

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE GREENWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
GREENWOOD, FLORIDA
November 14, 2017

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 14th day of November, 2017. The place, time, and date heretofore established for the holding of such meetings.

Councilchair Mamie Vann called the meeting to order.

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Councilchair Mamie Vann asked all present for a moment of silence in honor of our first responders.

The following answered present to roll call:

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

The Clerk declared a quorum present.

Others Present: Jason Sawyer, Dr. Fred Fitzgerald, James Bradley III, Kimbri Gregory, James Sawyer, Brook Bowman, Pat Toloday, Katie Jo Spencer, Holly Ness, Dawn Bradley, Joni Laramore, Matt Matthews, Twanna Basford Dunaway, Lillian Blighton, A.J. Whitney, Wesley Mickel, Juan Moffitt, Jerry N. Perry, Jeff Miller, Suzanne Nesmith, Harry Vann, Robert Dorman, Chris Andreasen, Fredrick Roulhac, James Bradley Jr.

A motion to approve all minutes and the financials for October, 2017 as presented was made by Bryan Johnson. Second by Thomas Andreasen. Vote called. Johnson – Yes. Andreasen – Yes. Vann – Yes. Passed.

Next on the agenda was the renewal of the U.S. Tank contract. A motion for non renewal of the U.S. Tank contract was made by Bryan Johnson. Second by Thomas Andreasen. Vote called. Johnson – Yes. Andreasen – Yes. Vann – Yes. Passed

Up next on the agenda was Jason Sawyer. Mr. Sawyer spoke on the recent petitions submitted to the courts as well as the current rulings and its effect on the Town. He provided Council with a copy of Attorney General Opinion 82-82 with a section highlighted that pertains to the current situation for their review. He expressed the urgency to add provisions to the Town Charter that would solidify a procedural process that would allow the Council and the residents of Greenwood to share a mutual voice in the leadership and Council of the Town. Mr. Sawyer read the highlighted portion to the guests. Acknowledging that the cost and procedures to change the Town Charter would be significant, Mr. Sawyer is asking the Council to consider an ordinance that would specify the procedures for recalling a mayor. Mrs. Vann thanked him for coming and speaking to all. Robert Dorman requested to comment on this agenda item and was denied. He was advised that if he would like to speak he may fill out an agenda form and speak at the next meeting.

The next agenda item concerned the end of A. J. Whitney's probationary period and the determination to retain Mr. Whitney as the permanent part time garbage attendant. The Council was provided a copy of his performance evaluation prepared by Mrs. Corder. A motion to retain Mr. Whitney as the permanent part time garbage attendant was made by Thomas Andreasen. . Second by Bryan Johnson. Vote called. Andreasen – Yes. Johnson – Yes. Vann – Yes. Passed

Attorney Little gave updates on legals. Attorney Little informed Council about the current court injunction concerning the recall petition. No other legals are pending at this time. Robert Dorman asked to speak to Council regarding the recall petition and Council granted him the opportunity. Councilchair Mamie Vann thanked him for his time.

Alicia Corder gave the clerk notes. Mrs. Corder asked for direction from Council on this year's Christmas Social. Mrs. Corder asked if December 15th was agreeable to all. Council agreed that December 15th would be fine. Mrs. Corder advised Council that Mayor Bowman would like to have it catered this year and that we spent approximately \$2000.00 last year. The Council agreed to the catering and approximate same cost for this year.

Mrs. Corder asked Council for their decision on Christmas bonuses for all employees. It was agreed that each full time employee would receive \$100.00 and part time employees will receive \$50.00. The Council and Attorney will receive their choice of turkey/ham.

Mrs. Corder informed council that the CDBG Grant's Environmental Review has been approved and the Town will be able to start the project soon.

Pat Toloday asked to speak to Council and guests and was granted permission by Council. Miss Toloday addressed the issue of speeding on Fort Rd/SR 69E. Recently her dog was hit in the street as well as several other animals. She expressed concern about the speeding and the potential hazard to the children living in the area.

Fred Fitzgerald asked to speak to Council and was granted permission. Mr. Fitzgerald questioned the protocol on people speaking at Council Meetings without being on the agenda and if it was being followed properly. Attorney Little stated that it was up to the discretion of the Council to allow someone to speak if they are not on the agenda but to guarantee a chance to speak a request form needs to be submitted 5 days prior to the agenda being posted.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM. The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held on December 12, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisabeth Beutler
Deputy Clerk

Approved 12th day of Dec., 2017



Mamie M. Vann, Chairperson