

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF GREER
SOUTH CAROLINA**

October 28, 2008

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

REGULAR SESSION

Greer City Council met in regular session with Mayor Rick Danner presiding. Council members present: Jay Arrowood, Joe Baldwin, Wryley Bettis and Belle Coxe Mercado. Councilman Wayne Griffin arrived at 6:34 pm, Councilwoman Sandra Anderson was absent. Also present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator, Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk, Steve Owens, Communications Manager and various other staff and media.

Mayor Danner called the Regular Session to order at 6:31 p.m.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Councilman Jay Arrowood.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke during the Public Forum Session.

MINUTES OF October 14, 2008

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of **October 14, 2008** be received as written. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Senator Lewis R. Vaughn

Mayor Danner presented Senator Lewis R. Vaughn with a proclamation and plaque honoring and expressing heartfelt appreciation for his commitment to public service.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Employee Recognition Certificate Presentation

Mayor Danner recognized the following employees for their service to the City of Greer. Each employee received a resolution, a certificate of achievement and a personnel day off with pay.

James Jameson has served in the Fire Department for five years;
Christie Hunnicutt has served in the Fire Department for five years;
Taylor Graham has served in the Fire Department for five years;
John Douglas has served in the Fire Department for five years;
Ashley Wright has served in the Police Department for five years;
Harold Rhoads has served in the Public Services Department for five years;
Clara O'Neal has served in the Recreation Department for five years;
Kevin Holtzclaw has served in the Fire Department for fifteen years;
Danny Miller has served in the Fire Department for twenty-five years;
Susan Lindsay has served in the Recreation Department for thirty-five years.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Building and Development Standards, Engineering and Storm Water, Finance Report, Fire Department, Municipal Court, Parks & Recreation, Police Department, Public Services September 2008 Monthly Activity Reports and the October 20, 2008 Planning Commission Minutes were included in packet for informational purposes.

Bob Urness, Staff Accountant, summarized the financial report.

Finance Report for the period ending September 30, 2008.

Revenues: \$ 444,031.

Expenditures: \$1,136,480.

The City is currently 5% under budget for this time period.

Brief discussion followed.

Fire Department Request for New Pumper

Fire Chief Chris Harvey – Explained the new 2009 and 2010 Requirements for fire apparatus. He requested permission to place an order for a new pumper this year to alleviate the additional expense based on the 2009 and 2010 requirements.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to go ahead and sign the contract to order a new pumper truck. Councilman Joe Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-1 with Councilman Wayne Griffin voting in opposition.

Introduction of New Operations Supervisor in Parks and Recreation
Ann Cunningham, Director of Parks and Recreation introduced the new Operations Supervisor for Parks and Recreation, Robbie Anders.

Councilman Jay Arrowood requested information regarding the base line on **recycled material** removed from the tonnage going to the landfill. He is interested in the difference the removal of recycled material is making in our deposits to the landfill. Mr. Driggers will check into.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Ed Driggers, City Administrator

Reminders:

City of Aiken Visit – Forty-eight (48) people from the community had an opportunity to travel to Aiken and spend the day. We (Staff) were joined by Chamber of Commerce representatives and members of Council. We spent time looking at their downtown development, Public Safety, Housing and Parks and Recreation. We discussed things they have done successfully and some not so successful projects. It was a good learning experience for us from a staff level. Mayor Danner stated it was time well spent.

Legislative Agenda Workshop – We need to establish our legislative agenda for the new State Legislative year beginning in January. We are working with Palmetto Public Affairs; we will be communicating with you on a one on one basis to establish some time to do that. We would like to do that in conjunction with a regular meeting. Please start thinking about that and compile some notes.

Upstate Alliance Request for Workshop – We received a request from Hal Johnson, Upstate Alliance, he is assisting with Upstate Together on a program called "Realty Check". They are looking at how Greer fits in with our neighbors throughout the upstate and how we are comprehensively planning for the entire upstate region in land use. They are requesting time (Ninety (90) Minutes) with us and I need direction from you. Council requested Mr. Driggers move forward with the workshop and schedule it on a Council meeting night.

Victor Mill – We are working with Spartanburg County to coordinate a meeting in the Victor Mill Community. This meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, October 30th in the Victor Methodist Church Sanctuary. Spartanburg County is soliciting Brown Field Development dollars for the mill eradication. Participation is critically important for Brown Field applications. We encourage you to attend.

Mr. Driggers stated he has two items to update Council on during Executive Session, one Economic Development matter and one Personnel matter.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
Elections Commission

Jay Gibson's term expires December 31, 2008.

No nominations were made. Mayor Danner stated Council would be prepared to nominate someone to the Elections Commission at the November 25th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Greer Heritage Museum Lease Agreement
Joada Hiatt, Director

Ms. Hiatt disseminated the museums budget to Council and gave a brief overview. She discussed the changes she has requested on the lease agreement with the City.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. Driggers requested Council allow him and Ms. Hiatt to meet once again to review the issues and take your comments tonight into consideration and bring back to you at your next meeting a compromise agreement, a recommended lease. Council agreed. Ms. Hiatt agreed.

Second and Final Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 32-2008
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY IRENE HADD AND MILDRED McALISTER AND LOCATED AT 150 McCLURE SMITH ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF I-1 (INDUSTRIAL) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the request during the July 21, 2008 Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission unanimously approved the request.

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 32-2008. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 41-2008
AN ORDINANCE TO CORRECT A SCRIVENER'S ERROR IN ORDINANCE NUMBER 22-2008

Mr. Driggers stated there was no additional information.

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 41-2008. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 42-2008
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY CLISBY H. KRELL, JR AND DEBORAH KRELL AND LOCATED ON MAYFIELD ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF RS (RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance. He stated this was a twenty-five (25) feet sewer easement. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the request during the October 20, 2008 Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission made a recommendation for approval.

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 42-2008. Councilman Joe Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
Jamie Graham representative of Greer Cab appeared

Jamie Graham stated Authur Rogers bought the company from Leon Hix. She stated nothing has changed with the business only the ownership.

Brief discussion followed.

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve the request for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

First Reading of Ordinance Number 39-2008
AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE REVISED STATEMENT OF INTENT AND PLANS FOR THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS CHARTWELL ESTATES

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance. He stated the developer is requesting removal of the requirement for a left turning lane from the statement of intent because SCDOT (South Carolina Department of Transportation) will not approve a permit for the turning

lane. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the request. Don Holloman, City Engineer further explained the issue.

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 39-2008. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-2 with Councilman Wryley Bettis and Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado voting in opposition.

First Reading of Ordinance Number 47-2008

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF GREER CODE OF ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 10, ANIMALS BY ADDING SECTION 10-6 AND SECTION 10-7, AMENDING SECTION 10-31(c), REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 10-64, AMENDING SECTION 10-102, REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 10-104, AMENDING SECTION 10-107(a)(1), ADDING SECTION 10-116 AND AMENDING SECTION 10-214.

Jolene Vancil, Captain Police Department presented the Ordinance.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 47-2008. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to discuss one Personnel matter and one Economic Development matter.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the matters as stated by the Mayor. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0. (9:19)

Mayor Danner stated Council discussed one Personnel matter and one Economic Development matter in Executive Session with no action needed.

Councilman Griffin made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0. (10:05)

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk