

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE GREENWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
GREENWOOD, FLORIDA
March 13, 2018

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 March, 2018. 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 all present for a moment of silence in honor of our military.

The following answered present to roll call:

Mayor, Phyllis Bowman	Council Member, Mamie Vann
Alicia L. Corder, Town Clerk	Council Member, Thomas Andreasen
Lisabeth Beutler, Deputy Clerk	Council Member, Bryan Johnson
George Little, Attorney	

The Clerk declared a quorum present.

Others Present: Diane Blakely, Holly Ness, Twanna Dunaway, Dr. Fred Fitzgerald, Cindy L. Fitzgerald, Bobby Lee, Sheila Mader (JC Times), Al Lane, Amber Gray, Lillian Blighton, Michael Sawyer, James Sawyer, James Bradley III, James Bradley Jr., R. L., Kimberly Gregory, Harry Vann, Suzanne Nesmith, Juan Moffitt

A motion to approve the minutes and the financials for February, 2018 as presented was made by Bryan Johnson. Second by Thomas Andreasen. Vote called. Johnson – Yes. Andreasen – Yes. Vann – Yes. Passed.

Mayor Bowman read a Proclamation designating April 2018 as National Poetry Month.

Next on the agenda was Mr. Bobby Lee of CDG Engineering regarding the bids for the CDBG Grant No. 17DB-OL-02-41-02-N21 for the installation of new radio read meters and service lines. Mr. Lee stated that only one (1) bid was received for the project. The bid was from L & K Contracting Co, Inc. in the amount of \$485,250.00. A motion to accept the bid in the amount of \$485,250.00 from L & K Construction Co., Inc. pending DEO approval was made by Thomas Andreasen. Second by Mamie Vann. Vote called. Andreasen – Yes. Vann – Yes. Johnson – Yes. Passed

Next on the agenda was FL DEP Response to complaints filed on the emergency generator, maintenance yard and trash facility. We received a letter from DEP dated March 9, 2017 resulting from the site inspection done at the emergency generator located at Well # 2 on February 26, 2018. The Town has been given 270 days to remove the soil around and under the cement slab that the generator sits on. Their tests did not indicate any issue with the water quality. Our water operator will take additional tests to check for diesel fuel. The results of that test will take up to 4 weeks. A new Water Quality Report will be sent to residents with the sampling results of our water supply listed for 2017.

We received a letter from FL DEP dated March 9, 2017 regarding our maintenance yard. A site inspection was done on February 27, 2018 due to a complaint of fuel seeping in the ground where the equipment is repaired. The letter indicates the Town has 270 days to remove any contaminated soil located around the maintenance yard shop and above ground fuel tanks.

A letter from FL DEP was received dated March 9, 2017 pertaining to a complaint filed on our trash facility. As a result the town can no longer utilize the burn site. The burn site will be temporarily closed and the town will research other cost effective ways to dispose of yard trash/limbs for its residents.

Holly Ness came before Council to speak about her perceived harassment and mental abuse of employee James Bradley III. She feels he is being treated unfairly. She questioned Town Clerk Corder and Mayor Bowman on several issues, i.e., time clock, DOT regulations regarding signs/safety and mowing cycle, James being forced to park on the grass. Each question was answered accordingly by Mrs. Corder/Mayor Bowman. Ms. Ness feels the office is run very unprofessionally. She stated she had heard recordings James had made of several conversations between James and his supervisors while he was on duty. She believes Mr. Bradley is constantly being harassed and abused. She feels the Council, Mayor and office staff should all resign.

Our next agenda item was the Malone/Greenwood Food Bank. Diane Blakely came before Council and guests to inform them that a Malone/Greenwood Food Bank has been set up at Malone Town Hall. The food distribution is the 4th Wednesday of each month at Malone Town Hall from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Donations can be made at the Malone United Methodist Church. All in need are welcome. Mrs. Corder stated that we could put it in our quarterly newsletter. The Council thanked Miss Blakely for the information.

Mr. James Bradley Jr. came before Council regarding his belief that his son James Bradley III is being unjustly singled out and harassed by the administration of the Town of Greenwood. Mr. Bradley questioned why James has to punch in and fill out paperwork on his daily activities but the temporary employee does not have to. Mrs. Corder explained that as a temporary contracted employee Mr. Howard is not subject to the guidelines set forth for a full time employee. Mr. Bradley questioned what official paperwork we have on file for Mr. Howard i.e.: federal id number, contract, workman's comp statement, ect. Mrs. Corder answered each question. Mr. Bradley stated that with regards to the diesel leak he took it upon himself to have the current employees go into well # 2 to take a soil sample and had Mr. Miller video the process. He feels that Attorney George Little chastised James and threatened his job if he did not answer questions during a recent meeting. Mr. Bradley believes that the paperwork James is required to fill out for his time off, daily work sheets, and work orders is a form of harassment against his son.

Attorney Little gave an update on legals. Attorney Little stated that he is in receipt of the invoice for Mayor Bowman's legal fees for her attorney due to the recall petition. The total invoiced bill was \$5822.21. A motion to authorize payment of Attorney Jordan's invoiced amount of \$5822.21 was made by Bryan Johnson. Second by Mamie Vann. Vote called. Johnson – Yes. Vann – Yes. Andreasen – Yes. Passed.

Attorney Little informed Council that Fred Johnston's residence located at 5168 Smith Street is being sold. The Town of Greenwood has a lien pending on this residence. As per Mr. Little, after the bank is paid, the Town will probably not see any compensation.

Mr. Little stated that as per the questions he asked James Bradley III recently, they were asked because Mr. Little was concerned and needed to clarify information to respond accurately to DEP. He stated that Mr. Bradley had knowledge of the issues with the generator at well # 2. Mr. Little stated that Mr. Bradley refused to answer some questions, stating that he would like to consult legal council before answering.

Alicia Corder gave clerk notes. Mrs. Corder reminded guests that Greenwood's "Let's Go Fly A Kite" day is March 24, 2018 from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bryan Johnson. Second by Thomas Andreasen. Vote called. Johnson – Yes. Andreasen – Yes. Vann – Yes. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM. The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held on April 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisabeth Beutler
Deputy Clerk

Approved 10th day of April, 2018



Mamie M. Vann, Chairperson