MINUTES

GREENVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Session, Thursday, November 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

1. Call to Order: Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.
2. Roll Call by the Clerk: Mayor Brittni Brown, Councilmember Bobby Burnett, Councilmember Teresa Harville, Councilmember Cynthia James and Councilmember Calvin Malone were present.
3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Silent prayer was followed by the pledge.
4. Reading and Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION: Ms. James moved to amend the agenda to add discussion of the rolls of council members; second by Mr. Burnett. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Malone moved to approve the agenda as amended; second by Ms. Harville. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Ms. Harville moved to approve the minutes of **October 15, 2019 Regular Session,** and **October 28, 2019 Special Session**; second by Ms. James.

Yay Nay

Mayor Brown X

Mr. Burnett X

Ms. Harville X

Ms. James X

Mr. Malone X

Motion passed unanimously.

1. Consideration of Council Member Absences: Bobby Burnett

MOTION: Mr. Malone moved to excuse absence of Mr. Burnett; second by Ms. James.

Yay Nay

Mayor Brown X

Mr. Burnett X

Ms. Harville X

Ms. James X

Mr. Malone X

Motion passed unanimously.

1. Citizens Comments: There was no citizen comment.
2. Consent Agenda:
3. Resolution 2019-31 Support of A Greenville Christmas

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to approve the consent agenda; second by Ms. Harville.

Yay Nay

Mayor Brown X

Mr. Burnett X

Ms. Harville X

Ms. James X

Mr. Malone X

Motion passed unanimously.

1. Offer to purchase wetlands (221 S) from Eric Hearn:

MOTION: Mr. Malone moved to discuss offer from Mr. Hearn; second by Ms. Harville.

Yay Nay

Mayor Brown X

Mr. Burnett X

Ms. Harville X

Ms. James X

Mr. Malone X

Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion the following motions were made.

MOTION: Mr. Malone moved to table item indefinitely. Motion failed for lack of second.

MOTION: Ms. James moved to table this item until more information is obtained; second by Ms. Harville

Mr. Burnett suggested rejecting the offer. Ms. Harville rescinded her second on Ms. James motion.

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to reject this offer; second by Mr. Malone.

Yay Nay

Mayor Brown X

Mr. Burnett X

Ms. Harville X

Ms. James X

Mr. Malone X

Motion passed unanimously.

Town Manager will notify Mr. Hearn of the board decision.

1. Welcome Signs and Hometown Sports Stars: Mr. Dean stated that he had done extensive research on welcome signs. He went on to say he had checked into new construction for the three welcome signs. Mr. Dean stated that the lowest estimate was $8000.00. Mr. Dean stated that he then spoke with someone locally about sprucing up the current signs and he estimated in the neighborhood of $1500 to $2000. Mr. Dean stated that one of the signs would need some construction and that cost would be around $250 to $300. Mr. Dean stated that he pressed to see if we could get that done before the Greenville Christmas event. Mayor Brown recognized Ms. Hinton. Ms. Hinton stated that she felt the signs were difficult to see and suggested the town go with something more updated.

MOTION: Ms. James moved to discuss the welcome signs and hometown sports stars; second by Mr. Malone.

Mr. Burnett stated that he thought the original thought was to recognize the hometown sports

Stars. He went on to state that he envisioned a sign that stated hometown of and the sports star. Mayor Brown stated that she would like to see metal signs. Mr. Malone stated that he would like to see something done sooner such as paint etc. Mr. Malone stated that he would like to do something now with our current signs and at a later time look into doing something different. Mayor Brown stated that she was thinking the metal street signs would be the way to go. Mr. Burnett stated that he felt we could do both. After further discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to allow the Town Manager spend up to $2000 to upgrade the current signs; second by Mr. Malone.

Yay Nay

Mayor Brown X

Mr. Burnett X

Ms. Harville X

Ms. James X

Mr. Malone X

Motion failed 3-2.

Town Manager was instructed to check on the price of metal signs.

1. Columbus Day Holiday 2020 Change: Mr. Dean stated that he polled the Public Works crew and came up with a couple of options. Mr. Dean stated that the first option was to keep the holiday as is. He went on to say that if the holiday was moved then a floating day or New Year’s Eve would be the option. There was some back and forth discussion between the Town Manager and the Mayor. The following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to leave the Columbus Day Holiday as is; second by Ms. Harville. There was much back and forth between the council and Mr. Dean. After much discussion Mr. Burnett called the question but was not recognized by the chair. Mayor Brown then went on to state her views of the holiday.

Yay Nay

Mayor Brown X

Mr. Burnett X

Ms. Harville X

Ms. James X

Mr. Malone X

Motion passed 3-2.

1. Mosquito Problem: Mr. Malone stated that he had talked with several citizens and visitors and the mosquitoes were horrible. He went on to say that it was because the town was not being sprayed and we weren’t keeping records. Mr. Malone asked Mr. Dean to explain. Mr. Dean stated that the county has a new GPS system that tracks exactly where and when they spray. Mr. Dean asked Ms. Reams to address this issue. Ms. Reams stated that she had spoken with Jamie Willoughby and he brought the print outs of the times that he sprayed in October. She went on to say that any citizens can call mosquito control any time and he can tell them what time and date that they went by their homes. Ms. Reams stated that mosquito control has to follow EPA guidelines. Mayor Brown asked if there was a private company that offered that service. Mr. Dean stated that he would like to see how this new system works out. No action was taken at this time. There was some discussion about a point of order.
2. Roles of Town Manager and Council Members: Ms. James stated that this has been brought up before but we have never really addressed it. Ms. James stated that as Vice-Mayor she wanted to know who is supposed to sign checks, what’s the order is it the Mayor first then the Vice Mayor. Mayor Brown stated that the Charter stated that everything the Mayor is responsible for in their absence it will be the Vice Mayor. Mayor Brown then went on to read from the Charter. Mayor Brown then asked Mr. Reid to address the issue. Mr. Reid stated that the charter is vague about other documents. Mr. Reid stated that in some towns the staff signs the checks. Ms. Harville stated that she felt that staff should sign checks. Ms. James stated that she would like to see things more streamlined. There was more discussion about information coming to the table. There was discussion about some council members feeling like things have gone on behind the scenes and some members not having the same information. Mr. Dean stated that the Mayor has called consultants that work under his supervision. Mr. Dean stated that it was intimidating. Mr. Dean stated that the mayor is ceremonial but the title mayor can be intimidating to others. Mayor Brown asked the town attorney to address the issue of council members having access to consultants, information etc. Mr. Reid stated that some issues should be put on the agenda for the board to address as a whole. There was much more discussion but no action was taken.
3. Town Manager Contract: Mr. Dean passed out copies of his contract. Mayor Brown stated that this was actually her item. She stated that she put it on the agenda because she wanted clarification on whether Mr. Dean was a town employee bound by personnel policies or a contract worker bound by a contract. Mr. Reid stated that it was his understanding that at the last meeting it was discussed that you can have a contract and be a W2 employee which he is except that his contract isn’t consistent with his change in status which is required by state law. Mr. Reid went on to say that what you have in front of you is simply the contract that was approved by this board except he’s been changed from an independent contractor status to employee status which is required under state law. He went on to say that it changes his dollar amount from the original amount to his current dollar amount which was approved by the board. Mr. Reid stated that Mr. Dean was hired as a part-time contractor so that is changed to show he is a part-time employee so we can comply with payroll issues. Mayor Brown asked if this was a new contract. Mr. Reid stated that it was with changes that he just presented. Mayor Brown asked who gave him the directive to make changes to the contract. Mr. Reid stated that he understood from the last meeting that he should make changes and bring back to the council for discussion. Mayor Brown stated that she asked for this item to be placed on the agenda at the last meeting but we rolled it over to this meeting because the town manager wasn’t present. Mayor Brown just wanted clarification as to whether Mr. Dean is an employee or contract worker. Mr. Reid stated that it was not his intent that the contract be rubber stamped. Mr. Reid stated that you can have a contract and be an employee. Mayor Brown asked if he is an employee of the town. Mr. Reid responded in the affirmative. Mr. Burnett stated that it was his understanding Mr. Dean was a part-time employee and has a contract. Mayor Brown asked for this to be put on the next month’s agenda to be fleshed out. No action was taken.
4. Town Manager Written Report: Mayor Brown stated that she asked for this to be placed on the agenda in an effort not to make unilateral decisions or orders or directives personally. Mayor Brown stated that she has spoken with the Town Manager about giving written reports. Mayor Brown passed the gavel to the vice-mayor to make the following motion.

MOTION: Mayor Brown moved to have Town Manager provide a written report in the monthly council packet; second by Mr. Malone.

Mayor Brown stated that she feels that a written report that would give the status of what is going on with certain projects, grants etc. would be beneficial to council members. Mr. Dean stated that projects are fluid and sometimes it is difficult to have a solid report. Mr. Dean stated that he would like to give a written report every other month. After much discussion the vote was taken.

Yay Nay

Mayor Brown X

Mr. Burnett X

Ms. Harville X

Ms. James X

Mr. Malone X

Motion passed unanimously. Ms. James passed the gavel back to Mayor Brown.

1. Big Bend Cares request to use privacy tent in park December 7, 2019 (World AIDS Day): Ms. Reams stated that Big Bend Cares were requesting to use a tent in the park and per park rules the council has to give permission. The following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to approve the use of a tent by Big Bend Cares; second by Ms. James.

Yay Nay

Mayor Brown X

Mr. Burnett X

Ms. Harville X

Ms. James X

Mr. Malone X

Motion passed unanimously.

1. Ordinance 2019-251- Related to alcoholic beverages: Mr. Reid went over the ordinance with the board. It will be advertised and placed on the agenda for next month.
2. Ordinance 2019-252 – Related to At-Large Animals: Mr. Reid went over the ordinance with the board. It will be advertised and placed on the agenda for next month.
3. Ordinance 2019-253 – Related to Internet Cafes: Mr. Reid went over the ordinance with the board. It will be advertised and placed on the agenda for next month.
4. Ordinance 2019-254 – Related to Heavy Vehicles: Mr. Reid went over the ordinance with the board. It will be advertised and placed on the agenda for next month.
5. Resolution 2019-32 submitting final ordinance language to Municode: The following motion was made.

Amendment 19-A-001

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to adopt amendment 19-A-001; second by Ms. Harville. Motion passed unanimously.

Amendment 19-A-002

Withdrawn

Amendment 19-A-003

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to adopt amendment 19-A-003; second by Ms. Harville. Motion passed unanimously.

Amendment 19-SA-004

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to adopt amendment 19-SA-004; second by Ms. Harville. Motion passed 3-2.

Amendment 19-A-005

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to adopt amendment 19-A-005; second by Ms. Harville. Motion passed unanimously.

Amendment 19-A-006

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to adopt amendment 19-A-006; second by Ms. Harville. Motion passed unanimously.

Amendment 19-A-007

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to adopt amendment 19-A-007; second by Ms. Harville. Motion passed unanimously.

Amendment 19-A-008

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to amend amendment 19-A-008 by deleting on line 18 “The Town Fire Chief and” and replace with “ALL”; second by Ms. Harville. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to adopt amendment 19-A-008 as amended; second by Ms. Harville. Motion passed unanimously.

Amendment 19-A-009

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to adopt amendment 19-A-009; second by Ms. Harville. Motion passed unanimously.

Amendment 19-A-010

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to adopt amendment 19-A-010; second by Ms. Harville. Motion passed unanimously.

Amendment 19-A-011

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to amend amendment 19-A-010 by changing 55 and 60 to 50 and 60 on page 3 Table 1; second by Ms. Harville. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to adopt amendment 19-A-011 as amended; second by Ms. Harville. Motion passed unanimously.

Amendment 19-A-012

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to adopt amendment 19-A-012; second by Ms. Harville. Motion passed unanimously.

Amendment 19-A-013

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to adopt amendment 19-A-013; second by Ms. Harville. Motion passed unanimously.

Amendment 19-A-014

MOTION: Mr. Burnett moved to adopt amendment 19-A-014; second by Ms. Harville. Motion passed

unanimously.

MOTION: Ms. Harville moved to adopt Resolution 2019-32; second by Mr. Burnett.

Yay Nay

Mayor Brown X

Mr. Burnett X

Ms. Harville X

Ms. James X

Mr. Malone X

Motion passed unanimously.

1. Comments by Town Council, Town Attorney, Town Manager, Town Clerk and Grant Consultant(s): None
2. Future Agenda Items Requests: None
3. Informational Items: None.
4. Adjournment

Mr. Burnett moved to adjourn; second by Ms. Harville.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberly M. Reams, Town Clerk