

**MINUTES**  
**GREENVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Final Budget Hearing Monday January 8, 2024, 5:30 P.M.**  
**CITY HALL, 154 SW OLD MISSION AVENUE, GREENVILLE, FL 32331**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Dansey called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
  
2. Roll Call: Mayor Barbara Dansey, Vice Mayor Robin Housh, Councilmember Brittnei Brown, and Councilmember Chiquila Pleas were present.  
Also present: Town Attorney John Reid.
  
3. Public Comment: None.
  
4. Public Hearing/Discuss/Action - Ordinance 2024-276- A ordinance adopting the final Levying of AD Valorem taxes for Madison County fiscal year 2023-2024. Town Attorney John Reid

Town Attorney John Reid explained that this was just a clean-up from last fall as the rollback rate that was sent in was incorrect and we needed to hold a meeting to clean that up.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Housh moved to approve the amendment; second by Councilmember Brown.

|                              | <u>Yay</u> | <u>Nay</u> |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Mayor Barbara Dansey         | X          |            |
| Vice Mayor Robin Housh       | X          |            |
| Councilmember Brittnei Brown | X          |            |
| Councilmember Chiquila Pleas | X          |            |

Motion passed.

5. **Adjournment**: Meeting was adjourned at 5:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Inglett*

Julie Inglett, Office Manager.

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**GREENVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Workshop, Monday January 8, 2024, 5:30 P.M.**  
**CITY HALL, 154 SW OLD MISSION AVENUE, GREENVILLE, FL 32331**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Dansey called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.
  
2. Roll Call: Mayor Barbara Dansey, Vice Mayor Robin Housh, Councilmember Brittni Brown, and Councilmember Chiquila Pleas were present.  
Also present: Interim Town Manager Edward Dean and Town Attorney John Reid.
  
3. Workshop.
  - a. **Discuss** – Job description for Town Clerk – **Town Attorney John Reid**.  
Councilmember Brown stated that she thought they were just going to get the descriptions and take time to go over them and then schedule a later workshop for these two items. Councilmember Brown stated that she had some concerns about the requirements they are requesting for this position, and she is concerned about them asking for a bachelor's degree and that this position is a more on the site training position.
  
  - b. **Discuss** – Job description for Town Manager – **Town Attorney John Reid**.  
Councilmember Brown stated that she had some concerns on this as well, she stated that having to live in Madison County would limit them on who qualifies as well as some of the other qualifications they are asking for. Councilmember Brown stated that she would use these as preferences instead. Vice Mayor Housh stated that she thinks that The Town of Greenville needs to be like other Towns when it comes to the Manager position. The council as a whole decided to look over the qualifications for both positions and send any revisions to the Town Attorney to be considered.
  
4. **Adjournment**: Meeting adjourned at 5:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Inglett*

Julie Inglett, Office Manager.

**MINUTES**  
**GREENVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Regular Session, Monday January 8, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**  
**CITY HALL, 154 SW OLD MISSION AVENUE, GREENVILLE, FL 32331**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Dansey called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.
  
2. Roll Call: Mayor Barbara Dansey, Vice Mayor Robin Housh, Councilmember Brittnei Brown, Councilmember Ryan Kornegay and Councilmember Chiquila Pleas were present.  
 Also present: Interim Town Manager Edward Dean and Town Attorney John Reid.
  
3. Invocation of The Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
  
4. Reading and Approval of the Agenda: Councilmember Pleas moved to amend the agenda and stated wanted to remove the potholes and cleaning the pond from the agenda as those had been addressed and that she would like to add to the agenda a Whistleblower complaint and that she wanted to move item 10 to the end because of the complaint that she had received. Brittnei Brown seconded. Councilmember stated that he wanted to move to put the whistleblower complaint before number 10 before the contract of Edward Dean. Councilmember Ryan Kornegay asked the Town Attorney if this was something they needed to get legal advice on before discussing. Town Attorney John Reid stated that this could be brought up in public comments, he also stated that if this was a whistleblower complaint brought under statue it is confidential so it cannot be revealed and the person who receives it reveals it could be found to have committed a crime. Town Attorney John Reid stated that the complaint could be sent to him, and he could get this to outside council if that was ok, Councilmember Pleas stated that this was not acceptable as these complaints needed to be handled before a decision was made on the Interim Town Manager Contract. Councilmember Brittnei Brown amended her second to those requests.

MOTION: Councilmember moved to approve the amendment; second by Councilmember Brown.

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

Councilmember Kornegay moved to amend the agenda with moving item numbers 8, 13 and 14 to Town Manager comments as these are more informational items and they have a long agenda, and this might help speed things up. Councilmember Brown stated that she didn't understand how a councilmember could move another Councilmembers item on the agenda. Councilmember Kornegay asked Councilmember Pleas if these items could be addressed by the Town Manager. Councilmember Pleas stated that item 8 and 14 could be. Councilmember

Kornegay asked to amend his motion and that item 8 and 14 be moved to Manager updates.

MOTION: Councilmember Kornegay moved to amend the agenda; seconded by Vice Mayor Housh.

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

Motion Passed.

MOTION: Councilmember Kornegay moved to amend his initial motion; seconded by Vice Mayor Housh.

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

Motion Passed.

MOTION: Councilmember Ryan Kornegay moved to adopt the agend with the necessary changes; seconded by Vice Mayor Housh.

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

Motion Passed.

5. Consideration of Councilmember Absences: None

6. Public Comments: Mr. Lucas Taylor stated that he is an attorney from Live Oak Florida and that he represents Councilmember Brittni Brown he stated that he wrote a letter to the Town Council dated December 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 and that he had email this letter to the council members as well as the Town Attorney and Interim Town Manager. Mr. Lucas stated that a letter was posted on the Town Facebook page by the Interim Town Manager as well as posted in the newspaper and that comments in that letter concerning Councilmember Brown that were not accurate and he is asking the council to take action. There were claims that Councilmember Brown had posted a fraudulent letter from the Local Grocer for the grocery store stating that they no longer wanted to do business with the Town when in fact this letter was sent by the grocer, and it was also sent to the Town before this was published in the newspaper. Mr. Lucas asked that the council retract that from the Facebook page as well as a written apology from the Interim Town Manager posted on the Town Facebook page as well as in the Town newspaper or they will have to look at other legal avenues.

Mrs Janie Miller stated that her concern is the railroad track and that she has been calling and she has been waiting for

a call back and that she asks the Council please call and maybe drive down Ray Charles once a week to see how bad things are.

Traci Mckinnon spoke up and stated that Julie Inglett and she wanted to come forward and bring to the Councilmembers attention and anyone else's attention that may need to know what they have been dealing with. Mrs. McKinnon stated that over the last 6 weeks that they have been dealing with a very hostile work environment and that they are unsure from day to day if they will even have a job to do the treatment of the Interim town Manager Edward Dean. Mrs. McKinnon stated that Mr. Dean was constantly threatening their positions and comparing them with his past employee when he was Town Manager in the past. Mrs. McKinnon stated that their job is done to the full extent every day and that they do not leave the office leaving work undone. Mrs. McKinnon stated that they feel from day to day that they are scared to come to work and don't even want to come to work because of the environment. Mrs. Inglett stated that she returned from Thanksgiving break to being told that Vice Mayor Housh wanted her gone, she stated that she was also told that she had not proved herself in her position and that she has been here for over 2 years showing up every day doing her job to the full extent and she feels that she should not have to worry from day to day if she still has a job. Mrs. Inglett stated that Mr. Dean has constantly told her that she needs to prove herself to the council because he is having to block for her. Mrs. Inglett stated that in the two years that she has been here that she has treated each and every person with the same respect.

Mr. Lee Jones stated that he wanted to quickly speak about the things that have been said on his tenure here as he had been staying silent. Mr. Jones stated that he is a CPA in the state of Florida and in the state of Texas for over 30 Years with a clean background and a clean record. Mr. Jones stated that he found out about his termination in a Facebook post and that he received no communication from the Town. Mr. Jones stated that the specific matter that he would like to address was a letter that posted on the Facebook page and published in the paper that there was credible evidence that he had committed fraud which is a big deal and that he had later on found out that it was some type of document fraud. Mr. Jones went on to state that he had never committed any type of fraud and that the document that is at question was not drafted or created by him or at his request and that the Genisus of that document, the drafting of it and then the posting of a meeting that was stated that former Vice Mayor Kathleen Hamilton was there was further from the truth. Mr. Jones stated that on the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting that he was present at that meeting as well as former Councilmember Malone, Councilmember Brown and Office Manager Julie Inglett was at a that meeting. Mr. Jones stated that the person who posted that and put the document out there was in the room and that would be the Town attorney John Reid and that he did this at his own volition and did not contact Mr. Jones or anyone else about putting that out there and if they are claiming fraud than the person who committed fraud is actually Town Attorney John Reid.

Calvin Malone stated that the Town is in a bad situation and that if the council could get their personal stuff out of the way and have respect for each other and their positions. Mr. Malone asked what the Town is going to do to get out of this mess. Mr. Malone stated that he would like to see the Town get back on the right track.

7. Consent Agenda: - December 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

**Motion:** Councilmember Ryan Kornegay moved to approve the consent agenda; second by Councilmember Brittini Brown.

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|                      | <u>Yay</u> | <u>Nay</u> |
| Mayor Barbara Dansey | X          |            |

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| Vice Mayor Robin Housh       | X |
| Councilmember Brittni Brown  | X |
| Councilmember Ryan Kornegay  | X |
| Councilmember Chiquila Pleas | X |

Motion Passed unanimously.

8. Discuss/Possible Action: Related to Lee Jones 3-month contract: **Vice Mayor Robin Housh**. Councilmember Kornegay moved to table this portion until the next regular meeting. Councilmember Brown asked if he was referring to the rest of the meeting. Councilmember Brittni Brown asked if she could do an inquiry to his motion. Councilmember Brown asked where the time certain came from as there are over 25 items on the agenda and this does not give any time to discuss any of these items. Mayor Dansey stated that the meetings in the past nobody has been prepared. Councilmember Kornegay asked to revise his motion to move some of the most pertinent items to the front. Councilmember Brown stated that she feels all councilmembers feel like their items are pertinent. Councilmember Kornegay asked to move and take item 9 and table it and provide the other items to be discussed and add 10 minutes to the meeting.

MOTION: Councilmember Kornegay moved to table, seconded by Vice Mayor Housh.

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

Motion Passed 3/2.

Motion: Councilmember Kornegay Moved to extend the time for 10 minutes; seconded by Vice Mayor Housh Councilmember Brown stated that they begin the meeting 10 minutes late and she asked Mayor Dansey if they were going to extend the meeting by 10 minutes when they started since it was started late. Councilmember Brown stated that if the Mayor was going to use the time certain that they needed to be consistent and use it as this has never been used before. Councilmember Brown stated that she does not think that it is fair that councilmembers do not get time to discuss their items.

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

Motion Passed 3/2.

Vice Mayor Housh stated that she would like to extend the Interim Town Manager contract and that she had spoken to Town Attorney John Reid and he stated that they can extend until May 8<sup>th</sup>. Town Attorney John Reid said that they can't extend a contract without a bid up to \$35,000 and it was agreed to pay Edward Dean \$75,000 and that he did the math and that's 146 days is the maximum beginning on his first day which was November 20<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Brown asked if Mr. Dean was a contractor or an employee and if he was an employee they would have to factor in his benefits and his retirement. Town Attorney John Reid stated that they could make a motion to extend the contract for the

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maximum permits by law and they could go back and do the math and then they could have an ending date. Councilmember Brown stated that they need to go ahead and put something in place to advertise for this position. Councilmember Brown also stated that none of the councilmembers had said anything about the two staff members that came forward and that she doesn't understand how they could be even considering a contract with Edward Dean after they heard about the work environment. Councilmember Kornegay stated that it is more so because they are on a time limit and that he wants to definitely make sure that they address those things and that an investigation is done.

Motion: Councilmember Pleas made a motion to extend the adjournment by 10 minutes; seconded by Councilmember Kornegay.

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

Motion: Vice Mayor Housh moved to extend the Interim Town Manager Employment until they hire a Town Manager or until the maximum amount under law; seconded by Councilmember Kornegay.

Councilmember Brown stated that she thinks the council would be remised to move forward with any extension of this contract knowing that they have 2 staff members alleging a hostile work environment and abusive behavior by this person and they it would be negligent of them when that have two staff members that have come before them and they are going to extend without any consideration. Councilmember Brown stated that she doesn't think that Mr. Dean needs to be anywhere near Town Hall until they can seek out what the staff members are saying. Councilmember Brown stated that she thinks the council is going to open them up to more liability than they already are if this is dismissed and that they are saying that they are the staff members think that it is ok to continue in this environment. Vice Mayor Housh stated that her name was mentioned in some of that paperwork, and she knows that she has not said some of those things so therefore how can they not go forward, but they can investigate. Councilmember Kornegay stated that they definitely need to take what has been shared, and that he wants it to be known that they are looking to hire someone full time but because of the timeframe they are in right now there needs to be someone in place. Councilmember Please stated that she feels that the role does not need to be filled right now if the current Interim is not performing his duties as he stated in the last meeting that he was approving payroll and she had reached out and spoke to Julie about getting the proof of who was approving payroll and ADP sent an email stating that Julie is the only one approving. Mayor Dansey stated that she feels that they need to investigate the accusations but that the ball can't just drop where they have nobody here to handle business.

Motion: Councilmember Kornegay moved to call the question; seconded by Vice Mayor Housh.

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

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Mayor Barbara Dansey Called the question to a vote, Vice Mayor Housh was asked to repeat her motion which was to extend the Interim Town Manager Employment until they hire a Town Manager or until the maximum amount under law; seconded by Councilmember Kornegay.

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

Motion Passed 3/2.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Councilmember Brown moved to adjourn; second by Councilmember Pleas.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Inglett*

Julie Inglett, Office Manager.