## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENWOOD TOWN COUNCIL GREENWOOD, FLORIDA April 10, 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 10th day of April, 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 first responders.

The following answered present to roll call:

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

The Clerk declared a quorum present.

Others Present: Al Lane, Brook Bowman, Holly Ness, Diane Blakely, Twanna Dunaway, Matt Matthews, Joni Laramore, Lillian Blighton, Jason Sawyer, Katie Jo Spencer, Kimbri Gregory, James Bradley III, James Bradley Jr., Jacky Ditty, Suzanne Nesmith, Harry Vann, Robbie Dorman, Laurence Pender Jr., Charles Sanders, 2 unreadable names

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

Town Clerk Alicia Corder advised Council that Steve Croxton, our Class C operator, did water sampling on March 21, 2018 to check for any Petro Hydrocarbons (TRPH's) in the town's drinking water. We received a Certificate of Analysis from The Water Spigot dated April 5, 2018 which states that there was no trace of TRHP's detected in the water samples submitted.

Our next agenda item was a discussion of alternatives for the trash facility regarding the disposal of yard debris since the Town is no longer able to burn the debris. Mrs. Corder discussed several options including a Waste Management 40yd rollback, purchasing or renting a brush chipper, or allow accumulated debris to decompose naturally in the pit area. After a brief discussion, with input from the residents, a motion was made by Bryan Johnson to reopen the pit area for collection of yard debris on Saturdays only and the Town will continue to monitor the situation. Second by Mamie Vann. Vote called. Johnson – Yes. Vann – Yes. Andreasen – Yes. Passed.

Next on the agenda was Katie Jo Spencer. Mrs. Spencer stated her frustration and general dissatisfaction with the running of the Town by the current management and Council. She spoke on her belief of totalitarianism on the part of the Council and management against a former employee, James Bradley III, whom she believes was a diligent employee who was being interrogated, belittled, harassed and treated with hostility. She feels the authoritarianism and the presence of police officers at Council meetings is disturbing. Mrs. Spencer also voiced her displeasure about the fact that she was not informed when a water leak was being repaired and her water turned off without notification.

Our next agenda item was Mrs. Suzanne Nesmith. Mrs. Nesmith spoke as a former Town Clerk for the Town of Greenwood and a citizen of the town for most of her life. Mrs. Nesmith stated that she, as a citizen of this town, is supportive of our Council and Mayor as the governing body. She spoke on several issues she has observed in the past several months regarding rumors, ill feelings towards individuals and the leadership of the town. Mrs. Nesmith stated that in the past if there was an issue big or small it was resolved and the town moved forward in a positive manner. She feels that if we all work together our Town will be a peaceful, happy safe place to raise our families and once again establish our Town's good name.

Next on the agenda was Diane Blakely. Ms. Blakely wanted to talk to Council about speaking at meetings. Ms. Blakely advised she has no questions at this time but stated that she does not trust Council, Mayor, and office staff anymore.

Holly Ness came before Council with regards to a Severe Weather Policy for the Town. Ms. Ness has been in contact with Rodney Andreasen with Emergency Management. Ms. Ness submitted a proposal to Mr. Andreasen to review. She stated she will bring it before Council when it is completed for their review and possible implementation into the Town of Greenwood's policies and procedures.

Attorney Little gave an update on legals. A date will be set for Mr. James Bradley III's requested hearing. Mr. Little instructed Mr. Bradley regarding the audio recordings and their use at the hearing.

Alicia Corder gave clerk notes. Mrs. Corder informed Council and guests that qualifying for the municipal election to be held on June 4, 2018 will be May 7 – 11, 2018 there are two (2) Council seats up for election.

Mayor Bowman spoke about our successful "Let's Go Fly a Kite Day" at the park. Mayor Bowman also advised everyone of the upcoming Cowboy Poetry Day to be held at the Greenwood Library annex on April 26, 2018 at 2:00pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM. The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held on May 8, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisabeth Beutler Deputy Clerk

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Mamie M. Vann, Chairperson