MINUTES

GREENVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Session, October 10, 2017,6:00 PM

CITY HALL, 154 SW OLD MISSION AVENUE, GREENVILLE FL 32331

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Calvin Malone, Council Member Joi Collins, Council Member Brandi Seabrooks, and Council Member Barbara Dansey

ALSO PRESENT: John Reid, Town Attorney

Josie Tomayo, Town Attorney

Kimberly Reams, Town Clerk

Hakili Washington, Public Works – Fire Chief

Jim Parrish, Grants Consultant

Mike Murphy, Mott MacDonald

Kovacherich Arnold, Former Council Member

1. Call to Order

After prayer and the pledge, Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Ms. Dansey stated that she objected to Mr. Arnold being seated at the Council Table.

Ms. Seabrooks moved to amend the agenda to allow church members to make their presentation; second by Ms. Collins. Motion passed with a 3-1 vote.

Yay Nay

Mr. Malone X

Ms. Seabrooks X

Ms. Collins X

Ms. Dansey X

Former Council Member Kovacherich Arnold voted Yea.

1. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Ms. Collins moved to approve minutes of Regular Session August 14, 2017; second by Ms. Dansey. Motion passed unanimously.

YEA NAY

Mr. Malone X

Ms. Seabrooks X

Ms. Collins X

Ms. Dansey X

Former Council Member Kovacherich Arnold voted Yea.

MOTION: Ms. Dansey moved to approve minutes of Special Session August 17, 2017; second by Ms. Seabrooks. Motion passed unanimously.

YEA NAY

Mr. Malone X

Ms. Seabrooks X

Ms. Collins X

Ms. Dansey X

Former Council Member Kovacherich Arnold voted Yea.

MOTION: Ms. Dansey moved to approve minutes of Special Session September 5, 2017; second by Ms. Collins. Motion passed unanimously.

YEA NAY

Mr. Malone X

Ms. Seabrooks X

Ms. Collins X

Ms. Dansey X

Former Council Member Kovacherich Arnold voted Yea.

1. Citizens Participation:

Ms. Hinton stated that she was objecting to Mr. Arnold’s presence at the Council table. She went on to say that he was not a member of the council and should be seated in the audience.

Mr. JC Fead greeted the council and asked if there was going to be Country Christmas this year. Mayor Malone stated that he would like to get the council involved and have some say in it. Kathy Reams spoke up on behalf of the Country Christmas committee. Ms. Reams stated that the committee voted to not have the celebration this year due to lack of volunteers/commitment. Ms. Reams stated that it was a big project that cost several thousand dollars each year to put on. Ms. Reams went on to say that sometimes things just run their course. She stated that Country Christmas has been going for 30 years. Ms. Collins asked if they needed someone to spearhead the event or if they just needed volunteers. County Commissioner Ronnie Moore stated that he hated to see Country Christmas come to an end. Ms. Matilda Thomas stated that her daughter sang at the first Country Christmas. She went on to say that she hated to see Country Christmas go.

1. Change Order Number 2: Mr. Mike Murphy of Mott MacDonald stated that he was the engineer on the Sewer project. Mr. Murphy stated that some of the tanks are being demolished and some are going to remain and one has a very bad leak. This tank that is going to remain needs to be permanently repaired. The contractors recommended a product that will protect the concrete. Mr. Murphy stated that they were recommending that Council approve this change in the amount of $27, 219.50. He went on to explain what would be covered in this amount. Mr. Murphy stated that the second item is changing the interior doors from fiberglass to wooden doors and the third item is the lime rock driveway. The building department stated that the driveway needed to be a stabilized driveway. Mr. Murphy stated that lime rock would go down then asphalt millings would be spread over the top. Mr. Murphy stated that they were asking for a time extension of 20 days as there have been rain days and problems with getting deliveries on time, mainly with the generator. After further discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: Ms. Seabrooks moved to table this item until the next meeting; motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION: Ms. Dansey moved to approve Change Order Number 2 pending Town Attorney looking over the document as well as the Mayor and Public Works Supervisor visiting the site; second by Ms. Collins. Motion failed with a 2-2 vote.

YEA NAY

Mr. Malone X

Ms. Seabrooks X

Ms. Collins X

Ms. Dansey X

Former Council Member Kovacherich Arnold voted Nay.

There was more discussion then the following motion was made.

MOTION: Ms. Collins moved to approve Change Order number 2 contingent upon Town Attorney looking over document; second by Ms. Dansey. Motion passed unanimously

YEA NAY

Mr. Malone X

Ms. Seabrooks X

Ms. Collins X

Ms. Dansey X

Former Council Member Kovacherich Arnold voted Yea.

1. Discuss Town Manager Contract Terms: Mayor Malone stated that the Town Manager candidate had asked for $3000 for moving expense. Ms. Seabrooks stated that she would like a time frame to pay back. Ms. Reams stated that she had spoken with Mr. Dean around 5:30. Ms. Reams went on to say that Mr. Dean was asking to be a contract worker and wanted the $3000 for moving expenses as he had to break a rental agreement to come here. Ms. Reams stated that Mr. Dean was asking for an additional $50 per week which would bring his pay to $500 per week. Ms. Reams said that as a contract worker the Town would not have to pay employment taxes or retirement. Mayor Malone asked how much the Town would be saving. Ms. Reams stated that it would probably balance out or be a savings to the Town even with giving the $3000. Ms. Collins stated that she felt like he should have to stay a certain amount of time. Mr. Reid, Town Attorney stated that he could write a clause into the contract that he would have to pay back the funds if he leaves before six months and prorate it. After further discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: Ms. Dansey moved to approve a one-time advanced payment of $3000 and $500 weekly compensation as an independent contractor; second by Ms. Collins. Motion passed unanimously.

YEA NAY

Mr. Malone X

Ms. Seabrooks X

Ms. Collins X

Ms. Dansey X

Former Council Member Kovacherich Arnold voted Yea.

1. Sanctuary of Praise Presentation: Ms. Rosa Johnson and Ms. Leola Seabrooks presented a certificate in appreciation of all the hard work the Public Works staff put in during the storm and the clean up afterwards. Ms. Johnson stated that they appreciated and loved them and if ever they could do anything for them they are there for them. The audience applauded.

Department Reports

**Public Works**: Mr. Washington stated that everything was going fine and that they were still cleaning up after the storm. Ms. Collins asked if Public Works could help the school with their Fall Festival in November. Mr. Washington stated that they would.

**Fire Department**: Mr. Washington stated that they had training coming up soon

**Recreation Department**: Mr. Bell stated that they would be kicking off football soon. He stated that there would be a Thanksgiving Bowl. Mr. Bell stated that it was hard for him to coach and oversee the entire park. He asked for volunteers. Mr. Bell stated that he had talked with Mr. Washington about getting lights on at the park and the scoreboard. Mr. Bell stated that basketball would be coming up after football. He stated they would be the Greenville Pirates.

**Grants Consultant:** Written report attached.

**Town Attorney:** Mr. John Reid introduced himself and stated that he wanted to thank the board for putting their faith in him. Mr. Reid introduced his associate Ms. Josie Tomayo.

**Town Clerk:** Ms. Reams stated that a letter had come from Ms. Clemons, president of the Charmettes asking to use the park on October 31st from 6 -8 for games, food and treats for the children. It was the consensus of the council that they could use the park.

Ms. Collins asked that Council excuse her absences from Special Session October 2nd and 5th as she was unable to attend. Ms. Collins stated that if she needed to provide details she would. Mayor Malone stated that they needed to have a special meeting to discuss and resolve. A Special Session was scheduled for October 16, 2017 at 5:00 PM to approve Town Manager contract and discuss absence issue.

Ms. Seabrooks moved to adjourn; second by Ms. Collins. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberly M. Reams

Town Clerk