

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE GREENWOOD TOWN COUNCIL  
GREENWOOD, FLORIDA  
AUGUST 11, 2020**

The Town Council of the Town of Greenwood, Florida met in a regular session at 6:30 p.m. on the 11<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 2020. The place, time, and date heretofore established for the holding of such meetings.

Mayor Suzanne NeSmith called the meeting to order.

Everyone in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Mayor NeSmith read the quote of the month.

The following answered present to roll call:

Suzanne M. NeSmith, Mayor	Council Member, Mamie Vann
Alicia Corder, Town Clerk	Council Member, Jacky Ditty
George Little, Attorney (via phone)	Council Member, Bryan Johnson
Lisabeth Beutler, Deputy Clerk	

The Clerk declared a quorum present.

Others in Attendance: Shondrell Poole, Marlanna Brooks, and Juan Moffitt

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes for the July 14, 2020 Council Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes for July 14, 2020 was made by CM Vann with a second by CM Johnson. Vote called. Vann – Yes Johnson - Yes. Ditty – Yes. Motion was passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the financials for June 2020. A motion to approve the financials for June 2020 was made by CM Johnson with a second by CM Ditty. Vote called. Johnson - Yes. Ditty – Yes. Vann – Yes Motion was passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Shondrell Poole regarding the trash facility. Ms. Poole spoke to Council about her concerns with the trash system in Greenwood. She feels that with the current situation regarding Covid 19, that transporting trash in the trunk of a vehicle could be an environmental hazard and unhealthy for her and her family as well as the resident of Greenwood. She stated that not everyone has a truck to haul off garbage and her trunk also carries groceries, toys, cloths, etc. and if trash spills in there, even cleaned, could contaminate all that goes in there afterwards. She feels that the two days open are restrictive and inconvenient. If Tuesday is missed, she has a weeks' worth of trash in the house. She suggested possibly adding another day. It is affecting her quality of life.

CM Johnson spoke about the prior survey that was done in 2017 with regards to keeping the trash service as it is or move to residential pick up. The survey came back with 75 votes for each side and Council voted to continue service as it was. He discussed the cost factor of changing service. Not all residents can afford a price increase and with contracted service, prices could change drastically and be a could potentially be a burden to the Town and its residents. With the facility now we have control over the cost for our residents.

TC Corder stated that there are other services involved with closing the trash facility that would not be covered by residential pick up. The residents have access to a debris area for limbs and leaves and a roll off for the larger items they need to dispose of. Many residents benefit from that availability.

Ms. Poole stated that times have changed and it might be time for another survey be done with regards to this matter. The Council thanked Ms. Poole for coming and speaking to them with regards to her concerns and they will take what she said under advisement.

The next item on the agenda was a review of the current Code Enforcement letters/orders. Mayor NeSmith, Code Enforcement Officer, advised Council that she has located several residences that are in violation. She will provide Council with a list indicating what the violation is and what step in the process we are at with each violation in the near future.

Mr. Little spoke with regards to the CARES Act interlocal agreement received from the JC Board of County Commissioners regarding reimbursement to municipalities for COVID-19 related expenses. Mr. Little still has concerns regarding the language in paragraphs 4 and 5 as it relates to the hold harmless clauses. He stated that the JC Board of County Commissioners will not remove those hold harmless clauses. Contract must be signed as is or no reimbursement. He is aware the Town has a few items that would be eligible for reimbursement and stated that he understands that some reimbursement is better than none. TC Corder explained the two-step process that would be done to submit to the County. TC Corder would put the package together and then Mayor NeSmith would review it and approve of the items. The Town must be accountable for what we send in with the supporting documents coinciding. Attorney Little feels that for the benefit of the Town he feels it would not be an issue to sign the CARES Act interlocal agreement received from the JC Board of County Commissioners regarding reimbursement to municipalities for COVID-19 related expenses. A motion to sign and accept the CARES Act interlocal agreement received from the JC Board of County Commissioners regarding reimbursement to municipalities for COVID-19 related expenses was made by CM Johnson with a second by CM Ditty. Vote called. Johnson - Yes. Ditty - Yes. Vann - Yes Motion was passed unanimously

TC Corder gave clerk notes. She spoke about the current 2020 Census and how it effects the grant funding that the Town may receive. She stressed the importance of getting an accurate 2020 Census count for Greenwood. TC Corder would like to organize a phone campaign that is unobtrusive to the residents to encourage all to complete the 2020 Census. We can provide them with any assistance they might require, as well as a laptop to complete the 2020 Census at Town Hall, following all the social distancing guidelines. TC Corder asked if the Council would help us in this endeavor.

TC Corder gave an update on Well 3. A few glitches to address and the well is almost ready to go.

A motion to adjourn was made by CM Johnson, with a second from CM Vann. Vote called. Johnson - Yes. Ditty - Yes. Vann - Yes Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm. The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held on September 8, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisabeth Beutler  
Deputy Clerk

Approved the 8th day of August, 2020



Mamie M. Vann, Chairperson