

**TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE
CITY HALL, 154 SW OLD MISSION AVENUE, GREENVILLE, FL 32331**

REGULAR MEETING

**Greenville Senior-Youth Center, 166 SW Onslow Street, Greenville, FL 32331
Monday May 12, 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
Kim Reams, Town Clerk

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

- Without objection, Mayor Kornegay asked that *Item 10a* be removed from the agenda as Mr. Cooley could not be present.

ACTION: 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:

ACTION: Councilmember Housh moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting, held on April 14, 2025. Seconded by Councilmember Dansey.

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

6. CONSIDERATION OF COUNCILMEMBER ABSENCES:

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Ms. Janie Miller wanted to know if there was any information on what was going to happen to the elementary school.
- Mayor Kornegay stated that the School Board has the final say in all of that, unfortunately. He said that we've been in talks across the Council.
- Ms. Miller expressed appreciation for the repaved roads.
- Ms. Veronica Bruton introduced herself and said that she had two items she wanted to touch on. One of them is Greenville initiatives, youth initiatives. She said I do work with DSR public Health Foundation. We are just recently getting our bearings here in the town of Greenville, we have a lot of youth initiatives that we're doing. We currently have a youth health leadership that we meet in this building right here every week. We equip our youth with health and wellness, topics like physical activity and nutrition. We teach them about chronic conditions like obesity, hypertension, and diabetes.
- Ms. Bruton said that we have just been awarded the summer break spot for Second Harvest. She said I just learned that there's only one break spot here in Madison County and so the Town of Greenville will be the second break spot as well. The other one is in Madison at the Bridge.
- Ms. Bruton said that we also have a tutoring station that'll be coming. We're going to be tutoring in Greenville for about 2 days. We have 2 certified teachers who live in the town of Greenville, who have agreed to come on board and help us do some small group tutoring. And again, we just ask for support.

- Councilmember Livingston asked if a schedule has been set for tutoring and food distribution. Ms. Bruton said that they were trying to align it with the Break spot two days a week.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

9. OLD BUSINESS: None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. **FIRST READING:** *ordinance 2025-287 – Related to Business Property Security and Public Safety – Town Attorney John Reid.*

- Attorney Reid said this is our first reading, so we will be coming back to look at this. This was put together at the last minute. You're seeing it for the first time today, and I do apologize.
- Attorney Reid said that there was a shooting in Greenville two weekends ago, and I know that Dr. Kingston's been speaking regularly with Sheriff Harper and the three of us.
- Attorney Reid said we were on a call late Friday afternoon to discuss what could be done to try to get these block parties to stop. This is an issue we dealt with in the past and in the past, it was private property where the parties were being held, so that was a little easier for us to send them a letter and say you're subjecting yourselves to complaints under our code.
- Attorney Reid said that here it's on business property after the hours of operation, and it creates somewhat of a gray area. So, we spoke to the sheriff to see what could be done. There is a statute 8 56.0 2 1 that deals with loitering and prowling. It does allow law enforcement to arrest if certain due process protections are in place. They have to give the person the ability to leave the area or to cooperate with law enforcement, or they could be taken under arrest, and it's a second-degree misdemeanor. That is state law.
- Attorney Reid said that we discussed late Friday about whether they could implement that now, and it's a gray area. Sheriff Harper's position is, he would like to see the county and all the municipalities in Madison County adopt identical ordinances to give him the tools he needs to try to break up these events and to keep people safe.
- Attorney Reid said I've been playing a little phone tag with the county attorney, Reeves. I'll touch Base with him later in the week. But I'm going to head to the 1st draft, and we're going to try to circulate this around the different governments in Madison County to see what can be done.

- Attorney Reid said there's three sections that we need to address. First, we amend Section 10 - 1 and that is our business regulations chapter in our code of ordinances. This would just clarify that you must have a business license to do business in the town of Greenville. It's already implied. If you look on page two of the ordinance in front of you, you see that underlying language is new language, and stricken is what we're taking out. Then I added a new paragraph towards the bottom, that makes it crystal clear. I think what was implied in those departments, but we didn't want to leave any guesswork there, and the reason being is the next section which we create a new section 10.7, which begins on the top of page 7.
- Attorney Reid said it states that we want to use our ability to regulate business to require that signage be included on private property that says, no loitering or trespassing outside of business hours violators may be prosecuted under law. Page 3. It's section 10-7. Attorney Reid said it's section 3 of this ordinance. 2025- 287, but it's amending. Section 10-7 of Chapter 10 of the code of ordinances.
- Attorney Reid said the challenge that the sheriff said he had is that if they go and they say leave, there's no property owner there to say they're trespassing remove them.
- Attorney Reid said if we wanted to create the burden on the individuals that are on the property, and say, if you're going to be on property outside business hours, you have to have written consent or written permission by the business owner, and if not, it will be presumed that you are loitering or trespassing, at which point the sheriff will then have the ability to ask them to leave. Attorney Reid said that will always be the 1st step under State law. They must have been asked to leave before they can take any legal action.
- Attorney Reid said our business regulation would require them to put a sign out that says no trespassing, no loitering. If they fail to do so, we can enforce that with first a warning. second would be a civil citation and fine and third could be a stop work order, which is by the most extreme or suspension of their business tax receipt, which is their license meaning they couldn't conduct business within the town, and then they would have the ability to appeal if they wish to the Town Council if that is how we wanted to approach business side.
- Attorney Reid said the next section we create a new section 18 dash one. That's the bottom of page 4. We already have an 18-1. So, everything's just going to get bumped down. We provide definitions of loitering, growling, business property and posted hours of operation. We establish what the prohibited conduct is we give individuals an hour to get there early or leave the property. So, one hour before opening. One hour after closing is when they would need to have some type of written permission to be there. We do put the written consent of the property owner, tenant, or authorized agent listed there. We create a presumption that if they're there it creates a rebuttable presumption that they're unbelievably loitering or prowling under this section and under appropriate circumstances, loitering or prowling under section 856.021, and then we talk about we encourage them to post business hours, and they're required to post the no loitering, no

trespassing language. As far as enforcement is concerned, here we give law enforcement the ability to then ask individuals to immediately vacate premises. If they don't have that written consent.

- Attorney Reid said I still want to talk to my colleagues and the county, and this and the municipalities. I know that we did hear from the sheriff's office this afternoon. He and his command staff reviewed this language and said they felt it gave them what they needed. So, they're happy with it currently. At this time, if you have any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them.
- After several questions and stated concerns, the council moved on to the next agenda item.

b. **ACTION:** *Resolution 2025-12 Related to Validation of Physical Address for System for Award Management – Town Manager Victoria Kingston.*

- Dr. Kingston read in its entirety Resolution 2025-12.

ACTION: Councilmember Pleas moved to approve Resolution 2025-12 Seconded by Councilmember Dansey.

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

c. **DISCUSSION:** *Related to Town of Greenville Community Center Management and gym access: Mayor Ryan Kornegay.*

- Mayor Kornegay asked if the key fob system was up in the gym. Dr. Kingston stated that it should be by the end of the week.
- Mayor Kornegay said that he would like to put funds toward having management for the gym if the fob system isn't up by the end of the week.
- Mayor Kornegay said directly let the council members know by the end of this week what the status is just so that we can keep this address done. The summer is coming up and a lot of kids are not going to have anywhere to go outside of hopefully, some youth initiatives that are in place.
- Mayor Kornegay said if there's something that we can do, even if even if I have to take part of my check out, that's totally fine. I don't care because we need to have something open for people to do. So, if you will let all of us know in the email just what the status is by Friday.

- Mayor Kornegay said one of the things I was wanting to bring up was the potential to actually have a Community Center Advisory Board that could assist us in getting people to either volunteer or help us maintain the space. I think that will be a useful benefit, and there are a lot of people in the community who will be willing to help us maintain this space.
- Councilmember Livingston said what's going to be their scope of management? Are they just going to advise us, are they going to actually have input on what we're doing? Or when you say an advisory board, what would be their scope?
- Mayor Kornegay said they would advise us to put policies in place, and then also, if they would like to volunteer to help maintain the space, there'll be a space for that as well. So, they will work along with getting feedback from citizens, understanding what some of the drawbacks might be, what some of the things we're doing well, how/what we can work on, and also how we can better situate and get information going.
- After further discussion, Mayor Kornegay said to Attorney Reid to draft resolution language to do a Community Center Advisory Board for our next meeting.

d. **DISCUSSION:** *Related to the Development of Town of Greenville Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) Policies – Mayor Ryan Kornegay*

- Mayor Kornegay said I know we are working to have our finances grow back, but we definitely need to start looking at ensuring that we are putting some funds back to work on a lot of our assets in the town. As things go down unfortunately, the main way of funding getting them fixed is through grants.
- Mayor Kornegay said I would like us as a council to start thinking about policy that we can put in place to put back and to work with Ms. Reams as well to see what that can look like.

e. **DISCUSSION:** *Related to Town of Greenville Tree/Debris & Bulky Waste Discarding – Mayor Ryan Kornegay*

- Mayor Kornegay said I'm sure as many of you, not just on council, but also in the audience, have driven through town, have seen a number of trees and debris and stoves, and sofas, and things of that nature that are just randomly on the side of the road, on somebody's property that. I wanted to see if there was a way we could address this issue.
- Mayor Kornegay said We've had a number of hurricanes to come through town and unfortunately, a lot of the tree debris remains on private property that we don't know who the owner is. Well, I won't say we don't know who the owner is, but they have not addressed themselves. I think it's important for us to either put the onus on them to say, hey, need you to address this or find a way to have some type of remedy.

- Mayor Kornegay asked Attorney Reid if there is any leeway that we have as the town to address property owners who have not addressed waste on their property.
 - Attorney Reid said for our code enforcement procedures we can enforce our code. We have dangerous buildings and hazardous lands ordinance that list out a bunch of different violations that we can pursue.
 - Attorney Reid said I need to put our code Enforcement officer in place. We probably can get started again.
 - Mayor Kornegay said What can the Council do to try to help start initiating that? Or do we need to have a budget for that?
 - Attorney Reid said no I think we were looking at finding a volunteer. A few months ago, we amended the ordinance that said the code Enforcement officer had to be the manager, said manager or designee.
 - After further discussion Mayor Kornegay said Dr. Kingston, please let us know how we can help find volunteers.
- f. **DISCUSSION:** *Related to Town of Greenville Youth Initiatives* – **Mayor Ryan Kornegay**
- Mayor Kornegay said we've kind of talked about this a little bit already but the summer is here. There's a lot that we need to try to look at, for our young people I'm thankful for our partners like DSR, but we're trying to find some more connections. I reached out to a few churches to see if they'll be willing to help connect with us. I'm trying to see if we can collaborate with more churches and community to try to host some type of joint connection so that our kids can have some resources.
 - Mayor Kornegay said I was going to task Council members to see if you all can assist us and try to find either individuals who are willing to volunteer, or whether or not you will belong to organizations or churches that can help to devise some a schedule is what I envision of things from June and July that we can do to keep our youth busy.
 - Mayor Kornegay said there's not a lot to do here, and our kids can't just drive over to Madison. I'm working right now to do a calendar. I wanted to ask if you all have any items, please send them to Dr. Kingston so she can send them to me, and we can address them some more at our next meeting.
 - Councilmember Pleas said the guys in Madison that do the youth sports said he's going to get with me and come down here now that the park is open, the field is open, and they said, they're going to start trying to rotate through Madison and Greenville.
 - Mayor Kornegay said if they can send that to Dr. Kingston that way we can make a flyer or something. We could put that out there and push it.

11. COMMENTS BY THE TOWN MANAGER, TOWN CLERK, TOWN ATTORNEY,
AND COUNCILMEMBERS:

- Town Manager Kingston said I've been meeting with Miss Lisa from the Senior Citizen Council. We've been discussing more activities and programs and services that we'd like to see available to our seniors in the communities. We're still in discussions about the dates and times, but we've reached out to the Health Department, the county Veteran Services Officer, because we definitely want to get that back as well. We talked with or I talked with Pastor Zach from Greenville Baptist, because he's always supportive, and that's just to name a few. So, everybody's excited and willing to partner with us. I'm excited about that and we've been talking back and forth about the MOU which we signed tonight.
- Dr. Kingston said I had a meeting with Wayne and Mrs. Mugge from Friends of Evergreen. We discussed a location for limb pickups and public works will be picking up the first week of each month and November through March they'll have the cemetery mowed once a month and in April through October they will have the cemetery mowed twice a month. They're in the process of having the cemetery surveyed, and they'll provide us with copies once it's completed, and our next meeting will be July 28th.
- Dr. Kingston said as far as the grocery store and the last meeting Attorney Reid mentioned having a feasibility study done. We've begun that process. They've requested additional information which we have provided. We're hoping to have the study completed soon.
- Dr. Kingston said I received notice from the district staff from the Suwannee River Water District Management. They informed me and Felicity from Kimley-Horn that they're recommending our project for consideration. That's the Greenville potable water distribution system improvement. And we requested 5.3 million. They're advocating on our behalf. The project will replace 40% of the water lines in Greenville. Tomorrow Felicity and I, at their request, will be meeting with them to discuss the project. That's the Governing Board meeting in Live Oak tomorrow.
- Dr. Kingston said one last thing as we know, we had one of our own as a victim of a violent crime last week. In addition to prayers, I'm just reaching out as to what we can do to help support one of our own and his family during this time.
- Attorney Reid said I will try to keep it brief. I haven't discussed the litigation in quite some time. I just wanted to give everyone some quick updates. Discovery closed April first, and we held mediation on that same day we impasse so there was no agreement whatsoever. Motions for summary judgment were due on May second. We submitted a comprehensive motion, and they did not file a motion

which is not a surprise. If the judge does not dismiss the case based on the motion for summary judgment trial is set for the trial period, beginning on August 18th of this year. We'll just see how things proceed with the with the court.

- Attorney Reid said the second issue I want to address is, we've all heard about Doge at the Federal level. Governor Desantis has created his own doge within the State of Florida. They have reached out to us on a number of occasions, and we're in the process of responding. I don't anticipate anything bad to occur. We're being fully transparent, and I think the fact that we just went through a comprehensive state audit we had a lot of it at our fingertips, so I think we're turning everything over.
- Attorney Reid said last thing, and Mayor, you and I discussed the Ray Charles home, and whether donations to be made. I talked to Clerk Reams, and we did previously have an account set up for the Ray Charles home. We could go ahead and resume that again. Donations that are made for capital improvement to the Ray Charles House will be tax deductible under the IRS code.
- Clerk Reams said I talked to Ben with James Moore about the checking account for Ray Charles, it would have to be its own checking account, but it would be housed in the General Fund in QuickBooks.
- Clerk Reams said that Election packets will be online. By tomorrow. The qualifying dates will be June 9th through noon on June 13th.
- Clerk Reams said that I just want to remind you all that your form ones can only be done online. They are due July first.
- Clerk Reams said that on our regular audit, Powell and Jones will send Brad into the office next week for 2 days. This is their onsite visit.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS REQUEST:

- Gym key fobs
- Community Center Advisory Board

13. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- them that this is a profitable opportunity for them. So, we'll bring that to you as soon as it's available. But that just started this past week.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

- Councilmember Housh moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Pleas.
- Without objection, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

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Minutes approved and adopted by the Town Council on 06/09/2025.