, FLORIDA
August 13, 2019**

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 13th day of August, 2019. The place, time, and date heretofore established for the holding of such meetings.

Mayor Phyllis Bowman called the meeting to order.

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

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 Present: Ben Hall, Lillian Blighton, Charles Sanders, Suzanne M. NeSmith

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes for the July 9, 2019 and July 29, 2019 as well as the financials for July 2019. A motion to approve both minutes and financials for July 2019 was made by CM Vann. Second by CM Ditty. Vote called. Vann – Yes. Ditty – Yes. Johnson – Yes. Passed.

The next agenda item was Mr. Ben Hall, regarding a request for reimbursement for damage to his vehicle that occurred on 3/12/2019. A piece of debris hit the side of Mr. Hall's van while he was traveling south on SR71; the westside of the road was being mowed by the town's public works crew. A claim was filed by the Town with our insurance company, the Florida League of Cities, and was subsequently denied. The insurance company investigated and determined the town was not negligent. Mr. Hall feels that the claim was valid and would like the town to reimburse him the \$1003.40 it cost him for repairs. Attorney George Little explained that the Town runs on taxpayer money and we need to justify a payment to him. Mr. Little advised him to file with his insurance company and let them seek reimbursement from Florida League of Cities. Mr. Hall stated it was not their responsibility and they would not take his claim. Mr. Hall requested a copy of the initial claim for filed. Attorney Little stated that if Mr. Hall has more evidence regarding his claim, he may provide this to the Town Council and they will review and take it into consideration. Mr. Hall was thanked for coming and speaking to Council.

The next agenda item was Resolution 2019-04 Water Revenue Bond Resolution. Attorney Little explained this resolution authorizes the issuance of the bonds relating for the USDA loan for the new well project, in the amount of \$200,000 and \$92,000. A motion to approve Resolution 2019-04 Water Revenue Bond Resolution was made by CM Vann. Second by CM Ditty. Vote called. Vann– Yes. Ditty – Yes. Johnson – Yes. Passed.

The next agenda item was Resolution 2019-05 Bond Award Resolution. Attorney Little explained this resolution awards the bonds to be used to finance the construction of the new well project and pledging the proceeds from the project towards the repayment of the loan. A motion to approve Resolution 2019-05 Bond Award Resolution was made by CM Vann. Second by CM Johnson. Vote called. Vann– Yes. Johnson – Yes. Ditty – Yes. Passed.

The next agenda item was a request from TC Corder to change the Employee Health Care plan with the FL Municipal Insurance Trust. The cost of the current employee health care is being increased from \$853.07 per month to \$900.37 per employee. TC Corder provided Council with two (2) alternative plans that are offered by FMIT with similar benefits as the current policy but at a lower monthly premium. The most significant change would be an increase in the deductible and the co-pay for doctor visits. TC Corder stated she discussed the alternate plans with the covered employees and they were of aware of the possible coverage changes. A motion to approve the change from Health Care plan no. 2 to plan no. 3 was made by CM Johnson. Second by CM Vann. Vote called. Johnson – Yes. Vann– Yes. Ditty – Yes. Passed.

Attorney Little gave updates on the pending litigation regarding James Bradley, III. He stated he is in the process of scheduling a case management conference for the attorneys and the Town is in process of completing the request for discovery. Mr. Little will continue to update Council as it progresses.

TC Corder gave clerk notes. TC Corder advised Council that the Town is advertising the position for the Public Works/Water Dept. Our new employee Cody Finuff submitted his resignation effective August 7, 2019 due to medical issues. Additional advertising suggestions were made by Mayor and CM Ditty.

TC Corder informed Council that TRIM has been submitted. A budget meeting has been scheduled for September 3, 2019 at 5:01pm to tentatively approve the proposed Millage rate and Budgets for FY 2019-2020. A final budget meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2019 at 5:01 pm to adopt the resolutions for the Millage rate and Budgets for FY 2019/20.

A meeting has been scheduled for August 26, 2019 to process the bond documents for the USDA loan for the new well project.

The Jackson County Board of County Commissioners/Tourist Development is hosting a Hurricane Michael Anniversary Event at the Citizens Lodge on October 10, 2019. They are requesting volunteers.

CM Johnson asked to revisit the Code Enforcement issue discussed at the June 11,2019 Council Meeting. CM Johnson clarified that he doesn't want Code Enforcement to cease. CM Johnson stated he was unfamiliar with the process for issuing code enforcement letters. He requested that in the future when a code enforcement letter is sent that the Council receives a copy so if they are approached by a resident regarding the issue, they will have the appropriate information.


A motion to adjourn was made by CM Johnson. Second by CM Vann. Vote called. Johnson – Yes Vann– Yes. Ditty – Yes. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM. The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held on September 10, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisabeth Beutler
Deputy Clerk

Approved 10 day of Sept, 2019


Mamie M. Vann, Chairperson