MINUTES

GREENVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Session, March 16, 2017, 6:00 PM

CITY HALL, 154 SW OLD MISSION AVENUE, GREENVILLE FL 32331

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Calvin Malone, Council Member Joi Collins, Council Member Brandi Seabrooks, Council Member Barbara Dansey and Council Member Kovacherich Arnold – by telephone

ALSO PRESENT: Jim McCroskey, Town Manager

Tommy Reeves, Town Attorney

 Kimberly Reams, Town Clerk

 Hakili Washington, Fire Chief

 Morris Bell, Recreation Board

1. Call to Order

After prayer and the pledge, Mr. Malone called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. Swearing in of Calvin Malone & Barbara Dansey: Mr. Malone and Ms. Dansey were sworn in by Town Clerk, Kim Reams.
2. Open Floor for nominations for Mayor: Ms. Reams, Town Clerk opened the floor for nominations for Mayor. Ms. Dansey moved to nominate Ms. Collins there was no second; motion failed. Ms. Seabrooks moved to nominate Mr. Malone for Mayor; second by Mr. Arnold. Motion passed by a 3-2 vote.

 YEA Nay

Mr. Malone X

Mr. Arnold X

Ms. Collins X

Ms. Seabrooks X

Ms. Dansey X

1. Open Floor for nominations for Vice Mayor: Newly elected Mayor Malone opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Mayor. Ms. Collins moved to nominate Ms. Dansey as Vice-Mayor; second by Ms. Dansey. Motion failed by a 3-2 vote

YEA NAY

Mr. Malone X

Mr. Arnold X

Ms. Collins X

Ms. Seabrooks X

Ms. Dansey X

 Ms. Dansey moved to nominate Ms. Collins for Vice-Mayor. Motion failed as there was no second.

 Mr. Arnold moved to nominate Ms. Seabrooks as Vice-Mayor; second by Ms. Seabrooks. Motion passed with a 4-1 vote

 YEA NAY

Mr. Malone X

Mr. Arnold X

Ms. Collins X

Ms. Seabrooks X

Ms. Dansey X

1. Citizen Participation: Ms. Lou Fead voiced her concern about the lack of staff in the Public Works Department. Ms. Fead wanted to know if the Town was going to be hiring someone either full or part-time. Mr. McCroskey stated that he has advertised for a part-time position but had no applicants thus far. Mr. McCroskey went on to say that at the next meeting he would be presenting council with a reorganization chart. Ms. Brittani Brown stated that she had a question regarding Ordinance 240 that did not pass in the election relating to the election cycle. Ms. Brown wanted to know if the cost of the election was on the Town. She went on to ask how that would affect the budget going forward. Mr. Reeves, Acting Town Attorney stated that there is a statute that does allow municipalities like Greenville to move their elections by Ordinance. Mr. Reeves stated that since the Charter Amendment failed the Town may want to have his office prepare an Ordinance to move the elections and he could get that ready for a later meeting. Mr. Reeves went on to say that moving the election to the County cycle would not result in zero cost, but it would be a reduced cost. Mr. Reeves stated that if the council chooses to this we would have to allow the County Canvassing Board to do the Canvassing for the town. Ms. Brown stated that her next question was regarding the Ordinance about compensating Town Council that failed. Ms. Brown asked if there was a conflict with the current Charter because the current Charter states that only the Mayor is compensated at $50 per year. Ms. Brown wanted to know if there was documentation showing that it was approved that council get paid. Mr. McCroskey stated that the Clerk could not find the Ordinance but that we have the certified copies of the election records. Mr. Reeves stated that if we have the voting record that shows that the citizens approved it but that we should still try to find the Ordinance. Mr. Patel of H & H Grocery wanted to know what the duties of the Town Manager were. Mr. Patel went on to state that he had a dumpster that the bottom had rusted out and was told that he had to put it on a concrete slab. Mr. Patel went on to state that he had replaced the dumpster. Mr. Patel stated that he felt he was being harassed by the Town Manager and he did not appreciate it. Mr. McCroskey stated that he had not harassed Mr. Patel. There was much discussion, but no action was taken.

1. Consent Agenda:

MOTION: Ms. Dansey moved to approve Consent Agenda Items a through h; second by Ms. Collins. Motion passed unanimously.

 YEA NAY

Mr. Malone X

Mr. Arnold X

Ms. Collins X

Ms. Seabrooks X

Ms. Dansey X

1. First Reading of Ordinance 2017-244: Mr. Reeves, acting Town Attorney read Ordinance 2017-244 by Title. Mayor Malone asked if there was any comment or question from the public. The following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Arnold moved to approve first reading of Ordinance 2017-244; second by Ms. Seabrooks. Motion passed unanimously.

YEA NAY

Mr. Malone X

Mr. Arnold X

Ms. Collins X

Ms. Seabrooks X

Ms. Dansey X

1. Communication between City Hall and Public Works: Mayor Malone stated that he felt that for the safety of the City Hall staff he thought it would be wise to approve some form of communication such as a base station or two way radios. After some discussion it was decided that the Town Manager would check into purchasing two way radios.

Motion: Ms. Seabrooks moved to add approval of Paving Streets to the agenda; second by Mr. Arnold. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Paving of Capan Avenue, Short Street and Cook Street: Mr. McCroskey stated that the DOT Grant Cycle would be closing on March 31st and he would like council to approve staff recommendations of street to be paved. He went on to state that the recommended streets were Capan Avenue, Short Street and Cook Street. Mr. McCroskey asked that the Council approve these as the streets they wanted paved or make other recommendations. The following motion was made.

MOTION: Ms. Seabrooks moved to approve Capan Avenue, Short Street and Cook Street as the streets to be paved in this DOT Grant Cycle; second by Mr. Arnold. Motion passed unanimously.

YEA NAY

Mr. Malone X

Mr. Arnold X

Ms. Collins X

Ms. Seabrooks X

Ms. Dansey X

Mr. Ulysseess Roberson asked if he could address Council. He wanted to get permission to use Park. Ms. Dansey told him that his letter of request had been approved earlier in the meeting.

Department Reports

* Public Works: No report.
* Fire Department: No report.
* Recreation Board: Mr. Morris stated that they had two events coming up in April 8th and April 15th. April 8th will be sign up day for Independent league baseball. He stated that “Be Out Day” would be held on April 15th beginning at 8 AM and he would like for Council to come. He said that there would be a cake auction.
* Grants Consultant: Report attached.
* Town Manager: Mr. McCroskey reported that he had attended the Suwannee River Management District meeting and the first of two committees approved donating 151 acres on CR 150 to the Town. He said that it had to go before the second committee in April. Mr. McCroskey gave Council and outline of the Economic Development Plan. He went on to say that without objection he would like to purchase a television to mount in the meeting room for presentation of meeting items. There was no objection.
* Town Attorney – No report.
* Town Clerk: Ms. Reams asked if the April meeting could be moved to 5 Pm. Ms. Reams reminded council that they needed to get their Ethics Training done by December 31st.

Mr. Tim Dennis suggested the Town place information about elections on the bill cards. Ms. Brown suggested a Town FaceBook page. Mr. McCroskey stated that he was looking at creating a quarterly newsletter.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberly M. Reams

Town Clerk