

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

**December 16, 2009**

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

**SPECIAL CALLED SESSION**

Greer City Council met in a special called 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 4:43. 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 Special Called Session to order at 4:40 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Mayor Rick Danner.

**2009-2010 Budget Analysis**

Mr. Ed Driggers, City Administrator provided the following information: based on current collections rates the current value of a Mil is \$84,500.00. The current Stormwater rate is \$21.60/ERU. The value of a Furlough Day is \$27,700.00, the average cost of an Existing Employee is \$49,665.00, and the average cost of a New Employee is \$35,957.00. The following positions are being held vacant at this time: Certified Firefighters (2 Positions), Detention Officer, Patrol Officer, and a PT Field Supervisor. Projected cost savings from hiring freeze: Option A - All positions remain frozen, savings of \$81,125.19. Option B - Hire Detention, keep court clerk, savings of \$83,007.59. Option C - Hire Detention, keep open patrol officer, savings of \$83,868.45. Business license information: All active business license (including contractors) total 2,463 (Resident 1227 - Non-Resident 1236). Contractors only total 877 (Resident 52 - Non-Resident 825). All active business licenses (excluding contractors) total 1586 (Resident 1175 - Non-Resident 411). Resident means business is located inside the city limits, non-resident means business is located outside the city limits. Current Business license rates are attached. Mr. Driggers provided information on employee service hours in each department. He also stated, We have experienced a 10.75 percent reduction in work force resulting in a loss of 44,000 hours of service. We have approximately 8890 households inside the city limits and the cost to serve each household on average is \$1695.00. (Information attached).

Lengthy discussion followed.

Council requested additional information from Mr. Driggers regarding individual department budgets. This information will be provided at a special called meeting schedule for January 19, 2010.

The Special Called Session adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

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Richard W. Danner, Mayor

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Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk