

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE
CITY HALL, 152 SW ONSLOW STREET, GREENVILLE, FL 32331

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
Greenville Senior-Youth Center, 152 SW Onslow Street, Greenville, FL 32331
Monday September 8, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Kornegay called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor Ryan Kornegay
Vice Mayor Robin Housh
Councilmember Barbara Dansey
Councilmember Carl Livingston
Councilmember Chiquila Pleas

Absent:

Also Present:

Victoria Kingston, Town Manager
John Reid, Town Attorney by phone
Kim Reams, Town Clerk
Wayne Malone, Public Works Director

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

ACTION: Without objection, Councilmember Pleas asked to add Item d under New Business, Discussion Related to Old Library. Councilmember Dansey moved to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Livingston.

Councilmember	Yay	Nay
Mayor Kornegay	X	
Vice Mayor Housh	X	
Councilmember Dansey	X	
Councilmember Livingston	X	
Councilmember Pleas	X	

5. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

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ACTION: Councilmember Dansey moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting, August 11, 2025, Budget Workshop Meeting, August 12, 2025, and Budget Workshop Meeting August 25, 2025. Seconded by Councilmember Housh.

Councilmember	Yay	Nay
Mayor Kornegay	X	
Vice Mayor Housh	X	
Councilmember Dansey	X	
Councilmember Livingston	X	
Councilmember Pleas	X	

6. CONSIDERATION OF COUNCILMEMBER ABSENCES:

Chiquila Pleas August 11, 2025 & August 25, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mr. Calvin Malone said he was curious about the audit. He asked how does the financial report affect the current finances of the town? I was wondering why there's nothing being done on behalf of the citizens.
- Mr. Malone said that years ago, there used to be a sign that all four entry gateways and they haven't been there for years now. He said the bridge in the sidewalk in the park hasn't been repaired. Mr. Malone spoke about several other things he had issue with.
- Mr. Greg Bruton said he was from Greenville, and his class was the last to graduate from Greenville High School. He went on to say that he was the owner of GDK Security Services, LLC. The reason I'm here tonight is I'm trying to find out what's going on with the building, or what do you guys' plan for the building that's over on Church Street and Overgard. He said he would like to own or lease the building.
- Mayor Kornegay said that they would be discussing this further down in the agenda.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

8. BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING:

a. CALL TO ORDER – *Budget Public Hearing*: Mayor Kornegay called the hearing to order at 6:18 P.M.

b. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mr. Malone asked if the welcome signs could be added to the budget.

- There was no other public comment

c. **ACTION:** *Resolution 2025-20: Related to Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026* – Town Clerk Kim Reams

- Ms. Reams read Resolution 2025-20 stating that the tentative operating millage rate is 9.0772 mills, which is greater than the rolled back rate of 8.7608 mills by 3.61%.

ACTION: Councilmember Livingston moved to approve Resolution 2025-20.
Seconded by Councilmember Dansey.

Councilmember	Yay	Nay
Mayor Kornegay	X	
Vice Mayor Housh	X	
Councilmember Dansey	X	
Councilmember Livingston	X	
Councilmember Pleas	X	

d. **ACTION:** *Resolution 2025-21: Related to Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026* – Town Clerk Kim Reams

- Ms. Reams stated that all the changes that were requested in the budget workshop had been made. Ms. Reams read Resolution 2025-21 stating that the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 was in the amount of \$2,661,000.00.

ACTION: Councilmember Dansey moved to approve Resolution 2025-21. Seconded by Councilmember Livingston.

Councilmember	Yay	Nay
Mayor Kornegay	X	
Vice Mayor Housh	X	
Councilmember Dansey	X	
Councilmember Livingston	X	
Councilmember Pleas	X	

e. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Kornegay adjourned the budget hearing at 6:25 P.M.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

a. **DISCUSSION:** *Related to Charter Officers Annual Evaluation – Mayor Ryan Kornegay*

- Mayor Kornegay said Councilmember's at the last meeting I asked if you had any specific items that you wanted discussion in the evaluation process. I wanted to come back and see if there were specific items that you had, so that we can kind of collect those together and start putting things in order. Are there any items specifically that you'd like to add?
- Mayor Kornegay said I think a general sense of the evaluation with HR assistance that we had before from Ms. Jessica Moore was reaching out to her again to see if she could give us some advice. I'm waiting to hear back from her about what that would look like for evaluation, and once she gets that, I'll share. If there are any specific items, if you don't have them now, you could email Dr. Kingston, so they can get to me, or email me directly, so that we can make sure we have those items together. I'd like to present something back as soon as possible.

b. **DISCUSSION:** *Related to Auditor General Audit Findings – Town Attorney John Reid*

- Attorney Reid said, Mr. Mayor, members, I wanted to review with you some of the findings. I think you've all had an opportunity to review the Final audit.
- Attorney Reid said during the audit, we discussed with the Auditor General's office on what would take place if they suspected there might be criminal activity. Whether they would refer to law enforcement, or whether that would be the responsibility of the town, and they said that it would be the responsibility of the town.
- Attorney Reid said I wanted to bring that to your attention. We've reviewed some of the findings to see whether this is an issue we want to refer to law enforcement or whether we want to pursue a civil action, or whether we want to take no action.
- Attorney Reid said I know that State Representative Tant, who initiated the audit, has expressed interest in having law enforcement look at these findings to determine whether there was any wrongdoing.
- Attorney Reid discussed some of the key issues and related statutes.
- Attorney Reid said that we have a few options, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement has an Office of Executive Investigations that kind of deals with a lot of these types of issues. They investigate misconduct by public officials, and if they find something improper, they will refer that to the state attorney.
- Attorney Reid said if the town council wishes, I can prepare a referral package and submit that to that office, as well as the State Attorney, one or both or I could not do that. If it was the choice of the town council, I had mentioned civil action. If we

wish to try to recover some funds, we could seek civil action. We just went through and passed the budget. That's money we would have to expend on legal fees to recover that, so we may not be in a position at this time to do that.

- Mayor Kornegay said I would very much request that you take full action from FDLE's standpoint and the state attorney's standpoint.
- Mayor Kornegay discussed some of the things he saw in the audit that he felt were egregious.

ACTION: Councilmember Housh moved to take the advice of our attorney to refer findings from this audit to FDLE and state attorney along with working in conjunction with State Representative Allison Tant's office. Seconded by Councilmember Pleas.

Councilmember	Yay	Nay
Mayor Kornegay	X	
Vice Mayor Housh	X	
Councilmember Dansey	X	
Councilmember Livingston	X	
Councilmember Pleas	X	

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. **FIRST READING:** *Ordinance 2025-288: Related to Council Compensation – Town Attorney John Reid*

- Attorney Reid said I understand it's been discussed about trying to balance the budget by reducing compensation to council members. There are some challenges because of how the charter is written. When we rewrote the charter in 2019, we provided safeguards so there'd be accountability if council members wanted to increase pay. They could not increase over 40% of the base pay at the time an ordinance is proposed. The pay increase would also not take effect until following the election, following the vote to increase the pay and there are no restrictions on reductions.
- Attorney Reid said I think it was discussed at the workshops that you would lower to no compensation. I think there could be an issue with that, because our charter does, in Section 7, say that the town council shall receive compensation. The word shall, makes it mandatory. We just chose a dollar a month. It's a nominal amount, but it would, I think, satisfy the plain language of the Charter, and essentially achieve the goal sought by the Town Council through its budget hearings.

- Attorney Reid said if it's ok, I think it might be good just to discuss both ordinances together. I did produce a memo for your review, which I think lays some of this out. I think the intent of the Town Council was to have the current amount of \$490 a month be reinstated after a year. There is a small issue with that, because we do have that provision in the charter that says the increase cannot take effect until another election is passed so we're going to come back in 2 weeks. We're going to vote on the first ordinance on our second reading. Since reductions have no limitations, that will take effect immediately and will apply to October 2025. Attorney Reid said we cannot vote on Ordinance 2025-289 until after the election passes, because the language is essentially self-executing and says that the increase shall take effect the month following the election after the vote is taken. So, we have to wait for our second reading to vote for Ordinance 2025-289 to restore the payback to \$490.
- Attorney Reid said the language in the charter says that the increase, the 40% limit, applies to the base compensation as of the date that the ordinance for the increase is proposed and that would be today, because we are proposing and having our first reading on Ordinance 2025-289. It's my opinion that we do not run afoul of the 40% limit when the increase goes back up in November of 2026, because the ordinance will have been introduced tonight. At the time that the compensation was \$490 a month and we'll just vote after November, so that way it'll then take effect November of 2026. I think it was the intent of the Council to do a 12-month pause. Unfortunately, because of the way the charter's written, it will have to be a 13-month pause, but I think that is really the best we could do as far as changing this by ordinance.

b. **FIRST READING: *Ordinance 2025-289: Related to Council Compensation* – **Town Attorney John Reid****

- This was discussed along with the previous Ordinance.
- Mayor Kornegay said Attorney Reid has covered pretty much both ordinances in this discussion, so we'll move on.

c. **DISCUSSION/ACTION: *Related to Road Closure for Farmer's Market on September 13, 2025 and September 27, 2025* – **Mayor Ryan Kornegay****

- Mayor Kornegay said just to give an update Councilmembers, the first farmer's market with our partner, DSR, and Public Health Foundation, was August 23rd. There were some individuals who sold out within the first 3 hours, thankfully, so we did have people coming in here and there. There was discussion from the

vendors and farmers along with DSR was to have the farmer's market be once a month but there was some more demand. They thought that we needed to do it twice a month, and so the request is to close the road for the second Saturday of the month and the fourth Saturday of the month.

- **ACTION:** Councilmember Housh moved to approve the road closure of Grand Street for the Farmers Market on September 13th and September 27th. Seconded by Councilmember Pleas.

Councilmember	Yay	Nay
Mayor Kornegay	X	
Vice Mayor Housh	X	
Councilmember Dansey	X	
Councilmember Livingston	X	
Councilmember Pleas	X	

d. **DISCUSSION:** *Related to Auction and Sale of Old Public Library* – **Councilmember Pleas**

- Council member Pleas said she has been trying to find funds and thinks that auctioning or selling that building could bring in up to \$30,000.
- Dr. Kingston and Councilmember Pleas will look at the building and bring their findings back to the council.

11. **COMMENTS BY TOWN MANAGER, TOWN ATTORNEY, TOWN CLERK AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

- Town Manager Dr. Kingston reported that the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services grant for the filtration has been executed. It was executed on August 29th.
- Dr. Kingston said that all the paperwork had been sent to the bank for the line of credit and it was up for approval on September 17th. The amount is \$750,000.
- Dr. Kingston said that she created a form for all the road repairs that are needed. She hopes that will help log and track repairs needed and repairs that have been completed.
- Dr. Kingston reported that the Friends of Evergreen meeting is October 27th.
- Dr. Kingston gave an update on the grocery store stating that the initial walk through with DSR was on June 24th and the MOU was signed on June 26th. She went on to state that 3 grant proposals had been submitted to USDA on June 27th.
- Dr. Kingston reported that on July 10th there was the grocery store planning meeting. She said they had been meeting once and sometimes twice a week.

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- Dr. Kingston reported that going forward every 2nd and 4th Saturday unless otherwise noted there will be a Farmer's Market.
- Clerk Reams said the Final Budget Hearing would be held on September 22, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.
- Mayor Kornegay asked if we could get a schedule of when fire hydrants are being flushed.
- Mayor Kornegay reported that Representative Tant and Senator Simon held their delegation meeting today. It was a good informational meeting.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS REQUEST:

- Councilmember Pleas requested adding discussion about the Pop's Sanitation Lease

13. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

14. ADJOURNMENT

- Councilmember Housh moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Pleas.
- Without objection, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

Minutes approved and adopted by the Town Council on 10/13/2025.