

MINUTES
GREENVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Session, Monday February 12, 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 6:05 PM.

2. Roll Call: Mayor Barbara Dansey, Vice Mayor Robin Housh, Councilmember Brittni Brown and Councilmember Ryan Kornegay 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:
MOTION: Councilmember Ryan Kornegay Moved to approve the agenda, 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 Ryan Kornegay	X	
Motion Passed 3/1		

5. Consideration of Councilmember Absences: None

6. Public Comments: Commissioner Ronnie Moore commented on the grant that the county received for the library in Greenville and that there are still some decisions that need to be made by the county. Mr. Moore stated that the grant is in the amount of \$500,000 Thousand dollars. He stated that he had a meeting to discuss how they were going to move forward with this as with today's costs he doesn't know if they are going to be able to move forward with new construction or if they will have to renovate the existing building. Councilmember Brittni Brown stated that her and previous Town Manager Lee Jones had put together some help with matching funds to help with the construction on the library and that he might want to reach out and see where that stands. Mr. Billy Simmons spoke about the flooding at his property as well as the issue with his property on Ray Charles and the agreement he had with the Town of Greenville when he gave them a piece of property. Mr. Simmons stated that every property on that street as far as address is off.

7. Discuss – Proclamation and Pledge supporting Waste Reduction and Recycling Nu Omega Chapter Members – Mayor Barbara Dansey. Mayor Barbara Dansey stated that they want to do a clean-up day for Greenville and that they would like for the Town council to help as well as participate in the clean-up. She stated that they would like to pull in the

whole community in and they would appreciate if the Town Council could supply refreshments.

8. Consent Agenda: - Meeting Minutes for Final Budget Hearing, Workshop, and Regular Session Meeting Minutes January 8, 2024.

Motion: Councilmember Brittni Brown moved to approve the consent agenda; second by Vice Mayor Robin Housh

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

9. Discuss – Applicant's and interviews for Town Manager and Town Clerk – **Councilmember Chiquila Pleas and Ryan Kornegay**. Councilmember Ryan Kornegay stated that in the process of recruiting for these positions he feels that they need to work together as well as with some specialists to go about this process in the best way. Councilmember Kornegay stated that there are a number of issues that need to be addressed such as advertisement and recruitment as well as developing a retention plan. Councilmember Brittni Brown stated that she feels they are not ready to move forward without scheduling a workshop with the help of the HR professional to go over the options.

MOTION: Councilmember Kornegay moved ask that they partner with Mrs. McDaniel's to help assess the options for the Town, 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	
Motion Passed Unanimously.		

10. Discuss – Florida DEP Warning Letter – **Councilmember Ryan Kornegay**. Councilmember Ryan Kornegay stated that he wanted to go over this issue and figure out what steps could be taken to resolve these issues. Councilmember Kornegay stated that since they had received the letter some of the things have been rectified and updated but he would like to see what measures can be taken in the future to keep this from happening again. Public works director Wayne Malone stated that all of these issues have been taken care of.
11. Discuss – Town Grocery Store Development: Continuity, Management, and Best Practices – **Interim Town Manager Edward Dean and Councilmember Ryan Kornegay**. Interim Town Manager Ed Dean stated that he is pleased with the progress and that he has a verbal agreement with a grocer, he stated that there had been some changes in some of the funding due to some of the requirements and he is trying to rectify the situation. Interim Town Manager Ed Dean also gave an update on the construction company as well as an update on the finances. Councilmember Kornegay stated that he would like to suggest that they look into creating a committee that would serve as an advisory board for the grocery store that would consist of experts and potential citizens in the town as well as someone from the Madison

Chamber of Commerce. Councilmember Brittini Brown stated that the funds that Mr. Dean is wanting to use to pay Sperry are not allocated for that and if he uses them, how does he plan to pay those funds back as they are not backed by a grant. Councilmember Brittini Brown stated that these issues need to come before the board as the Interim Town Manager is making decisions, signing contracts and that Ed Dean needs to let the Council know what money is being spent and how the Town intends on paying those funds back. Councilmember Brittini Brown stated that Ed Dean is just an Interim Town Manager and that if he is going to be making these kinds of decisions in the time that he is here then where does that leave the Town when his tenure is up. Councilmember Kornegay stated that he feels a level of uncomfortableness and that he would like for Ed Dean to reach out to Capital City Bank and get some clarification on how paying back these funds will be handled.

Motion: Councilmember Kornegay moved to extend the meeting to 7:20 for discussion, seconded by Councilmember Brittini Brown with adding to that a discussion on the Time Certain. Councilmember Brittini Brown stated that the time certain does not always give the opportunity to discuss all the items on the agenda.

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

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion: Councilmember Ryan Kornegay moved to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes to finish discussing the rest of the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Brittini Brown.

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

Motion Passed Unanimously.

12. Consent – Florida Division of Emergency Management Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement – **Interim Town Manager Ed Dean.**

Motion: Councilmember Ryan Kornegay moved to approve this consent agenda item, seconded by Mayor Barbara Dansey.

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

Motion Passed Unanimously.

13. Comments by Interim Town Manager, Town Attorney and Council Members- Town Attorney John Reid Stated that former Town Manager Lee Jones has filed a litigation suit and outside council has been retained. He also stated that there was a contract that the council had entered into that was being questioned but there were no updates on that.

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Mr. Reid said he answered some questions about chain of command and that the Town Council should not be involved in day-to-day conversations. Councilmember Brittini Brown asked Mr. Dean if he is the Chief Executive Officer, why is he not the one who is handling the bank accounts and transferring the money. Councilmember Ryan Kornegay stated that Madison would be putting on an event on February 17th for diabetes and that he is hoping that a mobile unit get established again soon. Councilmember Brittini Brown stated that in Town Attorney John Reids updates that she was hoping to hear something related to the whistleblower investigation from the last meeting and they left the last meeting with an understanding that there would be an investigation. Attorney John Reid stated that there had been an inquiry and that there were no whistleblower complaints and that these were grievances. Councilmember Brittini Brown also stated that she wants to understand how they would like to address how to handle Charter Officers and them not answering multiple phone calls as well as email.

14. Future Agenda Items -None

15. Informational Items -None

16. Adjournment

MOTION: Councilmember Brown moved to adjourn; second by Councilmember Pleas.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Inglett

Julie Inglett, Office Manager.