MINUTES

GREENVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

Emergency Session, Thursday, July 4, 2019, 12:00 PM

SENIOR CITIZENS BLDG., 166 SW ONSLOW STREET, GREENVILLE FL 32331

ALSO PRESENT: Edward Dean, Town Manager

John Reid, Town Attorney

Kimberly Reams, Town Clerk

Wayne Malone, Public Works Director

1. Call to Order: Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 12:21 PM.
2. Roll call by the Clerk: Mayor Brown, Councilmember Bobby Burnett, Councilmember Teresa Harville, Councilmember Cynthia James and Councilmember Calvin Malone were present.
3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Calvin Malone led the prayer and pledge.
4. Citizens’ Comments: Mayor Brown stated that she would allow citizens to make comment at this time. Around ten different citizens expressed their disappointment in the cancellation of the fireworks show scheduled for that evening. Many questioned why it had been cancelled at the last minute.
5. Discussion and possible action concerning July 4th 2019 Fireworks show: Mayor Brown stated that the reason for the emergency session was to address questions and concerns from citizens and staff regarding the cancellation of the fireworks show by the Fire Chief and Town Manager. Mayor Brown asked the Town Attorney, John Reid to explain to the board what his findings were regarding Florida Statute. Mr. Reid passed out copies of his legal memorandum, statutes and the letter from the Fire Chief, Chris Williams. Mr. Reid explained state laws and penalties in regards to fireworks. Mr. Reid went on to say that he could not find a way around the permitting requirements. Mr. Reid stated that in his legal opinion the public display of fireworks by “The Spirit of Greenville” would violate state law and cannot be permitted to proceed. Mr. Reid answered questions from various board members. After lengthy discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Malone moved for the Spirit of Greenville to move ahead with the fireworks display in the park; second by Mayor Brown.

Yay Nay

Mr. Burnett X

Mayor Brown X

Ms. Harville X

Ms. James X

Mr. Malone X

Motion failed with a 3-2 vote.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberly M. Reams

Town Clerk