

MINUTES
GREENVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
 Regular Session, Monday, November 20, 2023, 6:00 PM
 CITY HALL, 154 SW OLD MISSION AVENUE, GREENVILLE, FL 32331

1. **Call to Order- Mayor Barbara Dansey.** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

2. **Roll call by the Mayor:** Mayor Barbara Dansey, Vice Mayor Robin Housh, Councilmember Brittni Brown, Councilmember Chiquila Pleas and Councilmember Ryan Kornegay were present.
 Also Present: John Reid town Attorney

3. **Invocation of The Pledge of Allegiance:** Invocation was followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Reading and Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion: Vice Mayor Housh made a motion to amend the agenda with Discuss-Possible Action- To terminate Lee Jones from The Town of Greenville, Councilmember Brittni Brown discussed as to why the items were not added on the agenda before the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ryan Kornegay

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Barbara Dansey	X	
Vice Mayor Robin Housh	X	
Councilmember Ryan Kornegay	X	
Councilmember Brittni Brown		X
Councilmember Chiquila Pleas		X

Motion Carries 3/2

Motion: Vice Mayor Robin Housh made a motion to amend the agenda with Discuss/Possible Action on the 3-month consulting contract with Lee Jones, second by Councilmember Ryan Kornegay.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Barbara Dansey	X	
Vice Mayor Robin Housh	X	
Councilmember Brittni Brown		X
Councilmember Ryan Kornegay	X	
Councilmember Chiquila Pleas		X

Motion Carries 3/2

Motion: Councilmember Ryan Kornegay made a motion for Councilmember Brittni Brown to finish her discussion and that the rest of the comments only be 2 minutes long, seconded by Councilmember Brittni Brown.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Barbara Dansey	X	
Vice Mayor Robin Housh	X	
Councilmember Brittni Brown	X	
Councilmember Ryan Kornegay	X	
Councilmember Chiquila Pleas	X	

Motion Passed Unanimously

Motion: Vice Mayor Robin Housh made a motion to amend the agenda with Discuss/Possible Action to appoint an Interim Town Manager, seconded by Mayor Barbara Dansey. Councilmember Brittini Brown stated that she would really like to see that items be put on the agenda as the process should be in advance so that the council has time to prepare for the items as well as the public to be able to see what is on the agenda in advance.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Barbara Dansey	X	
Vice Mayor Robin Housh	X	
Councilmember Brittini Brown		X
Councilmember Ryan Kornegay	X	
Councilmember Chiquila Pleas		X
Motion Carries 3/2		

Motion: Councilmember Ryan Kornegay made a motion to amend with Orientation for Newly Elected Members, seconded by Councilmember Chiquila Pleas.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Barbara Dansey	X	
Vice Mayor Robin Housh	X	
Councilmember Brittini Brown	X	
Councilmember Ryan Kornegay	X	
Councilmember Chiquila Pleas	X	

Motion: Councilmember Ryan Kornegay moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Vice Mayor Robin Housh.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Barbara Dansey	X	
Vice Mayor Robin Housh	X	
Councilmember Brittini Brown		X
Councilmember Ryan Kornegay	X	
Councilmember Chiquila Pleas		X
Motion Passed 3/2		

5. Consideration of Councilmember Absences: None.

6. Public Comment: Mrs. Connie Hinkle asked what the ordinance is on the smell and sound of the dogs, she stated that there are at least 8 large dogs and multiple puppies, she stated that the dogs bark all night. She stated that this has gone on for a year now. She stated that she just needs to know the rules. She also stated that the trash around town is awful, she stated that there is a big hole in the park that needs to be fixed and that the city has stopped mowing the whole ditches. Public Works Director Wayne Malone spoke on each of her items. Mrs. Betty Carnell started off welcoming the new elected officials, she said she would like to see action and not promises and that signs are falling and the dogs running loose are everywhere. She also asked what the rules are on

abandoned and dilapidated buildings.

Mr. Calvin Malone stated that he has 3 concerns and asked why all of a sudden is there construction back on the grocery store, his second concern is that he thinks that the councilmembers need to revisit some of the charter officers. His last was that the citizens have spoke with who they voted for, and he wants to see the Town do better. Mr. Billy Simmons spoke on property he owns in Greenville and that he had purchased property and that he has attempted to put a house on the property and was not able to but that he had deeded a piece of property to The Town of Greenville and received property from The Town of Greenville but that there has since became an issue with the zoning on the property so he is still at a standstill.

7. Consent Agenda- None

- 8. Discuss- What date the December meeting will be held- **Mayor Barbara Dansey**. Mayor Barbara Stated that the next meeting needs to be moved as there will be a meeting held at the school on the same day as what our Town Meeting, Councilmember Brittni Brown stated that she would like to see if the council could just meet early and keep the same date. Vice Mayor Robin Housh said that she would like to set a different date so that the public would still be able to attend.

Motion: Vice Mayor Robin Housh made a motion to keep the Regular session meeting on December 11th but to move the time up to 4:40 P.M, seconded by Councilmember Brittni Brown.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Barbara Dansey	X	
Vice Mayor Robin Housh	X	
Councilmember Brittni Brown	X	
Councilmember Ryan Kornegay	X	
Councilmember Chiquila Pleas	X	
Motion Passed Unanimously		

- 9. Discuss- Update on the Grocery Store – **Mayor Barbara Dansey**
Mayor Barbara Dansey Chose not to discuss this item as she said she wanted CEO/CFO Lee Jones to be able to speak on this item and he was not present.
- 10. Discuss- Purchase of Refrigeration for Grocery Store – **Mayor Barbara Dansey**
Mayor Barbara Dansey Chose not to discuss this item as she said she wanted CEO/CFO Lee Jones to be able to speak on this item and he was not present.
- 11. Discuss/Possible Action – To Terminate Lee Jones from The Town of Greenville – **Vice Mayor Robin Housh**

Motion: Councilmember Ryan Kornegay made a motion to ask individuals in the audience to leave if their commotion becomes corrupt to the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Brittni Brown.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Barbara Dansey	X	
Vice Mayor Robin Housh	X	
Councilmember Brittni Brown	X	
Councilmember Ryan Kornegay	X	
Councilmember Chiquila Pleas		X
Motion Passed 4/1		

Motion: Vice Mayor Robin Housh made a motion to terminate Town CEO/CFO Lee Jones for cause because of his misrepresentation and possible fraudulent submission of The Town Budget meeting minutes. She stated That Mr. Jones stated that previous Vice Mayor Hamilton was present at the meeting when she was at a doctor’s

appointment and that she provided the proof. Vice Mayor Robin Housh also stated that Mr. Jones Botched the 2022 Town Election leaving qualified candidates for office off the ballot leaving a council seat vacant for a year, Mayor Barbara Dansey seconded the motion.

Councilmember Ryan Kornegay asked for Vice Mayor Robin Housh to share some more information on her first cause. Vice Mayor Robin Housh stated that there was an agenda and minutes for this cause. Vice Mayor Robin Housh also stated that she spoke with the auditors, and they explained that Mr. Jones did not supply them with documents in a timely manner and that the ending balance of the accounts has her concerned. Councilmember Brittini Brown spoke on how the audits work and the precure for that and that this is why she stated that things need to be put on the agenda in advance so that they have time to prepare for these things. Councilmember Brittini Brown also stated that terminating Mr. Jones would put The Town in a hard position since they would have to pay Mr. Jones a year salary.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Barbara Dansey	X	
Vice Mayor Robin Housh	X	
Councilmember Brittini Brown		X
Councilmember Ryan Kornegay	X	
Councilmember Chiquila Pleas		X
Motion Passed 3/2		

12. **Discuss/Possible Action – 3-Month Consulting Contract with Lee Jones.**

Motion: Vice Mayor Robin Housh made a motion to terminate the 3-month consulting contract of Mr. Jones based on the previous discussion on his termination, seconded by Mayor Barbara Dansey.

Councilmember Brittini Brown asked Vice Mayor Housh if she had read the contract and that clause 11 states that Mr. Jones has to consent to the termination of the contract. Councilmember Brittini Brown stated that these decisions bring liability. Vice Mayor Robin withdrew her motion so that the council has time to review the consulting contract of Mr. Jones as a whole.

Motion: Councilmember Ryan Kornegay made a motion for the Town Attorney John Reid has a chance to look over the contract and what can be done and then this be revisited, seconded by Councilmember Chiquila Pleas.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Barbara Dansey	X	
Vice Mayor Robin Housh	X	
Councilmember Brittini Brown	X	
Councilmember Ryan Kornegay	X	
Councilmember Chiquila Pleas	X	
Motion Passed unanimously		

13. **Discuss/Possible Action – To Appoint an Interim Town Manager – Vice Mayor Robin Housh**

Motion: Councilmember Ryan Kornegay made a motion to let Councilmember Brittini Brown and Calvin Malone speak on why Mr. Dean was terminated/resigned from his position previously, seconded by Councilmember Brittini Brown.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Barbara Dansey	X	
Vice Mayor Robin Hosh	X	
Councilmember Brittini Brown	X	
Councilmember Ryan Kornegay	X	
Councilmember Chiquila Pleas	X	

Motion Passed Unanimously

Councilmember Brittnei Brown stated that the termination of Edward dean was for multiple reasons, there was no communication between him and the Town Council and that they were not kept in the loop with grants were going on, she stated that he did not communicate that the grants were reimbursable grants and how they work. Councilmember Brittnei Brown stated that he has a track record of not doing his job properly. Calvin Malone stated that Edward Dean is a good fit for the interim to pick back up and move forward. Calvin Malone stated that he was not terminated but that he resigned.

Motion: Vice Mayor Robin Housh made a motion to appoint Edward Dean as Interim Town Manager, seconded by Mayor Barbara Dansey.

Councilmember Chiquila Pleas asked why they would want to bring in someone that was terminated from the Town previously for misuse of funds. Councilmember Brittnei Brown asked why they would vote to bring in someone they do not have all the proper education on and not knowing the background on why he was terminated. Councilmember Chiquila Pleas stated that she does not want to see the Town going backwards. Mayor Barbara Dansey stated that she was on the council when the plans for the community center were put in place and that since then the plans have been changed as to what the center is used for. Councilmember Brittnei Brown asked Vice Mayor Robin Housh since they have voted to terminate Lee Jones, who would show the Interim the things that need to be done and handled daily. Edward Dean was asked to speak on the interim position, and he explained his standpoint. Edward Dean spoke of the steps he took to make things happen for The Town of Greenville during his previous tenure. The motion has been amended as to put an Interim in place for until January 13th and the position will be advertised and then the council will come back and re-visit the position.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Barbara Dansey	X	
Vice Mayor Robin Housh	X	
Councilmember Brittnei Brown		X
Councilmember Ryan Kornegay	X	
Councilmember Chiquila Pleas		X
Motion Passed 3/2		

Vice Mayor Robin Housh made a motion to Hire Edward Dean at \$75,000 a year at \$6250.00 a month, seconded by Mayor Barbara Dansey.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Barbara Dansey	X	
Vice Mayor Robin Housh	X	
Councilmember Brittnei Brown		X
Councilmember Ryan Kornegay	X	
Councilmember Chiquila Pleas		X
Motion Passed 3/2		

14. **Comments by Town CEO/CFO, Town Attorney and Councilmembers-** Councilmember Brittnei Brown stated that tonight’s meeting set the Town Back with decisions being made without discussing as a whole and that she wanted to go on record stating that when partners start backing out it causes dire consequences.
15. **Future Agenda Items Request-** Discuss Orientation for Newly Elected Officials, Discuss position for Town Clerk.
16. **Informational Items-** The Greenville Christmas will be on December 9th.

