

CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL June 23, 2015

MEETING LOCATION:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Rick Danner - 6:33 P.M.

The following members of Council were in attendance:

Jay Arrowood, Wayne Griffin (arrived at 6:34), 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

No one signed up to speak

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

June 9, 2015

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of June 9, 2015 be received as written. Councilwoman Judy Albert 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 **May 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 May 31, 2015. (Attached)

The City is 6% under budget during this time period.

General Fund Cash Balance: \$8,691,206.

General Fund Revenue: \$18,215,559. Revenue Benchmark Variance: \$987,192. Overall Benchmark Variance: \$1,727,869.

General Fund Expenditures: \$16,958,666. Expenditure Benchmark Variance: \$740,677.

Hospitality Fund Cash Balance: \$558,204. Storm Water Fund Cash Balance: \$819,881.

VII. PRESENTATION

- **A.** Police Chief Dan Reynolds and Sergeant Randle Ballenger introduced K-9 Officer Boss with his handler FTO Jordan Williams and K-9 Officer Stryker with his handler FTO James Compton to Council.
- **B.** David Seifert, Director of Finance and Information Technology presented his annual report.

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

Calendar Items:

<u>Freedom Blast</u> — The festival will be held this Saturday, June 27th here in City Park. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. We will have a blood drive on site; the kid's zone with children's inflatables, a rib eating contest. Our main stage area will involve competition with Greer Idol Junior program and Greer Idol Program. Our showcase entertainment for the evening will be 20 Ride. We will have a Military Tribute and we will take a moment of silence for the community to honor the victims in Charleston. Food and Beverage vendors will be on site. Fireworks will start at 10:00 p.m.

<u>Snow Street Auditorium</u> — We are continuing to work on site as you are aware. We are making interior improvements. We are working with the Recreation Department, Cultural Arts Department and other staff members in reviewing possible uses for the property. Later this summer we will offer a tour opportunity for Council.

<u>Underground Utilities</u> – Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator followed up with Council regarding a request for information on undergrounding of existing utilities. Discussion held.

Executive Session

Mr. Driggers stated he had three **(3) Personnel** matters (2 Administration and 1 Police Department) for consideration in Executive Session.

Councilman Jay Arrowood stated he had one (1) **Economic Development** matter for consideration in Executive Session. The matter is for information only no action requested.

IX. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. City of Greer Board of Zoning Appeals

At-Large Lynn Stewart's term expires 6/30/2015

ACTION – No action was taken.

No other nominations were made.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ace Environmental

Steve Serafino, Owner provided Council with information regarding restructuring current routes. Information only, no action was requested. (Attachment)

Discussion held.

B. Allen Bennett Memorial Hospital Demolition Proposal

Mr. Driggers presented the proposal. Greg Pressley with Neo Corporation spoke to Council explaining security of the site and provided a time line for the demolition. (Attached) Staff recommended entering into a contractual agreement with Neo Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$790,000.00 for demolition of existing structures.

ACTION - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

C. <u>South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice Memorandum of Agreement</u> Mr. Driggers presented the agreement.

ACTION - Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to accept the agreement as presented. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Rick Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to receive information on three (3) **Personnel** matters and one (1) **Economic Development** matter.

ACTION - In (8:16 p.m.) - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to go into Executive Session to receive information as stated by the Mayor. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they received information on three (3) **Personnel** matters and one (1) **Economic Development** matter and no action would be needed.

ACTION - Out (9:02 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

9:03 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, June 19, 2015.



Public Forum Sign in

June 23, 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	
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May 2015 Summary Financial Report



Financial Performance Summary

As of Month End May, 2015

Quick Look Indicators	This Month	This Year		Balance
General Fund Cash Balance	1	•	\$	8,691,206
General Fund Revenue	4	1	\$	18,215,559
General Fund Expenditures	+	1	\$	16,958,666
Budget Percentage (Over) / Under		1		6%
Revenue Benchmark Variance	4	+	\$	987,192
Expenditure Benchmark Variance	-	•	\$	740,677
Overall Benchmark Variance	-	^	\$	1,727,869
Hospitality Fund Cash Balance	•	•	5	558,204
Hospitality Fund Revenue	4	•	\$	1,611,239
Hospitality Fund Expenditures	-	1	\$	1,481,758
Storm Water Fund Cash Balance	4	-	\$	819,881
Storm Water Fund Revenue	4	1	\$	710,801
Storm Water Fund Expenditures	•	•	\$	767,039