



MINUTES
FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL, 206 S. MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, August 12, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Knox H. White

2. **INVOCATION**
Councilmember Jil Littlejohn

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **ROLL CALL**

The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor Knox White, Lillian Flemming, Jil Littlejohn, Wil Brasington, Russell Stall, and George Fletcher
Absent: Amy Doyle

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
July 8, 2019; Approved as submitted

6. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**
Mayor White introduced John F. McDonough to his first Formal Meeting of City Council as City Manager of the city of Greenville.

7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Ina Cottingham, 6 E. Lanneau Drive, spoke as a representative of a growing group of concerned citizens who would like to halt the rollout of 5G technology. Ms. Cunningham shared her concerns and provided a handout to Council regarding studies and risks involving 5G. Ms. Cottingham asked Council for a moratorium on 5G until safety studies can be completed.

Logan Cottingham, 6 E. Lanneau Drive, spoke in opposition to 5G technology. Ms. Cottingham echoed her mother's comments and stated she suffers from Lyme disease and her health could be affected further with an increase of 5G technology. Ms. Cottingham referenced Chattanooga as a good example of using fiber optics and wireless technology as an alternative.

Jann Howell, 20 Craft Street, spoke in opposition to fireworks inside the City that are excessive and occurring during inconvenient hours of the night and day. Ms. Howell asked for parameters for which fireworks are allowed to be shot within the City.

Mayor White addressed the limitations facing the City regarding 5G because standards are determined by federal law.

Regarding fireworks, City Attorney Mike Pitts stated the City was previously pre-empted by state law, however, some of those statutes have been repealed in recent years allowing the City to have input in the matter. Mayor White recommended a Councilmember work with the City Attorney to review the issue, and Councilmember Flemming volunteered to assist.

Nadra Wilkie, 14 Carter Street, spoke in opposition to fireworks expressing her concern over the effects of fireworks on pets.

Mary Duckett, 201 Pinkney Street, spoke regarding her concern over the mini-park on Pickney Street and area dog owners using it as a dog park. Ms. Duckett stated the neighborhood association has placed signs about cleaning up after dog, to no avail. Ms. Duckett also addressed zoning notices and stated the notices should not only go to the owners but to the residents and renters as well.

Mayor White stated he will look into the distribution of zoning notices.

Lucy Giametta, 305 Gallivan Street, spoke regarding her desire to subdivide her property and her interest in changing the overly restrictive language in the City Code. Ms. Giametta stated she would like the Code to be updated regarding corner lots.

From the audience, Ms. Ina Cottingham requested clarification regarding federal laws involving 5G. Mr. Pitts stated federal law limits the City regarding the RF emissions issue and related how wireless companies operate in the rights-of-way and obtain franchises from the City for each site they use. Mr. Pitts offered to discuss the matter further following the meeting.

- 8. **PRESENTATION**
None
- 9. **PUBLIC HEARING**
None
- 10. **APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions**
None

CONSENT AGENDA

There will be no discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Council member so requests in which event the item in question will be considered separately.

Councilmember Littlejohn moved, seconded by Councilmember Brasington, to approve second and final reading of agenda items 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, and 11f of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

- 11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)**
 - a. Ordinance to rezone approximately 19.388 acres of real property located on Haywood Road and Pelham Road from R-6, Single-Family Residential District, to PD, Planned Development District (Tax Map Numbers 0278000200300 and 0278000200301) (Z-26-2018) (REVISED)

- b. Ordinance to annex approximately 0.097 acre of real property located at 13 Ridge Street and to provide the zoning designation of RM-1, Single-family and Multifamily residential district (Tax Map Number 0106000201200) (AX-6-2019)
- c. Ordinance to rezone approximately 2.567 acres of real property located on Solomon Circle and Chick Springs Road from RM-2, Single and Multifamily residential district, to R-6, Single-family residential district (Tax Map Number 0185000200702) (Z-9-2019)
- d. Ordinance to abandon a portion of Viola Street (AB-3-2019)
- e. Ordinance to abandon a portion of East Washington Street (AB-4-2019)
- f. Ordinance to appropriate \$55,000 in the Law Enforcement Special Revenue Fund, Department of Homeland Security, and \$45,000 in the Law Enforcement Special Revenue Fund, Department of Justice Account, for a total of \$100,000 for the purpose of funding a collaborative software development initiative to enhance existing police information systems

12. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinance – First Reading)
None

13. NEW BUSINESS – (Resolutions – First and Final Reading)
None

REGULAR AGENDA

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)
None

15. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinances – First Reading)

- a. Ordinance to appropriate \$315,000 from the General Fund Fund Balance to provide revenues necessary to enhance the sworn pay plan of the Greenville Police Department to ensure greater parity and equity among competing organizations, to ensure the city of Greenville remains an employer of first choice for recruiting purposes, and to ensure the retention of a highly qualified and experienced police workforce

Police Chief Ken Miller spoke regarding the pay plan implemented three years prior and discussed the reasons for the request including the need to offer competitive salaries and the desire to retain employees in the City's Police Department.

Councilmember Littlejohn moved, seconded by Councilmember Flemming, to approve first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance to abandon an existing sanitary sewer easement located on property owned by Verdae III LLC near the intersection of Woodruff Road and Old Woodruff Road (Tax Map Number 0263000300200)

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Littlejohn, to approve first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Ordinance to appropriate \$32,500 in the Miscellaneous Grant Fund for FY 2020 Grant Funds received from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

Councilmember Littlejohn moved, seconded by Councilmember Brasington, to approve first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Flemming requested information regarding the grant be distributed to the City's neighborhood associations because of the impact on the environment.

16. NEW BUSINESS – (Resolution – First and Final Reading)

- a. Resolution to award \$60,000 in funding received through the Greenville Zoo "Quarters for Conservation" program from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, to five designated Global Conservation Organizations

Councilmember Brasington moved, seconded by Councilmember Fletcher, to approve first and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Resolution to accept a dedication of 114,057 square feet (2.618 acres) of public right of way from Verdae Properties, LLC and to accept Verdae Commons Drive into the City Street System

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Littlejohn, to approve first and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McDonough expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the city of Greenville. Mr. McDonough stated he is impressed with the staff and their knowledge of the City's issues and is excited to work with the Council, the staff, and the community.

Councilmember Brasington offered gratitude to Interim City Manager Nancy Whitworth for leading the staff and working with Council for the past year.

- 17. ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.



KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR



CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS
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