

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

**September 23, 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 6:44 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 6:33 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Mayor Rick Danner.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No one spoke during the Public Forum Session.

**MINUTES OF September 9, 2008**

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of **September 9, 2008** be received as written. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Mayor Danner presented David Seifert, Director of Finance and Information Technology with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

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

David Seifert, Director of Finance and Information Technology, summarized the financial report.

Finance Report for the period ending August 31, 2008.

Revenues: \$ 609,531.

Expenditures: \$2,583,716.

The City is currently 3% under budget for this time period.

Brief discussion followed.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Ed Driggers, City Administrator**

### **Calendar Reminders:**

**City of Aiken** – Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> information will be forth coming outlining the day's activities.

**Safety Breakfast** – Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am in the Exhibit Halls on the second floor.

### **Important Dates:**

**Dedication Gala** - Thursday night October 2<sup>nd</sup>, this is a ticketed event open to everyone and I encourage everyone to participate. Ticket sells are going very well, we expect the event to sell out.

**Ribbon Cutting and Dedication of Building** - Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am we will provide lunch, tours immediately following the ceremony.

**Community Open House** - Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

### **Information:**

**Greer Commission of Public Works** – through the office of Local Government will be making an application for one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) in grant money to assist us with infrastructure on the International Business Park Project. Because CPW is a division of local government it does require the Municipality endorse the application

(we've done many of these over the years) I wanted to make you aware it is my intent to sign the grant application on behalf of the City supporting the application.

**Video Interviews with each Council member** – Steve Owens, Communications Manager would like to have video interviews with each Council member, please make contact with him to schedule a time for the interview over the next week. This will be part of the program we present Thursday night as well as Friday and Sunday.

**Employee Health Insurance Program** – As part of the program last year you instructed us to bring back some Healthy Lifestyle Choices as part of the program. We are prepared to present some information to you related to that and I would be looking for direction from you on how you would like for us to proceed from this point forward. What we have attempted to do is identify those lifestyle issues that may affect all Employees City wide. We propose imposing a premium to all employees of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Then based on a healthy lifestyle, employees are able to earn credits toward the fifty dollar (\$50.00) premium payment enabling them to obtain a zero (\$0.00) premium payment. (Information attached) Employees have the ability to earn more credits than there are associated expenses to the premium. The intent of this program is to recognize and reward employees who practices healthy lifestyles. If individual have some health issues they have the ability to do certain things to lessen the likelihood of that being a risk factor for their health in the future. We feel this is very good introductory program for our employees. Our ultimate goal is that no employee has a premium whatsoever. We cannot grantee that an employee will not have some premium. What we have found over time is that our employees who place the greatest burden on the insurance program are those that have unhealthy lifestyles. This is a way to capture some of that responsibility through the use of a premium and having them participate at a higher level for that coverage. We would begin this program as early as January 2009 after having an opportunity to educate our employees on the program.

Discussion followed.

Council indicated they wanted to move forward with the Healthy Lifestyle Choices program effective January 1, 2009.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was not needed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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Richard W. Danner, Mayor

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Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk