MINUTES

GREENVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

Special Session, January 23, 2017, 5:00 PM

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

PUBLIC HEARING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Member Kovacherich Arnold, Council Member Joi Collins, Council Member Brandi Seabrooks and Council Member Barbara Dansey

Absent: Mayor Malone

ALSO PRESENT: JC Fead, Public Works

 Jim McCroskey, Town Manager

Clay Schnitker, Town Attorney

 Kimberly Reams, Town Clerk

After prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Arnold called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Agenda

1. Charter Change – Election and Terms - Ordinance 241: Mr. McCroskey asked Ms. Reams, Town Clerk to read Ordinance 241. After the reading of the ordinance Mr. Arnold asked if there were any questions. Mr. Arnold then opened the floor for public comment. Ms. Hinton asked that council consider other viewpoints in regards to charter changes. Ms. Hinton stated that city elections were brief with no fuss. Ms. Hinton went on to say that council members seemed to get up to speed fairly quickly. Ms. Hinton stated that she felt the longer terms took voting power away from the citizens by delaying and deluding their votes from two to four years and asked that council take this into consideration. There was no other comment from the public.

MOTION: Ms. Collins moved to approve Ordinance 241; second by Ms. Seabrooks. Motion passed unanimously.

 YEA NAY

Kovacherich Arnold X

Ms. Collins X

Ms. Seabrooks X

1. Charter Change – Compensation of Council – Ordinance 242: Ms. Reams read ordinance 242. Mr. Arnold opened the floor for public comment. Ms. Hinton stated that this ordinance would double the pay of council. Ms. Hinton stated that the increase could adversely affect the budget and questioned if the town could afford an additional $6000 per year. Ms. Hinton asked how this would square with the needs of the town. Ms. Hinton went on to say that if they passed the next ordinance number 243 it would greatly reduce the work load of council. McCroskey stated that he had looked at this as Town Manager and this was the lowest paid city in the area and possibly the state. Mr. McCroskey stated that he felt the increase brought the pay of council members more in line. There was no other discussion.

MOTION: Ms. Seabrooks moved to adopt Ordinance 242; second by Ms. Collins. Motion passed unanimously.

YEA NAY

Mr. Arnold X

Ms. Collins X

Ms. Seabrooks X

1. Charter Change – Designation and Duties – Ordinance 243: Ms. Reams read Ordinance 243. Mr. Arnold opened the floor for public comment. Ms. Hinton stated that ordinance 243 clearly consolidates power in one position, the Town Manager and this could be good or not so good. Ms. Hinton went on to say that separated powers help avoid abuse of power and make council members more responsive to citizens. Ms. Hinton asked if these changes would improve the lives of Greenville citizens. After some discussion the vote was taken.

MOTION: Ms. Colllins moved to approve Ordinance 243; second by Ms. Seabrooks. Motion passed unanimously.

YEA NAY

Mr. Arnold X

Ms. Collins X

Ms. Seabrooks X

1. Charter Change – Election and Terms – Ordinance 240: Ms. Reams, Town Clerk read Ordinance 240. Mr. Arnold opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment and the vote was taken.

MOTION: Ms. Collins moved to approve Ordinance 240; second by Ms. Seabrooks. Motion passed unanimously.

YEA NAY

Mr. Arnold X

Ms. Collins X

Ms. Seabrooks X

1. Second reading of Ordinance 239 – Town Park: Ms. Reams read Ordinance 239. There was some discussion among council members. Mr. Arnold asked for public comment and there was none. Ms. Dansey arrived during this time.

MOTION: Ms. Collins moved to approve Ordinance 239; second by Ms. Seabrooks. Motion passed unanimously.

YEA NAY

Mr. Arnold X

Ms. Collins X

Ms. Seabrooks X

Ms. Dansey X

Mr. McCroskey stated that Mr. Chris Peterson had come to the meeting to request the use of the park and gazebo on Friday, February 10, 2017 for a gospel sing in the park and was asking if the fee could be waived. Mr. McCroskey stated that if there was no opposition he would waive park fees until the next meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberly M. Reams

Town Clerk