

**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 via teleconference at 6:30 p.m. on the 14th day of April, 2020. The place, time, and date heretofore established for the holding of such meetings.

Mayor Phyllis Bowman called the virtual 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 first responders, including medical professionals working during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following answered present to roll call:

Mayor, Phyllis Bowman (via phone)	Council Member, Mamie Vann (via phone)
Alicia Corder, Town Clerk	Council Member, Jacky Ditty
Lisabeth Beutler, Deputy Clerk-not present	Council Member, Bryan Johnson
George Little, Attorney (via phone)	

The Clerk declared a quorum present.

Others in Attendance: Suzanne NeSmith (via phone), Ronnie Williams (via phone)

The first item on the agenda was the adoption of Resolution No. 2020-03 COVID-19 Safe Public Meetings During COVID-19 Pandemic. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-03 was made by CM Vann, with a second by CM Ditty. Vote called. Vann – Yes Johnson – Yes. Ditty – Yes. Passed.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes for the March 10, 2020 Council Meeting, and the financials for March 2020. A motion to approve the minutes and financials as presented was made by CM Ditty, with a second by CM Johnson. Vote called. Vann – Yes Johnson – Yes. Ditty – Yes. Passed.

The next item on the agenda was in regards to the Town of Greenwood's lien on the property located at 5179 Albernathy Street, Greenwood, FL. Mr. Ronnie Williams, property owner, requested a reduction in the balance owed on the lien. Mr. Williams stated he has \$800 that he would offer as a payoff to settle the lien. Council was informed that Mr. Williams has been making regular monthly payments and the current balance (including accrued interest) was approximately \$2,200. A motion to accept Mr. Williams offer of \$800.00 to pay off the lien was made by CM Vann, with a second by CM Ditty. Vote called. Johnson – Yes. Ditty – Yes. Vann – Yes. Passed. Mr. Little explained that he would process the Satisfaction of Lien.

Attorney George Little gave updates on pending legals. Mr. Little gave a brief explanation of Resolution No. 2020-03 stating that based on the Executive Order given by the Governor waives the mandate in the Florida Statutes to hold in person meetings of governing bodies. The resolution will be in effect until the Executive Order is lifted. Mr. Little also explained there are provisions in the CARES Act for local governments directly impacted by the COVID-19 to apply for financial assistance. Mr. Little expressed concerns during this time regarding traveling to council meetings due to health-related issues and explained that until further notice he would be calling into the meetings/hearings. Council was understanding of his concerns and has no issues this request.

TC Corder gave clerk notes. TC Corder provided Council with an updated on the upcoming election. She explained the new requirement by the State to provide bilingual services which includes advertised notices and ballots. Mrs. Corder stated she has translated the notices with Google translate and is using an individual to confirm the accuracy of the translations. Qualifying for the positions of Mayor and (1) Council Seat will take place the week of May 4 through May 8, 2020. The deadline to register to vote in this election will be May 4, 2020.

Mr. Little mentioned new ADA requirements to provide closed-captioning or some type of transcript when publishing items to the Town's website in order to stay in compliance with the Sunshine Law. TC Corder indicated the Apalachee Regional Planning Council has been working on grant funding to assist communities with this requirement.

TC Corder informed the Council that Town Hall has been closed to walk-in traffic since March 11, 2020. Customers have been given alternative payment methods and some services are still available through the drive-thru.

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 6:52 PM. The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held on April 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved 12th day of May, 2020

Alicia L. Corder
Town Clerk


Mamie M. Vann, Chairperson