



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL March 10, 2015

MEETING LOCATION: 301 East Poinsett Street, Greer, SC 29651

I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING Mayor Rick Danner - 6:35 P.M.

The following members of Council were in attendance:
Jay Arrowood, Wayne Griffin, Kimberly Bookert, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Judy Albert.

Others present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator, Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk, Steve Owens, Communications Manager and various other staff and media.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Rick Danner

III. INVOCATION Mayor Rick Danner

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Tom Ebetino, 906 North Main Street spoke presenting alternative ideas for Allen Bennett Memorial Hospital.

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING February 24, 2015

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of February 24, 2015 be received as written. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Rick Danner and Greer City Council presented Greer Community Ministries (Cindy Simpler, Krista Gibson & Hannah Rainwater) with a proclamation declaring March 2015 as the Greer Community Ministries Meals on Wheels March for Meals month.

VII. PRESENTATION

Police Chief Dan Reynolds presented his Annual Report to Council.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

New City Engineer – Mr. Driggers introduced Steve Grant. Mr. Grant has accepted the position of City Engineer. Mr. Grant spoke briefly.

Statement of Economic Interest – Mr. Driggers reminded Council their Statements of Economic Interest are due to the State Ethics Commission no later the March 30, 2015.

Business License Pending Legislation – Last week I had the opportunity to meet with representatives of the Public Affairs Committee with our local Chamber of Commerce. It was a very informative meeting. The purpose was to advise our local Chamber of pending legislation in Columbia of bills that have been filed in the House of Representatives concerning local business license. We are watching one in particular Representative Quinn from the midlands area has a bill filed that will affect us. We have 2647 businesses that are licensed with the City of Greer, of those 1457 are located within the city with permanent locations. We have an additional 1190 non-resident businesses that do business inside and outside the city. Of the 1457 we collected \$1,782,428.00 this past year. The non-resident businesses we collected \$838,758.00 for a total of \$2,621,186.00. This amount along with the amount we collect for insurance and telecommunications represents 30% of the total revenue stream for the City. The legislation out there now caps business license at \$100.00. With a total of 2647 with a cap of \$100.00 that pending legislative we would collect \$264,700.00 today we are collecting \$2,621,186.00. The effect to our municipality and other municipalities, cities and towns across this state would be devastating. There is no ability to transfer \$2.6 million dollars to property tax. It would require a combination of drastic reductions in service, drastic reduction in programs we provide as well as additional transfer of revenue streams. I encourage you to talk with our local legislators and let them know the impact and the effect is to our community. We've been doing that at the staff level. It was received with great support from our local Chamber of Commerce. They recognize the value our city brings to our citizens and this community. They have not endorsed this legislation as the State Chamber of Commerce has.

Experience Greer Magazine – sponsored by the Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce has been provided. It is a great resource for our community.

Team Greer Annual Report – Steve Owens, Communications Manager presented the 2015 Team Greer Annual Report to Council. He informed Council it was available to the public on the City of Greer Website. It is downloadable, available on a USB Drive and it can be printed.

Executive Session

Mr. Driggers stated he had one (1) **Economic Development** matter and two (2) **Personnel** updates for consideration in Executive Session.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 5-2015

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY 1010 POPLAR DRIVE EXTENSION LAND TRUST LOCATED ON POPLAR DRIVE EXTENSION BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-12 (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Justin Kirtz, GIS Planner presented the ordinance. He stated the Public Hearing was held February 23, 2015. One person spoke in opposition to the ordinance she had misinformation. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 5-2015. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 6-2015

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY BRANDI S. AND MATTHEW A. VAN PATTON LOCATED AT 100 PEACHTREE DRIVE BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-20 (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Justin Kirtz, GIS Planner presented the ordinance. He stated the Public Hearing was held February 23, 2015. No one spoke in favor or opposition to the ordinance. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

ACTION - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 6-2015. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

C. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 7-2015

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY TENIK HOLDINGS, INC. LOCATED AT 2204 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Justin Kirtz, GIS Planner stated the Public Hearing was cancelled and requested the Ordinance be tabled.

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to table Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 7-2015. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

D. Second and First Reading of Ordinance Number 9-2015

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF GREER ZONING CODE TO ADD SECTION 6:17 DONATION BINS INCLUDING THE PURPOSE AND INTENT, DEFINITIONS, GENERAL REQUIRMENTS, AND CONFLICTS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8:5.2 TO PROVIDE REQUIRMENTS FOR SIGNAGE ON DONATION BINS

Justin Kirtz, GIS Planner stated there was no new information.

ACTION - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 9-2015. Councilman Lee Dumas seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Allen Bennett Memorial Hospital

Mr. Driggers, City Administrator stated he was waiting on additional information that has not been received therefore he is requesting Council consider holding this item over.

ACTION - Councilwoman Judy Albert made a motion to hold over Allen Bennett Memorial Hospital. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 10-2015

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY PAUL E. CHICKY LOCATED AT 1710 HOOD ROAD AND SOUTH BUNCOMBE ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF C-2 (COMMERCIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTIES

Justin Kirtz, GIS Planner presented the ordinance. He stated the Public Hearing will be held March 16, 2015. The owner was present but did not speak.

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 10-2015. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 11-2015

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY TRACEY GABRIELLA MARSOUN-WARD LOCATED AT 126 GOLF STREET BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING

CLASSIFICATION OF R-12 (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Justin Kirtz, GIS Planner presented the ordinance. The owner was present but did not speak.

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 11-2015. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

D. First Reading of Ordinance Number 12-2015

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY MCGEE PROPERTIES OF GREENVILLE LOCATED ON PLEASANT DRIVE AND WAYMAN DRIVE BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-10 (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY) FOR SAID PROPERTIES

Justin Kirtz, GIS Planner presented the ordinance. He stated after further discussion with the developer a request has been made to change to Zoning to R-12 (Residential Single Family). Mr. Driggers stated staff would support the requested zoning.

ACTION - Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to amend the zoning classification to R-12 and approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 12-2015 as amended. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Rick Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to receive information on one (1) **Economic Development** matter and two (2) **Personnel** updates.

ACTION - In (7:52 p.m.) - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive information as stated by the Mayor. Councilman Lee Dumas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they received information on one (1) **Economic Development** matter and two (2) **Personnel** updates and no action would be needed.

ACTION - Out (8:45 p.m.) - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

8:46 P.M.



Richard W. Danner, Mayor



Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk

Notifications:

Agenda posted in City Hall and email notifications sent to The Greenville News, The Greer Citizen, GreerToday.com and the Spartanburg Herald Journal Friday, March 6, 2015.



**Public Forum
Sign in**

**March 10, 2015
6:30 pm**

(a) **Public Forum.** During a period of thirty (30) minutes at the beginning of each city council meeting, referred to as a public forum, the presiding officer may recognize citizens of the municipality or others who have standing in the municipality, such as business owners, who wish to address council on matters pertaining to items on that meeting's agenda.

Sign-up for Public Forum. At least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of a city council meeting, a potential speaker, who is not already a petitioner appearing on the agenda and is not a previous petitioner speaking on the same subject, wishing to appear before council must place his or her name, address, and whether he or she is for or against an agenda item on the public forum list. This list shall be maintained by the municipal clerk. Sign ups for public forums will be on a first come, first served basis. The municipal clerk shall make the public forum list available for council and public inspection. No names will be added to the list once the list is given to the presiding officer and the public forum has begun. The presiding officer will give equal time to those for and against the agenda items that are to be discussed during a public forum.

Name	Address	Agenda Item	In Favor / Oppose
Tom Ebelko	906 N. MAIN ST	ALLEN BENNETT	
Paul Chicky	600 S. Buncomb. Rd	Rezoning request + Annexation	