

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

**June 2, 2009**

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

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Allen Bennett Hospital

Greer City Council met in a Special Called Session regarding Allen Bennett Hospital with Mayor Rick Danner presiding. Council members present: Jay Arrowood, Wayne Griffin, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Belle Coxe Mercado. 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 Public Input session to order at 6:32 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Mayor Danner.

Mayor Danner explained the Greenville Hospital System would like to give Allen Bennett Hospital in its entirety to the City. Mayor Danner stated Council had asked Reno Deaton (Greer Development Corporation) to engage in a process of determining the potential use, examining costs, looking into ramifications of owning, leasing and selling the building. We asked him to investigate as well, the possibility of using a consultant to help us as we move forward through this endeavor. We are at a point where we must make a decision and give that decision to the Hospital Board before they meet to consider this item next week. Council accepted Mr. Deaton's report at last weeks meeting.

Citizens wishing to speak on the above subject:

**Charles Lindsey**, 189 Lemon Creek Drive, Greer – Spoke in opposition to the acceptance of Allen Bennett Hospital.

**Brian Martin**, 3 Meadow Breeze Court, Greer – Spoke in favor of accepting Allen Bennett Hospital.

**Rita Burns**, 107 Wilson Rd, Greer - Spoke in favor of accepting Allen Bennett Hospital.

**Caroline Robertson**, 202 Victoria Street, Greer - Spoke in favor of accepting Allen Bennett Hospital.

**Suzie Foley**, 202 Victoria Street, Greer - Spoke in favor of accepting Allen Bennett Hospital.

**Phyllis Reynolds**, 407 Palmetto Court, Greer - Spoke in favor of accepting Allen Bennett Hospital.

Mayor Danner asked by show of hand if there was anyone who did not have the opportunity to sign up and would like to speak regarding this issue the below individuals indicated a desire to speak.

**Elizabeth Alexander**, 202 Victoria Street, Greer - Spoke in favor of accepting Allen Bennett Hospital.

**Amanda Somers**, 222 N. Main Street, Greer - Spoke in favor of accepting Allen Bennett Hospital.

**Jack Davis**, no address given, spoke in opposition to the acceptance of Allen Bennett Hospital.

**Wilhelmina Foster**, 12 Spring Street, Greer - Spoke in favor of accepting Allen Bennett Hospital.

The Public Input session closed at 7:02 p.m.

### **ALLEN BENNETT HOSPITAL**

Council discussed the Allen Bennett Hospital proposal.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to accept Allen Bennett Hospital from the Greenville Hospital System based on the successful execution of a Memorandum of Understanding. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 4-2 with Councilman Griffin and Councilman Dumas voting in opposition.

Council recessed at 7:37.

Council returned at 7:48.

### **WORKSHOP 2009 – 2010 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Council went into a workshop session to discuss the 2009-2010 Proposed Budget. (7:48)

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

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Richard W. Danner, Mayor

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Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk