

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
GREENWOOD COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019
5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Steven J. Brown, District Five
Vice-Chairman Chuck Moates, District Four
Councilman Mark Allison, District Two
Councilwoman Melissa Spencer, District Three
Councilman Robbie Templeton, District Six
Councilman Theo Lane, District Seven

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilwoman Edith Childs, District One

STAFF PRESENT

Toby Chappell, County Manager
Elizabeth Taylor, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steven Brown called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting's date, time, location, and agenda was posted outside the main entrances of the Greenwood County Courthouse and the Greenwood County Library. Agendas were distributed to the *Index-Journal*, local radio stations, and posted on the Greenwood County website calendar.

INVOCATION

Councilman Mark Allison, District Two, delivered the invocation in the absence of Councilwoman Edith Childs.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Chairman Brown thanked the people in the audience for attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Brown stated that the minutes were provided prior to the meeting and asked if there were any corrections to the minutes.

There were no corrections. Councilman Lane motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice Chairman Moates, and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

ACTION: Council approved the Minutes for the October 1, 2019 Regular Meeting.

PRESENTATION

Employee Recognition of the Third Quarter of 2019

Chairman Brown expressed special appreciation to the Third Quarter of 2019 Employees. He asked the recipients to come forward as he presented their award. He extended his appreciation for all they do as employees of Greenwood County. Chairman Brown and the rest of Council thanked them for all of their dedication and hard work. The recipients were as follows:

2019 Employees of the Third Quarter:

Lindsey Reynolds – Assessor
Brooke Summer – Clerk of Court
Tom Bishop – IT/GIS
Jamie Enlow – Magistrate
Caridad Timmerman – Probate
Brian Gibert – Public Works
Josh Hood – Sheriff

Overall Employee of the Quarter:

Lindsey Reynolds

Department Head of the Quarter:

Brad Cuttill – Parks & Recreation Director

RETIREES of the Second Quarter:

Derek Kinney – 9/30/1986 to 8/23/2019
Judge Bartholomew (Bart) McGuire – 2/21/1994 – 8/30/2019

Boys & Girls Club Update for Greenwood County – Sabrina Miller, Executive Director

Ms. Miller shared the mission of the Boys and Girls Club, which is to enable all young people, especially those who need them most, to reach their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. She reported on the status of the programs that are in Greenwood County, including Hodges, Matthews, Rice, Springfield and Woodfields Elementary Schools. She stated that the programs are conducted from 2:30 to 6:30 in the afternoon, and they are serving approximately 150 students in those programs. Ms. Miller also updated the details of the Josh Norman Teen Center as the funding has begun. She reported that the Teen Center should serve approximately 1000 youth annually and 400 children each day. She further described some of the programs and services that will be provided in the Teen Center. Ms. Miller summarized by reporting that the Boys and Girls Club is designed to serve youth from the ages of 5 up to the age 18 across the state, however, they do not serve any middle schools in Greenwood at this time. She stated that they are scheduled to begin the removal of items for the demolition in the Wakefield Building where the Teen Center will be housed. She reported that they have received commitments from Josh Norman and some other funders, the project of which will total \$1.3 million. Ms. Miller updated the schedule of implementation of construction and the completion date estimated to be the summer of 2020. She thanked the Council for the opportunity that has been given to the Boys and Girls Club and wanted to continue to update Council on the status.

Councilwoman Spencer shared her interest in touring some of the sites that Ms. Miller will be visiting. Councilman Lane asked why there are no established programs in the middle schools in

Greenwood. Ms. Miller answered that the YMCA is presently providing services for the middle schools in Greenwood. There was a discussion regarding the employability of the people in Greenwood County for the programs that will be implemented. Ms. Miller stated that she has met with Piedmont Tech for options. Chairman Brown shared his thoughts about having the children in his school district, as well as the other school districts in Greenwood County, served by the Boys and Girls Club programs. Ms. Miller gave further explanation of the expectations of the Boys and Girls Club by getting the programs started in the local Greenwood area and then expanding them to the rest of the areas.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Sign-In Only)

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proclamation regarding the United Way of Greenwood serving as Lead to the Greenwood County Census 2020. – Marisel Losa, Director of United Way of Greenwood

Ms. Losa updated Council on the meetings between United Way of Greenwood and US Census team. She reported that the US Census team has asked the Council to approve the United Way to take the lead and chair of the County committee for the Census Complete Counts. Chairman Brown read the proclamation which was included in the Council packet for the review of the Council. Ms. Losa added that her goal is to increase the completion of the Census in Greenwood County, as the response in the past has been too low. She added that the funds for services and needs that the county receives depends on the reportings of the Census. Chairman Brown asked for the pleasure of Council. Councilman Lane motioned to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Templeton, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Council approved the request for United Way of Greenwood to lead and chair the Census Complete Counts Committee for the US Census 2020.

- B. Consideration of Rehabilitated Historical Property Final Certification for Floor 3 – Unit 302. – Phil Lindler, Planning Director

Chairman Brown read the title and asked for a motion from Council. Councilman Templeton motioned to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Lane, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Council approved the Final Certification for Floor 3, Unit 302 as requested.

- C. Resolution 2019-23 to consider the support of the South Carolina Forestry Commission and Prescribed Fire. – Dale Curry, South Carolina Forestry Commission

Chairman Brown read the resolution and asked for a motion from Council. Councilman Allison motioned to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Spencer, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Council approved Resolution 2019-23 regarding Prescribed Fire.

- D. Resolution 2019-24 to transfer funds from the Fire Reserve Fund to the All Fire Operating Fund. – Derek Oliver, Interim EMS Director

Chairman Brown read the title and reminded Council of the request that was discussed in the Administration and Finance meeting. He asked for the pleasure of Council. Councilman Lane motioned to approve, seconded by Councilman Allison, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Council approved Resolution 2019-24 regarding transfer of funds for the Fire Truck in Ware Shoals.

- E. Resolution 2019-25 recognizing Adam Benson for his journalism with the Index-Journal and reporting for Greenwood County Government. – Steven J. Brown, Chairman of County Council

Chairman Brown asked Adam Benson to join him in the front of Council while he read the resolution. He asked for a motion from Council. Vice Chairman Moates motioned to approve the resolution as read, seconded by Councilwoman Spencer, and the motion carried by unanimous vote. Chairman Brown continued by sharing his appreciation for Mr. Benson's work with County Council and wishes Mr. Benson the best. Mr. Benson shared his experiences with the professional relationship he had with Greenwood County and the County Council. He added that he feels the citizens of Greenwood County are well served by the current Council and the County Manager.

ACTION: Council approved Resolution 2019-25 recognizing Adam Benson.

PENDING

None

DISTRICT REPORT

District One – Edith Childs

- Absent from the meeting

District Two – Mark Allison

- Mr. Allison extended an invitation to Council to visit the Town of Ninety Six to view their Scarecrow exhibit. He mentioned that the exhibit had been visited by two of the local news outlets and would be on the local television news stations. He shared a prepared slide presentation showing some examples of the scarecrows on exhibit, including the Duke Energy scarecrow which received an award.
- He also invited Council to review the final quarter Money Pages that displays an event schedule for the Town of Ninety Six throughout the holidays.

District Three – Melissa Spencer

- All is well in District Three.

District Four – Chuck Moates

- All is well in District Four.

District Six – Robbie Templeton

- All is well in District Six.

District Seven – Theo Lane

- Mr. Lane thanked the County staff for their support in accommodating Mr. Drake during his presentation for the Eagle Scout project. He added that the timing of Mr. Drake completing that project ran right up to his 18th birthday, which is the deadline for an Eagle Scout to accomplish the project.

District Five – Steven J. Brown

- Mr. Brown reported that Sheriff Dennis Kelly was in attendance at the Council Meeting. He thanked Sheriff Kelly for coming. He continued reporting that the County Treasurer was in attendance and had made a report during the Administration and Finance meeting. Mr. Brown thanked all of the staff who were in attendance for the Council meeting and all of their hard work.
- Mr. Brown recognized Dale Curry with the South Carolina Forestry Commission and thanked him for all of his hard work.

MANAGER’S REPORT, County Manager Toby Chappell

Mr. Chappell reported, pursuant to the Procurement Policy, that there was a \$52,000 unbudgeted purchase to repair an 826H Compactor in Public Works.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT, Elizabeth Taylor

No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Brown reported that there was no need to return to Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 6:15.

Susan McIntyre, Clerk to Council, transcribed the minutes.