

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE GREENWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
GREENWOOD, FLORIDA
JULY 14, 2020**

The Town Council of the Town of Greenwood, Florida met in a regular session at 6:30 p.m. on the 14TH day of July, 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 (absent)	

The Clerk declared a quorum present.

Others in Attendance: Chris Johnson, Mary M. Farris and Juan Moffitt

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes for the June 9, 2020 Council Meeting, the June 9, 2020 Moffitt Hearing as well as the financials for June 2020. A motion to approve the minutes and financials was made by CM Vann with a second by CM Ditty. Vote called. Johnson - Yes. Vann – Yes Ditty – Yes. Motion was passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the presentation of the FY 2018-2019 Financial Statements by Mr. Chris Johnson, with Grimsley & Associates. A motion was made by CM Ditty to accept the FY 2018-2019 audited Financial Statements as presented with a second by CM Johnson. Vote called. Johnson - Yes. Vann – Yes Ditty – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the development order submitted by Bill and Christine Smith for the new grocery store to be constructed at 4183 Bryan Street. Council was provided with a copy of the minutes from the Planning Commission meeting held on July 6, 2020. CM Johnson gave Council an overview of the Planning Commission's recommendation which included a request for the Council to approve two variances regarding the entrance driveway and the handicap parking for the new grocery store. A motion was made by CM Ditty to approve the development order with the noted variances for the entrance driveway and handicap parking, with a second from CM Vann. Vote called. Johnson - Yes. Vann – Yes Ditty – Yes. Motion was passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the development order submitted by My Personal Choices to open a residential group home to be located at 5168 Smith Street. CM Johnson provided Council with an overview of the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the development order. A motion was made by CM Vann to approve the development order, with a second from CM Ditty. Vote called. Johnson - Yes. Vann – Yes Ditty – Yes. Motion was passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a request from TC Corder to increase the Town of Greenwood's general liability coverage to \$1,000,000 and to add the old cafeteria building to the property schedule. TC Corder provided Council with a copy of the email received from the FL Municipal Insurance Trust stating the potential increase to the coverage premiums would be approximately \$2,000 annually. TC Corder explained the cafeteria building is being used for the storage of the Town's Christmas decorations and flags. A motion to increase the general liability coverage and add the cafeteria building to the property schedule was made by CM Vann, with a second from CM Ditty. Vote called. Johnson - Yes. Vann – Yes Ditty – Yes. Motion was passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a review of the current Code Enforcement letters/orders. Mayor NeSmith, Code Enforcement Officer, updated the Council on several areas around town. She stated she has been in contact with Mr. Fred Rory's daughter regarding the cleanup of the property located on Fort Road. Mayor NeSmith also discussed the Code Enforcement Order that was issued to Greenwood Enterprises at 4181 Bryan Street. Accumulated fees to date are approximately \$35,000 which is well above the taxable value of the property. Mr. Little, Town Attorney, discussed the process of filing a lien against the property. A motion was made by CM Vann directing Mr. Little to proceed with processing the lien paperwork with a second from CM Ditty. Vote called. Johnson - Yes. Vann – Yes Ditty – Yes. Motion was passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a request from Mayor NeSmith to update the Garbage Facility Policy to include "*Removal and/or salvaging of items brought to the garbage facility for disposal is prohibited*". Mayor NeSmith noted that this was a verbal policy in the past and she would like to incorporate this officially into the current garbage facility policy. Mayor NeSmith said this is primarily a liability issue. CM Johnson requested that residents be given a copy of the updated policy. With no further discussion a motion was made by CM Vann to update the garbage facility policy to include the new verbiage as stated above with a second from CM Johnson. Vote called. Johnson - Yes. Vann – Yes Ditty – Yes. Motion was passed unanimously. There was a brief discussion with Mr. Juan Moffitt regarding the need for the garbage attendant to be outside and visible as people drive up. Mr. Moffitt stated he was unable to stay outside due to a heat rash he has developed and stated that he comes out of the garbage office whenever anyone drives into the facility. TC Corder stated that this is a liability issue and wanted to make the Council aware. Mr. Moffitt was again reminded of the need to keep the garbage office clean and not to accumulate an excess of items. Council was made aware of people outside of Greenwood are using the garbage facility and problems with Mr. Moffitt being confrontational with residents. The camera system at the garbage facility works but we unable to view the pictures online, the SD card can be removed to view the pictures.

Mr. Little updated the Council regarding the Hall v. Greenwood and Bradley v. Greenwood cases. Mr. Little also reviewed the CARES Act interlocal agreement received from the JC Board of County Commissioners regarding reimbursement to municipalities for COVID-19 related expenses. Mr. Little expressed concern regarding the language in paragraphs 4 and 5 as it relates to the hold harmless clauses. The Town has a few items that would be eligible for reimbursement. TC Corder was directed to contact Mrs. Wilanne Daniels and inquire if paragraphs 4 and 5 could be modified or removed from the agreement.

TC Corder gave clerk notes. TC Corder outlined the schedule for a budget workshop and the required TRIM meeting dates. The budget workshop will be scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 5:00pm. The first TRIM/Budget meeting will be scheduled for September 7th at 5:30pm and the second meeting to adopt TRIM/Budget will be scheduled for September 22nd at 5:30pm. The TRIM meeting dates may have to be altered to accommodate the JC Board of County Commissioners and the JC School Board meetings.

TC Corder gave an update on Well 3. The on-site startup will be scheduled soon and we are waiting for clearance from FDEP to bring the well online.

TC Corder stated the new warehouse construction is still in progress and should be completed within the following month.

TC Corder asked Mr. Little for clarification regarding Mr. Moffitt and if we could ask him for a doctor's note. Mr. Little stated the Town was within their rights to request a medical excuse.

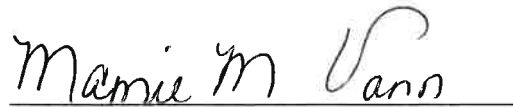
A motion to adjourn was made by CM Johnson, with a second from CM Ditty. Vote called. Johnson - Yes. Vann - Yes. Ditty - Yes. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm. The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held on August 11, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Alicia L. Corder
Town Clerk

Approved the 11th day of August, 2020



Mamie M. Vann, Chairperson