

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE

Monday June 9, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Greenville Senior-Youth Center

166 SW Onslow Street

Greenville, FL 32331

REGULAR MEETING

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, Interim 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, Councilmember Housh asked to add Discussion of Greenville Fireworks.

ACTION: Councilmember Housh moved to approve the amended agenda.
Seconded by Councilmember Pleas.

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 Dansey moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting, held on May 12, 2025. Seconded by Councilmember Livingston.

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

6. CONSIDERATION OF COUNCILMEMBER ABSENCES:

Councilmember Livingston stated that he might be late for the next meeting as he would be coming from out of town.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Ms. Judy Hudgins asked if the Senior Council needed to purchase Zoom for their meetings.
- Mayor Kornegay stated that the Senior Council shouldn't have to purchase Zoom. He also mentioned that there was a free version of the software.
- Pastor Zac Funari of Greenville Baptist Church stated that Vice Mayor Housh putting forward the motion for the fireworks kind of answers one of my questions which was, if there were any planned summer activities to be put on by the town. Point 2 it's really more of a comment, not necessarily a concern. I just wanted to offer my service if I can be of any help to anything the Council needs assistance with, I'm happy to do so. Also, our property has a wonderful fellowship hall. So, if there are any ideas or anything we can do for the community, we are open to that. So, we are here, and we are ready to serve. I am here. I am ready to serve. So, I just wanted to put that out there.
- There was no other public comment.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

9. OLD BUSINESS:

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

- Attorney Reid said this is our second reading of the ordinance that stemmed from the incident that occurred just down the road maybe 5 weekends ago. This essentially was the brainchild of something we worked on with the sheriff's office.
- Attorney Reid said that when the officer arrived, they were retreating onto a business property, and so there was nobody there at the time to complain of any trespassing, and had their hands tied. So, we looked at specifically a statute 8 56.0 2 1, which addresses the issue of loitering and prowling, and we essentially extended that to the town of Greenville. I brought that to their attention. They looked at it. They thought they could probably use that statute, but they felt it would be better if we had something at the local level to make it clear.
- Attorney Reid said that we do have a business tax licensure process already in our ordinance that requires businesses that do business in the town to apply for a license we add to that condition that they have to provide signage that states that any presence on their property outside of posted business hours is prohibited, absent written consent.
- Attorney Reid said it's important to point out that, consistent with State law, the police are required to give anyone that may be loitering the opportunity to leave the premises before any action can be taken so essentially, this is to allow the Sheriff the tools that he needs in order to try to break up these events, which occasionally do get a little out of hand.
- Mayor Kornegay said I know this is something we've been working on and continue to work on and thank you, Attorney Reid and Dr. Kingston for working with the sheriff's office, trying to work through this and trying to make Greenville safer space for everybody.
- Mayor Kornegay said this is a very big issue that stands I think is way deeper than even just this topic here. There's an issue of trust I know we have in this community in general and there's some way we're going to have to work around also try to figure out how we can build that trust back in our community through some work with our sheriff's office and community policing. So, you know, this is just one measure to help our businesses. We need to make sure our citizens feel that same level of trust as well. So, I'm hoping that we can continue, maybe some of these conversations with the sheriff's office to build that relationship as well. So that's all. I wanted to put that on the record myself.
- Councilmember Livingston said I don't think anybody on the Council or Attorney Reid or Miss Kingston have the idea to stop people from having a good time. It's just what happens is when they try to have a good time there's always somebody there that has no self-control.

ACTION: Councilmember Housh moved to approve Ordinance 2025-287. Seconded by Councilmember Livingston.

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

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** *Related to the Personnel Policy – Councilmember Robin Housh.*

- Councilmember Housh said I don't know when it was taken out of the personnel policy. I looked it up in the minutes and in April 2022 there was a change in personnel policy, but it wasn't about the drug test, driver's license background check. That's taken out personal policy for new employees. Even though when Ms. Reams and Victoria came on, they did their background check, but it's not in there, and I think it needs to in my opinion it needs to be put back in there.
- Councilmember Livingston said and so not only in the you say, when they initially hired, but what about after they get hired? Because all of your CDL drivers have to have drug tests, random drug tests periodically.
- Mayor Kornegay said Attorney Reid do you happen to have any knowledge of if and when that might have been taken out by chance?
- Attorney Reid said that it was in April of 2022. We took the old policy and set it aside. We brought someone in, and he started from scratch. There's no drug testing included, but we do the drug testing for our insurance discounts. But then the background checks were not included. Of course, if there's something in state law, we have to follow state law.
- Mayor Kornegay asked Attorney Reid if he could find out what state law said.
- Mayor Kornegay said that's something we can figure out from our volunteers and employees how we move forward on that and Dr. Kingston we can work between you and Attorney Reid once we figure out what the statute says, we can work from that.

b. **ACTION:** *Related to Haffye Hayes Park Splash Pad – Councilmember Robin Housh.*

- Councilmember said on Memorial Day she had a number of calls asking why the splash pad was not on. I called Wayne and he said we run it off the well.
- Public Works Director, Wayne Malone said I said we had a problem with one of our high service pumps that fills our tower.

- Mr. Malone said I explained to Ms. Housh until the tower gets full and we have adequate water for the whole town without turning the pad on as that pad will take all the water out. He went on to say that the reason the pad is not automatic anymore is because the children beat up the breaker panel. He said that now they have to turn it on when they can. He went on to explain about the well, pumps, pressure etc.
- There was more discussion about the wells, pumps that can't be repaired and the high cost to replace them.
- There was discussion about the grant that has been awarded to the Town to replace these pumps and how public works has to make them last until they can be replaced.
- No action was taken.

c. **ACTION:** *Resolution 2025-13: Related to revisions to Resolutions 2025-01 and 2025-10 pertaining to the Greenville Senior Center – Town Attorney John Reid.*

- Attorney Reid said third time's a charm. We are amending the original resolution associated with the Greenville Senior Citizen Council. The way it was drafted they were to make recommendations to the Town Council. So, when they were going to have their meeting, I advised them that they were subject to sunshine law because they were making recommendations. That created some conflicts because people worked on senior issues outside of the meeting and it was just something wasn't going to be feasible. If a body is simply acting in kind of a fact-finding role, they are not subject to the Sunshine law.
- Attorney Reid said that we dialed back the responsibilities of this Council to essentially just provide information to the Town Council, then the Town Council ultimately would make a decision based on information, not on a recommendation.
- Attorney Reid said I put a bunch of case law in there, just to make it real clear that it's individuals.

ACTION: Councilmember Housh moved to approve Resolution 2025-13. 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 2025-14: Related to creation of the Greenville Center Recreation and Volunteer Committee* – **Town Attorney John Reid.**

- Attorney Reid said in the closing minutes of our last meeting it was asked that I bring something back to the board that would create an ad hoc committee that could provide advice and recommendations on recreational activities that could be provided within the town as well as help with getting volunteers to work here at the senior use center, so that we could ensure more access to the public, but ensure that there's somebody there to make sure nothing bad happens. Because of what we just talked about in 2025-13, I have this committee making recommendations to the town manager.
- Attorney Reid said that the town manager could then take that, let it percolate for a while and bring it to the town council for ultimate decisions.
- Attorney Reid said it lays out here the different program recommendations. So the use of improvement and then also the volunteer coordination. People on this committee can volunteer or they just find people to volunteer. I think if we have language here, facility use and improvement if there's some issues with the building that they notice they could take that back to the town manager.
- Attorney Reid said even if they're not subject to the sunshine law, they are subject to public record. They're creating public records. So, they would have to keep all those items, and we would have to get some type of acknowledgment from them.
- Attorney Reid said it does call for them to meet at least quarterly more frequently as needed in coordination with town management.
- Mayor Kornegay said this is something we've still been working on, because we want to make sure it's gonna open because I still get multiple questions and inquiries. When can I come to the zoom? When can I use the center? And knowing that we don't have the salary to have somebody here full time right now, but we do have a lot of very engaged citizens who want to be a part, who want to volunteer and want to be a part of that. I think this is a great opportunity for them to be able to be engaged and also to be transparent, so that when they have those questions they'll know what the issues are, but also how they can help us fix those. So, thank you for drafting this. Are there any questions, comments, or concerns from council members on this item?
- Councilmember Housh asked if the gym is ready. The door, the lock?
- Town Manager Victoria Kingston affirmed that the gym is ready.

ACTION: Councilmember Livingston moved to approve Resolution 2025-14. Seconded by Councilmember Dansey.

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

e. **ACTION:** *Resolution 2025-15: Related to adoption of the Greenville Code Enforcement Officer handbook – Town Attorney John Reid.*

- Attorney Reid said a couple of meetings ago, we talked about well, we actually changed the ordinance. Previously it said that the Code Enforcement officer had to be a town employee. They changed it so it'd be someone appointed by the town manager. I think the thought at the time is we had a volunteer in mind. It's not the same person, but we have a different volunteer who is coming on board as the code enforcement officer and we're in the process of working that out, but wanted to lay out some strict guidelines to make sure that whatever is done is clearly impartial, there's a degree of fairness, and we just really have it as well documented as we can.
- Attorney Reid said we wanted to give him some tools to know exactly what's expected of him. We're really talking about professionalism, partiality and consistency, that's real important. There's always a risk that a property owner may come out and challenge what's being said and done. We want to make sure that everybody's treated the same and that the Code Enforcement officer always act professionally and does not allow those to get into heated discussions. And then we also do provide for process identifying the violations, making sure that they're very well documented. Last time we had done these types of hearings with our magistrate the job had been delegated to Mr. Malone. He did an exceptional job getting photographs and making sure that everything was very well documented. So, I think we wanted to take that and continue it with clear photographs of the violations. I was going to put time stamped in there, but I think some phones maybe don't allow that. So, it's preferred, but you could always get through the metadata on a phone. So, I think there's always a way to confirm and then just a very detailed written description contemporaneously taken at the time that the violation is noted. And then we have the notice of municipal code violation. I didn't include everything because they've already been approved by the Town Council back in 2019, we have a a standard notice of municipal code violation form that lays out those items there. I think we also had a a letter, and then the administrative

complaints that I would draft really are just going to be on a case-by-case basis, depending on what violations are found and whether they're corrected or not corrected.

- Attorney Reid said essentially this is just to give the code Enforcement officer the tools necessary so he could get started. We'd ask that the Town council approve this, so we could make it an official document, and essentially incorporate it as a rule, for the town that could be followed. Going forward. page 4 is just common municipal code violations with references to the chapter of the ordinance where they would be found.

ACTION: Councilmember Pleas moved to approve Resolution 2025-15. Seconded by Councilmember Dansey.

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

f. **DISCUSSION:** *Related to SW Overall Street – Town Manager Victoria Kingston.*

- Town Manager Kingston said here's some of the complaints that I've had about Overall Street. There's been illegal activities. Drugs, speeding 4 wheelers, dumping, littering, including fridge guts, air conditioner barrels, intimate relations have been caught on camera. One of the homeowners in that area is asking about road closure on Overall Street, or some type of blocking off the street.
- Dr. Kingston said I can encourage him to start recording, but he just wanted me to bring it before the Council.
- Town Clerk Kim Reams said that there was a process that you must go through for road closures. It would involve the GIS mapping office, advertising etc.
- Mayor Kornegay said to that point I would like to very much recommend that the citizen report activity like that to the authorities.
- After further discussion no action was taken.

g. **DISCUSSION:** *Related to Greenville fireworks – Councilmember Housh*

- Councilmember Housh said that she and a few other citizens would like to see the fireworks come back.

- Councilmember Housh said that she talked to the Fire Chief in Madison and everything was good with him. She said she spoke with the Sheriff's Department today and they will have deputies here. Ms. Housh said she has called for an insurance quote but has not heard back from them. Ms. Housh said she would like to ask for the council's blessing or permission to have the fireworks. She then asked Town Attorney Reid if that is what she needed to do. She asked if there needed to be a vote.
- Attorney Reid said you may recall this was an ordeal we dealt with in 2019. You may recall that there's a State law that governs the use of fireworks.
- Attorney Reid said an application must be received no less than 15 days prior to the event which I put on my calendar and that would be June 19th, but we don't have an application, so we would have to create an application, have them complete the application. It also requires that we work with the Chief of police and the Chief of the Fire Department. We don't have police. We use the county fire, so I think we'll probably need to work with the sheriff's office and the fire chief's office. The fire chief needs to play a large role in determining whether the operator is safe, and so we would have to put something like that in place.
- Attorney Reid said I've been doing as much research as I could in the last 45 minutes. So, I apologize for not having too much information. But we probably do need to look at any rules that have been adopted in the Florida administrative code for the division of the State Fire Marshal and the DFS to see if there are any rules and regulations that need to be followed there. The statute essentially says that we are required at the very minimum to fire. Follow the National Fire Protection Association 1123 code of fireworks display 2018 edition. That's in section 791.012 of Florida statutes.
- Attorney Reid said the worst-case scenario is we may need to have a special meeting before the 19th, just in case. I think, for now, if you could direct the staff to create the application, work with the Madison County Sheriff and Fire Department, abide by all rules adopted by division of State Fire Marshall the DFS and set minimum safety standards under the 2018 edition of the thing I just mentioned I think that may give us enough to move forward without having to bring you back.

ACTION: Councilmember Pleas moved to direct staff to create a fireworks application that would work with the Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, set minimum safety standards and follow any rules by the State Fire Marshall. Seconded by Councilmember Livingston.

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

ACTION: Councilmember Pleas moved to extend the time to 7:20 PM. Seconded by Councilmember Livingston.

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

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

- Town Manager Kingston said months back, at a council meeting we talked about the Comp plan, and I just want to give an update on that. Florida commerce has pushed back the community plan technical Assistant Grant, that we're going to apply for because of the legislative session extensions.
- Dr. Kingston said once that is over, we plan to apply for the grant.
- Dr. Kingston said Miss Zoria Bryant who is in the Career Source summer youth program is going to be working with us for the next 6 weeks through July 18th. With the addition of Ms. Judy and Zoria we will be able to start registering individuals for the gym this week.
- Clerk Reams said after the last meeting I received an email from Bradley Cooley's wife about the Ray Charles Statue, and I forwarded that to you all. They couldn't be here tonight. Their work schedule wouldn't permit. They just want to know if it's okay for them to make the mold. If they get the grant, then they will come before the Board and tell you all about the National project that they're trying to do.
- Ms. Reams said the only thing that the mold will do is clean the statue. So, if it's permissible, I can call them and let them know that it's okay.

ACTION: Councilmember Housh moved to allow Bradley Cooley to make a mold of the Ray Charles Statue. Seconded by Councilmember Pleas.

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

- Ms. Reams stated that Powell and Jones were here a couple of weeks ago for their site visit to do the audit. We're on track. They do their interviews and get stuff from us in-house wanted to see what our procedures of operation were because this is the first year they're auditing us.
- Ms. Reams said that she had got more requests from James more on some 2025 stuff that they're still working through. We're almost to that point where we can do reports. The email said this is the last string of things we we're hoping to fix. I told her I would try to get back to her early this week, which I couldn't today, because it's too busy. But probably tomorrow I'll get them all the information that they need on that, and we'll get that squared away. If you have any questions, finance wise you know you can come into my office, call me, and I'll show you whatever, and try to answer your questions
- Attorney Reid said we talked about Florida Legislature taking their time on the budget. We talked about the World Renaissance Bill. The bill's officially dead for the year. So unfortunately, it will not be happening this year, but I understand that Senator Simon's already gearing up for next year. So, that's a sad development for Madison County and Greenville.
- Mayor Kornegay said he would like to thank town staff, Mr. Malone and Dr. Kingston because that \$750,000 grant that we got is because a lot of hard work along with our nonprofit partner, DSR Public Health Foundation.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS REQUEST: None

13. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: None

14. ADJOURNMENT:

- Councilmember Pleas moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Housh.
- Without objection, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Minutes approved and adopted by the Town Council on 08/12/2025.