CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL
September 22, 2015

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

I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Rick Danner - 6:36 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

Councilwoman Judy Albert

III. INVOCATION

Councilwoman Judy Albert

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

No one signed up to speak

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

September 8, 2015

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of September 8, 2015 be received as written. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Building and Development Standards, Finance, Fire Department, Municipal Court, Parks & Recreation, Police Department, Public Services and the Website Activity Report for August 2015 were included in the packet for informational purposes.

Finance

David Seifert, Director of Finance and Information Technology presented the Financial Report for the period ending August 31, 2015. (Attached)

General Fund Cash Balance: $6,415,438.
General Fund Revenue: $826,914. General Fund Expenditures: $3,042,490.
Revenue Benchmark Variance: $126,259. Expenditure Benchmark Variance: ($288,899.)
Overall Benchmark Variance: ($162,640.)
Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: $979,816.
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: $795,695.

VII. PRESENTATION

A. Skipper Burns, Director of Public Services

Mr. Burns presented his Annual Report. (Attachment)

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

A. Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

Mr. Driggers stated the Election Commission met September 11th and declared the winners of the November 3, 2015 Election. He presented the “Certification of Declared Winners and the Cancelation of the November 3, 2015 Election” report by the Election Commission to Council. He further stated for the record re-elected for the position of Mayor for a four (4) year term is Rick Danner, Councilmember in District 1 Jay Arrowood, Councilmember in District 3 Kimberly Bookert, Councilmember in District 5 Wryley Bettis and a six (6) year term for Commissioner of Public Works Jeff Howell.

Calendar Items:

2015 Regional Advocacy Meeting will be held in Mauldin — Mr. Driggers encouraged everyone to attend the meeting scheduled for this Thursday. It will be held at the Mauldin Cultural Center, 101 East Butler Rd, Mauldin from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. If you would like for us to register you please let us know.

Community Farmers Market — is continuing, it has been extremely successful. They continue to improve the process. They will be there again this Thursday evening.

Greer Development Corporation — extended an invitation to Council for two (2) Industry Appreciation events that are coming up. You should have received the invitation the events will be held October 1st and October 15th.

Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce First Friday Luncheon — We would like to extend and invitation to you for the next two First Friday Luncheons. The first will be October 2nd featured at that luncheon will be Executive Director Reno Deaton with Greer Development Corporation; he will make a significant announcement at the meeting that has tremendous impact for our community. The second will be November 6th. Mr. Driggers will be present a community update on the Community Master Plan. If we can assist you with reservations please let us know.

Snow Street Auditorium Tour — a site visit will be held October 6th at 5:30 to allow Council to tour the facility. We will provide displays with potential uses for the property.

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**Police Department – Firearms Training System (FATS)** – a demonstration will be held for Council prior to the Council meeting October 13th at 5:30 in the Police Department Training Room.

**National Citizens Survey** – Every three (3) year we do a community survey. This year we will do the community survey in late October.

**Insurance Program** – Open enroll for employees will run through October 31, 2015.

**Sergeant Greg Parris** – Longtime employee of the City of Greer Sergeant Greg Parris passed away this past week. Services will be held next Sunday, October 4th.

**Executive Session**

Mr. Driggers stated he had two (2) **Personnel** matters (Performance Review of a Department Head and Evaluation of City Administrator), one (1) **Contractual** matter (Purchase of Equipment) and one (1) **Legal** matter (Update on potential property purchase in the community) for consideration in Executive Session.

**Report from City of Greer Election Commission for Certification of Declared Winners and the Cancelation of the November 3, 2015 Election**

**ACTION** - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to accept the report from the City of Greer Election Commission and enter it into the record of the City. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 19-2015**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF GREER ZONING CODE OF ORDINANCE BY ADDING TO ARTICLE 4, DEFINITIONS AND SECTION 6:1.1 (A) NEW USES OR CONSTRUCTION TO INCORPORATE UNUSABLE PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF GREER.**

Brief discussion held. No motion made Ordinance failed.

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Rick Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to receive information on two (2) **Personnel** matters (Performance Review of a Department Head and Evaluation of City Administrator), one (1) **Contractual** matter (Purchase of Equipment) and one (1) **Legal** matter (Update on potential property purchase in the community).
ACTION - In (7:23 p.m.) - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive information as stated by the Mayor. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they received information on two (2) Personnel matters, one (1) Contractual matter and one (1) Legal matter and no action would be needed.

ACTION - Out (8:11 p.m.) – Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI.  ADJOURNMENT  

8:11 P.M.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk

Notifications:
Public Forum
Sign in

September 22, 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.

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August 2015 Summary Financial Report

**Financial Performance Summary**

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