

MINUTES
GREENVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Session, Monday, December 14, 2020, 6:00 PM Via Zoom
CITY HALL, 154 SW OLD MISSION AVENUE, GREENVILLE FL 32331

1. Call to Order: Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. Roll Call by the Clerk: Mayor Brittini Brown, Vice Mayor Brandi Tillman, Councilmember Bobby Burnett, Councilmember Barbara Dansey, and Councilmember Kathleen Hamilton were present.

ALSO PRESENT: Lee Jones, Jr., Interim Town Clerk/Manager
John Reid, Town Attorney

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation was followed by the pledge of allegiance.
4. Reading and Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION: Vice Mayor Tillman moved to approve the agenda as amended;
second by Councilmember Hamilton.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Brown	X	
Mr. Burnett	X	
Mr. Dansey	X	
Ms. Hamilton	X	
Ms. Tillman	X	

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Consideration of Council Member Absences: None.
6. Public Comments:
 - Ms. Lucile Day asked about a tree on town property by her home. She said she was waiting on a return call.
 - Mayor Brown assured Ms. Day that Town Manager Lee Jones would call her.
7. Consent Agenda: None.

8. Discuss and Possibly Take Action – Mr. Lee Jones as permanent Greenville Town Manager – Mayor Brittni Brown

MOTION: Mayor Brown moved to hire Mr. Lee Jones as the permanent Town Manager; second by Councilmember Hamilton.

- Mayor Brown passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Tillman.
- Mayor Brown wished the Town Council to consider hiring Mr. Jones as the permanent Town Manager.
- Mayor Brown also wished to change the job title for the manager position in the future.
- Councilmember Dansey asked if the Town Council would be in violation of Ch. 112, Florida Statutes, if Mr. Jones was hired after contributing to Mayor Brown's campaign.
- Town Attorney replied that it would not be a violation of state law as Mr. Jones has a right to free political speech. Mr. Jones and all employees may engage in political campaigns as long as the activity does not take place during office hours.
- Councilmember Dansey said she felt the position should have been better advertised.
- Mayor Brown said that position had been advertised since August 2020.
- Councilmember Dansey was not aware that the position had been advertised. She felt it should be advertised in the newspaper.
- Mayor Brown said that the job positions had been advertised outside Town Hall and on the town's website but not in any newspapers.
- Councilmember Burnett asked if the Town had received any other responses to the job advertisements.
- Town Manager Lee Jones said that the Town had not received any applications for the Town Manager position, had received one (1) application for the job that was previously the Deputy Clerk, and had received a number of applications for the office assistant position.
- Councilmember Burnett asked if anyone on the Town Council knew Mr. Jones before he was hired as an interim.
- Mayor Brown said she knew of Mr. Jones through professional contacts.
- Town Attorney John Reid advised the Town Council that any change in job title must be done by ordinance and could not be changed currently.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Brown	X	
Mr. Burnett		X
Mr. Dansey		X
Ms. Hamilton	X	
Ms. Tillman	X	

Motion passed 3-2.

9. Comments by Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Town Council:

- Town Manager updated the Town Council on the bidding process for the grocery store contractors.
- Previously, Greenville rejected the bids that came in over budget. The state changed the funding formula, so by resubmitting the application, the project can now be fully funded.
- Councilmember Dansey asked who was maintaining the minutes.
- Mayor Brown said that the town attorney has been maintaining the minutes.
- Councilmember Dansey noted that the website was missing many of the minutes.
- Councilmember Dansey asked when the Town Council would receive its financial reports.
- Mayor Brown said that the Town Council would receive a quarterly report in January.
- Town Attorney John Reid updated the Town Council on the status of the litigation between Greenville and the former Public Works Director. The insurance company paid a nuisance settlement, and the case was dismissed.
- Town Attorney Reid asked if the Town Council would like to provide direction on how to draft an ordinance changing job titles.
- Mayor Brown said the first draft would be available for the January meeting.
- Town Attorney Reid said that the HR consultant was available to meet with the Town Council regarding the personnel policies.
- Mayor Brown recommended that a workshop be scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2021.

10. Future Agenda Items Requests:

- None.

11. Informational Items:

- None.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

/s/ Lee N. Jones, Jr.
Lee N. Jones, Jr., Town Manager