

### **CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA**

# MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL August 11, 2015

**MEETING LOCATION:** 

Greer City Hall, 301 East Poinsett Street, Greer, SC 29651

#### I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Rick Danner - 6:32 P.M.

<u>The following members of Council were in attendance</u>:
Jay Arrowood, Kimberly Bookert, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Judy Albert.

Wayne Griffin was absent.

#### Others present:

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

#### **Moment of Silence**

Mayor Danner asked for a moment of silence in respect for former employee Don Holloman, his wife and their family. Mr. Holloman was the City Engineer for eight years. He and his wife were tragically killed this morning in an automobile accident.

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert

#### III. INVOCATION

Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert

#### IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Charlene Vohs, 231 Ashler Drive thanked Council for allowing her to display her art work in City Hall. She also thanked Robin Byouk, Greer Cultural Arts for her support.

#### V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

July 14, 2015

**ACTION -** Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of July 14, 2015 be received as written. Councilman Jay Arrowood 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 **June 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 June 30, 2015. (Attached)

General Fund Cash Balance: \$8,399,718.

General Fund Revenue: \$20,978,281. General Fund Expenditures: \$19,565,382.

Revenue Benchmark Variance: \$1,177,398. Expenditure Benchmark Variance: \$235,555.

Overall Benchmark Variance: \$1,412,953.

Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: \$675,705. Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: \$804,395.

#### VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

**A.** Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

Mr. Driggers echoed the Mayors comments regarding the tragedy of Don and Connie Holloman. He stated Mr. Holloman was a very important part of the transition to a new City Engineer. Although Mr. Holloman retired in January he continued to assist us until and after we had a new City Engineer in place. He stated Mr. Holloman continued to be a resource for us and assist us; we were in contact with him as late as last week. We mourn his loss.

Allen Bennett Memorial Hospital — We are under contract and moving forward with the demolition of Allen Bennett Memorial Hospital. It has been completely encased with fencing for security and safety of the site. Most of the work taking place now is on the roof and asbestos removal inside. We will continue to meet with the contractor on site about every two weeks. If there is ever a time you would like to visit the site please let us know and we will be glad to make arrangements for you. We do have to notify them we plan to visit because it is a hard hat area. We are on schedule and moving forward with the project.

<u>Snow Street Auditorium</u> — There have been several improvements to the grounds area at the Snow Street Auditorium property. Trees and stumps have been removed. We are making general improvements to the site recognizing the impact it has on the surrounding community. We are also doing some interior cleaning. We are moving forward with arranging a site visit.

#### **Calendar Items:**

<u>September 10, 2015 –</u> Employee Celebration we have concluded in excess of 365 days without a loss time accident. That is significant. We are having a luncheon for all employees to say thank you for their safe work place habits. It will take place at 11:30 am

at the Cannon Centre. It will be very informal we are bringing the Fudd Truck in and have a nice lunch.

<u>September 15, 2015 – Joint training</u> opportunity for Council, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and Board of Architectural Review. The session will begin at 3:30 and last until 8:30. We will have representatives from our legal team talking with us about new regulations and laws impacting the new South Carolina Comprehensive Planning Act and the rolls and impacts it will have on the commissions as well as Council. There will also be time for conversation to make sure we are all on the same page regarding how we would like to see our community continue to grow.

<u>September 17, 2015 –</u> Annual Employee Benefits Fair will be held at the Cannon Centre from 7:30 am until 2:00 pm.

#### **Executive Session**

Mr. Driggers stated he had no items for consideration in Executive Session.

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. <u>First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 8-2015</u>
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT, SERIES 2015 IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$960,879 RELATING TO THE FINANCING OF VARIOUS ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE LEASE AGREEMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

David Seifert, Director of Finance and Information Technology presented the resolution.

**ACTION** - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 8-2015. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

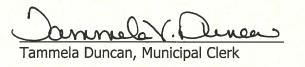
#### IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Rick Danner stated an Executive Session was not needed.

#### X. ADJOURNMENT

6:56 P.M.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor



#### 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, August 7, 2015.



### Public Forum Sign in

### August 11, 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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June 2015 Summary Financial Report



## Financial Performance Summary

#### As of Month End June, 2015

Quick Look Indicators	This Month	This Year	Balance
General Fund Cash Balance	-	1	\$ 8,399,718
General Fund Revenue	1	1	\$ 20,978,281
General Fund Expenditures	1	1	\$ 19,565,382
Budget Percentage (Over) / Under	4	-	0%
Revenue Benchmark Variance	•	1	\$ 1,177,398
Expenditure Benchmark Variance	-	-	\$ 235,555
Overall Benchmark Variance	*	-	\$ 1,412,953
Hospitality Fund Cash Balance	•	1	\$ 675,705
Hospitality Fund Revenue	•	•	\$ 1,773,750
Hospitality Fund Expenditures	-	•	\$ 1,526,768
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance	4		\$ 804,395
Storm Water Fund Revenue	•	•	\$ 720,373
Storm Water Fund Expenditures	-	•	\$ 788,226