

MINUTES
GREENVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Session, Monday, January 14, 2019, 6:00 PM
CITY HALL, 154 SW OLD MISSION AVENUE, GREENVILLE FL 32331

ALSO PRESENT: Edward Dean, Town Manager
John Reid, Town Attorney
Kimberly Reams, Town Clerk
Wayne Malone, Public Works Director
Morris Bell, Recreation Coordinator

1. Call to Order
Vice Mayor Teresa Harville called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Councilmember Bobby Burnett, Mayor Barbara Dansey (by phone), Councilmember Teresa Harville, Councilmember Cynthia James and Councilmember Calvin Malone were present.
3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Ms. James led prayer and the pledge.
4. Reading and Approval of Agenda:

MOTION: Mr. Burnette moved to adopt the agenda as proposed; second by Ms. James.

MOTION: Ms. James moved to amend the agenda to add discussion of possible action of the Madison County School Board in between items 9 and 10; second by Mr. Malone

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Burnett	X	
Mayor Dansey	X	
Ms. Harville	X	
Ms. James	X	
Mr. Malone	X	

Both motions passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to approve minutes from **December 10, 2018 Regular Session**; second by Mr. Malone.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Burnett	X	
Mayor Dansey	X	
Ms. Harville	X	
Ms. James	X	
Mr. Malone	X	

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to approve minutes from **December 17, 2018 Special Session**; second by Mr. Malone.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Burnett	X	
Mayor Dansey	X	
Ms. Harville	X	
Ms. James	X	
Mr. Malone	X	

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Consideration of Council Member Absences: Ms. Harville stated that she could not be at the December 10th meeting due to a function she had to attend with her granddaughter whom she is the guardian over.

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to excuse the December 10, 2018 absence of Ms. Harville; second by Mr. Malone.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Burnett	X	
Mayor Dansey	X	
Ms. Harville	X	
Ms. James	X	
Mr. Malone	X	

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Citizens Comment: Ms. Hinton asked that everyone speak up as there are those that are hard of hearing. Ms. Hinton went on to share that on Saturday in the park five churches worked together to feed 158 families of Greenville. Ms. Hinton stated that they worked out of the Second Harvest Program. Ms. Hinton stated that they are going to try to do this monthly. Ms. Hinton stated that there are many elderly in the community that just go without. Ms. Hinton stated that there are those with very basic needs that need to be met. There was no other citizen comment.
8. First Reading of Ordinance 2019-247: Mr. Dean stated that the pay of the board has been troubling to him. Mr. Dean went on to state that surrounding communities' make much more. Mr. Dean stated that he is asking that the board's pay be raised to \$250. Mr. Malone asked if a favorable advertisement could be placed in the newspaper. Mr. Dean went on to read Ordinance 2019-247 by title. No action was taken at this time.
9. Discussion and possible action on Recognizing Greenville Athletes: Mr. Dean stated that Mr. Bell would speak on this issue. Mr. Bell stated that he had a plan to place canvass banners in the gazebo in the park to recognize these athletes. Mr. Bell stated that currently he had chosen Chris Thompson, Michael Kornegay, Michael Hamilton, Bobby Hudson and Geno Hayes. There was discussion of how it would be determined who to recognize. There was discussion of possibly having a plaque with High School/College standouts and reserving the banners for those that go on to play pro ball. There were questions of fund availability in the budget. It was determined after further discussion that Mr. Bell with his board (Brandi Seabrooks, Jessica Miller & Rita Hamilton) would come up with some guidelines and bring it back to the board at a later date.

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to form a committee to structure guidelines on who would be recognized; second by Mr. Malone. Mr. Burnett withdrew his motion as there is currently a recreation committee.

10. Discussion of possible action by the Madison County School Board regarding Greenville

Elementary School: Mr. Dean stated that he was very aware that it was an issue very near and dear to the community. Mr. Dean stated that it was brought to his attention that the school may possibly close and we worked to get funding to take care of the pump station issue. Mr. Dean stated that now it has come to his attention that the school may possibly close. Mr. Dean stated that he had an hour long conversation with the School Superintendent on Thursday and she assured him that she was not trying to close our school. He went on to state that it had come to his attention that she is going to make the request to the school board tomorrow to close the elementary school. Mr. Dean stated that he has been working with his contacts politically to see what can be done. Mr. Dean stated that he has asked the town attorneys to contact the school board attorney to fact find. Mr. Dean stated that he would like the board to take action to allow the attorneys to research and possibly litigate this issue. Mr. Dean stated that he may want to come back and get funding to hire a lobbying firm and outside council at a later date. The following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Malone moved to allow our attorneys to research and litigate with school board if necessary to prevent the closing of the school; second by Ms. James.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Burnett	X	
Mayor Dansey	X	
Ms. Harville	X	
Ms. James	X	
Mr. Malone	X	

Motion passed unanimously.

11. Comments by Town Council, Town Attorney and Town Manager and Town Clerk: Mr. Dean stated that last week Governor Scott awarded Greenville 1.705 million dollars for economic development and job growth in Greenville. He went on to state that it would create over 100 new jobs, paint the water towers, a new water system (SCATA) and \$300,000 in seed money for the new grocery store. Mr. Reid stated that he would reach out to the county attorney and school board attorney later tonight or early tomorrow. Mr. Reid stated that he had spoken with Municode today and we are getting really close. Mr. Reid stated that we had discussed amending the Charter so as to not have conflicts with the code. Mr. Reid suggested that we piggy back on the election for the house seat on voting to amend/adopt Charter changes. Ms. Reams stated that qualifying was in effect today through noon on Friday. Ms. Reams stated that the Inspector General's office had conducted an audit for the Florida Retirement System in December. Ms. Reams went on to state that there were findings that would have to be corrected. Ms. Reams stated that Mr. Dean would have to be reclassified as an employee and retirement would have to be paid retroactive to his hire date. Ms. Reams stated that we would have to pay payroll taxes now as well. Ms. Reams stated that there would be other credits and corrections and she was not sure exactly what the amount would be. Ms. Reams estimated around \$11,000 but said that she would let council know as soon as she had the final amount.
12. Future Agenda Item Requests: Ms. Hinton suggested a citizen committee to work on Charter Changes. Ms. Reams suggested Monday January 28th as the earliest day for the second reading of Ordinance 2019-07. Ms. Harville suggested Tuesday, January 29th at 6:00 PM as the school

board met on Monday. The Special Session for the second reading of Ordinance NO. 2019-247 was scheduled for January 29, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

13. Informational Items: None

Mr. Malone moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Burnett.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly M. Reams
Town Clerk