

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

November 10, 2009

**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, Wayne Griffin, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Belle Coxe Mercado. Councilwoman Sandra Anderson arrived at 6:45. 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 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Councilman Wryley Bettis.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one signed up to speak during the Public Forum Session.

MINUTES OF October 27, 2009

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of **October 27, 2009** be received as written. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

City of Greer Parks and Recreation's "Giving Thanks" Art Show
Presented by Mayor Rick Danner

The theme of the art show was "What I am thankful for". Students from local school's submitted pieces of works and the winners were selected in four divisions. These divisions were High School, Middle School, Elementary School first through third grades and Elementary School fourth through fifth grades. The winners will be displayed in City Hall's main lobby until Thanksgiving. First place ribbon winners in each division are as follows: High School, Katherine

Quiceno, Middle School, Janesia Whiteside, and Elementary School first through third grades Isaiah Coker and forth through fifth grades Jose Fierros.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Ed Driggers, City Administrator

Veterans Day Event – We were pleased to participate and provide the facilities for our community Veteran's Day event this past Saturday at Veterans Park. Our Mayor attended and provided the welcome. Had about one hundred and fifty folks attend the event. Very, very favorable response from many of our community veterans on this event.

Veterans Day Breakfast – The City will be recognizing our city employees who are veterans of various armed forces here at City Hall tomorrow Wednesday, November 11th at 7:30 with a breakfast.

Christmas Decorations – We are starting to put up our Christmas decorations. We try very hard to make sure our decorations are in place by the Friday after Thanksgiving. It takes us almost three weeks to install all of the decoration we have citywide.

Leaf Collection Program – Information (mailer) went out to our community this weekend and you should have received yours regarding the leaf collection program. The program began yesterday. The information is available on our website and cable channel.

Mid-Year Budget Workshop – As you requested we will be holding our mid-year budget workshop at our December 8th regularly scheduled meeting. We are anticipating a rather lengthy meeting.

Weather Conditions – Your staff continues to be conscious of preparing ourselves for any type of event that could happen in our community. Our staff met yesterday and we completely reviewed our **Emergency Preparedness Plans** everything is in place, we are equipped with everything from our flood management program/stormwater management program, police, fire, public services as well for any type of event the inclement weather may bring us in the next couple of days.

Art Show – As the Mayor stated we were very pleased to participate in our first art show that is one of many to come. You will see art shows presented here at this facility for both children and adults. We are very pleased that our Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with Greer Cultural Arts was able to get this first show up and running. Again, that art work is on display downstairs and we encourage you to go to the main lobby and see the art work.

Graffiti in Downtown – We wanted to make you are aware that any time we unfortunately get graffiti in our area that it is very important to get the graffiti removed as quickly as possible. We have an eradication team from the Police Department in cooperation with the Public Services Department and they have been working with the property owners to assist them in the removal of the graffiti. The Police Department continues to investigate this issue and we will keep you informed as the investigation continues.

Greer Development Corporation – Reminder of their luncheon tomorrow here at City Hall.

Annual Report – We are in the process of preparing our annual report, as you recall we now do that as an on line version, we do not print that any longer. We have printed copies available if needed. If there is anything you would like to see in that report we ask that you provide that information to us.

Audit – Our auditors have been on site with us. They have completed their on site work, we have not yet received any preliminary reports from them but they have indicated to us they would anticipate a full audit report to us by our January meeting. I also anticipate having some preliminary numbers to share with you during the budget workshop in December.

Census – We’ve received information from the Census Bureau (LUCA – Local Update of Census Addresses) we are in the process of verifying our census data on our end and we will be working very closely with census officials to ensure an accurate count as we go into 2010 for the actual census that will take place here in the community. We have a thirty (30) day window to review all of the data fro the Census Bureau and make notification back with them if we have any disagreement with any of that data. Glenn Pace and his staff are working on that now.

Reminder:

We will not be meeting on November 24th or December 22nd both are scheduled as furlough days for City Council.

Newsroom items have been provided to you.

Mr. Driggers stated he has three items for consideration during Executive Session, one Economic Development matter and two Legal Updates.

Election Information – is included in your packet.

New Employee Information

Sgt. Randle Ballenger introduced the following new Police Department employees to Council: Katherine Cochenour, Timyra Hudson, Jamie Smith, Brandon Edge and Scott Ruttgers. Cole Smith was not present he is attending the Police Academy.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals

David Greer, AIA - term expires 12/31/2009

Ralph Johnson – term expires 12/31/2009

Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to re-appoint David Greer to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals. Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Councilman Lee Dumas made a motion to re-appoint Ralph Johnson to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Recreation Association Board of Trustees
District 2, District 4, District 6

Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to nominate Edward Ballenger to the District 2 seat of the Recreation Association Board of Trustees. Councilwoman Sandra Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

No nominations were made for the District 4 or 6 seats.

OLD BUSINESS

Second and Final Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 25-2009
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA TO
AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF
GREER PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to receive Second and Final Reading of Annexation Ordinance Number 25-2009. Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

2010 Greer City Council Meeting Schedule

Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado made a motion to approve the 2010 Greer City Council Meeting Schedule. Councilman Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Councilman Wayne Griffin stated he had one personnel matter he would like to discuss during Executive Session.

Mayor Danner stated in addition to the two legal matters and one Economic Development matter we will add one personnel matter.

Councilman Lee Dumas made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the matters as stated by the Mayor. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0. (6:56 p.m.)

Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they considered two legal matters, one Economic Development matter and one personnel matter and no action would be needed.

Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0. (7:49 p.m.)

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk