MINUTES

GREENVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

Special Session, June 19, 2017, 5:00 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: Hakili Washington, Public Works – Fire Chief

Clay Schnitker, Town Attorney

Kimberly Reams, Town Clerk

Kovacherich Arnold, Former Council Member

1. Call to Order: After prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Malone called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.
2. Discussion and Possible Action on Filling Vacant Council Seat: Mr. Schnitker, Town Attorney reminded the Council that he had to leave at 5:40 to attend another meeting in Madison. Mayor Malone stated that he felt somehow that the Council needed to make the vacant seat official and that he had spoken with the Town Attorney who said that no such action needed to be taken. Mayor Malone went on to ask the other council members what their thoughts were on taking action. Ms. Seabrooks stated that she felt action needed to be taken. Ms. Dansey disagreed and read from the Town Charter, Section 2.07 Vacancies (a) and (b). Mr. Malone stated that there was no process in place to excuse absences. Ms. Seabrooks stated that a motion needed to be made to vacate a seat and pressed Ms. Dansey to make a motion. Ms. Dansey and Ms. Collins disagreed with Ms. Seabrooks on making a motion. Ms. Dansey asked if Mr. Schnitker, Town Attorney would address the Council on this issue. Mr. Schnitker stated that his opinion as previously stated and continues to be that it is automatic and read from the Town Charter. After much discussion back and forth as to whether there was a vacant seat or not, no action was taken.
3. Discussion and Possible Action on Rules for Excusing Council Member Absences and Appearance by Telephone: Mr. Schnitker stated that each council member is aware of when you miss and suggested the easiest way to have absences excused is to when you miss a meeting at the next meeting ask council to excuse that absence. He went on to say that if you follow that routine then one would never meet the 3 meeting threshold. He went on to say that was completely discretionary. After further discussion no action was taken on this item. At this point, the discussion moved back to Item 2. Mr. Arnold asked Mr. Schnitker if council wanted to fill the vacant seat tonight could they do that. Mr. Schnitker stated that yes that was possible and that council could even appoint Mr. Arnold to that seat. Ms. Seabrooks stated that in her opinion Mr. Arnold should be appointed to that seat. After further discussion the following motions were made.

MOTION: Ms. Seabrooks moved to reappoint Mr. Arnold to vacant council seat; second by Mr. Malone. Motion failed with a tie vote 2-2.

Yay Nay

Ms. Collins X

Ms. Seabrooks X

Ms. Dansey X

Mr. Malone X

MOTION: Ms. Dansey moved to post vacant seat and interested persons may give name; second by Ms. Collins. Motion failed 2-2.

Yay Nay

Ms. Collins X

Ms. Seabrooks X

Ms. Dansey X

Mr. Malone X

Former Council Member Mr. Arnold voted nay.

Ms. Seabrooks moved to adjourn; second by Ms. Dansey.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberly M. Reams

Town Clerk