

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

March 27, 2007

**MEETING LOCATION: 1306 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650**

REGULAR SESSION

Greer City Council met in regular session with Mayor Rick Danner presiding. Council members present: Wryley Bettis, Wayne Griffin, Joseph Baldwin, and Jay Arrowood. Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado arrived during Executive Session, Councilwoman Sandra Anderson was absent. Also present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk and various other staff and media.

Mayor Danner called the Regular Session to order at 6:34 p.m.

Invocation was given by Councilman Joe Baldwin.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one requested to speak.

MINUTES OF March 13, 2007

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of March 13, 2007 be received as written. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 5-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Codes, Fire Department, Court, Police Department, Public Services, and Recreation reports for February 2007 were included in packets for informational purposes.

David Seifert, Director of Finance and Information Technology, stated the following:

Finance Department: Finance Report for the period ending February 28, 2007.

Revenues: \$ 8,729,840.00
Expenditures \$ 10,019,294.00

The City is currently 4% under budget for this time period.

PRESENTATION

Chuck Langston, Langston Black Real Estate and Dave Sarkala, DSR Builders, Inc. updated Council on the Point at Hammett Bridge.

Discussion followed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers

Street Paving Program – Mr. Driggers stated the Greenville County Legislative Delegation Committee started paving Duke Street, Parker Street, Green Street, Roe Street, Loral Street, Crestview this week and the remainder once the milling has been completed are Carey Street, Berry Street, Park Hill Circle, Brannon Drive and Randle Street. Spartanburg County Transportation Committee road resurfacing program will resurface the following roads: Braymer Road, Nature Trail Drive, Oak Springs Road, Moss Street, Tank Street, Seventeenth Street and Oliver Street.

Victor Community Fair – The Community will be invited along with Representatives from our departments and equipment. The date is **April 21st** from 2:00pm to 4:00 pm at the City Gymnasium. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Needmore Community Clean Up Day - A community wide clean up will take place in the Needmore Community **April 14th** with Activities going on around the Needmore Center.

City Wide Community Meeting with the Police Department – This Thursday night **March 29th** at 7:00 pm at Commission of Public Works in their community meeting room.

Victor Community Wide Meeting - April 9th at 6:30pm at Victor Methodist Church.

Annual Amnesty Day – May 5th. More information forthcoming.

Municipal Achievement Award – Mayor Danner, Fire Chief Harvey and Pelham Batesville Fire Chief Jolly will go to Columbia next Monday to present an oral presentation for the Municipal Achievement Awards. We have applied through the Public Safety stand point of our cooperative Agreement with Pelham Batesville Fire Department.

Ground Breaking for Municipal Complex / Police-Courts Projects – Monday, April 9th at 2:00pm will be the ground breaking ceremony for our Municipal Complex and Police and Courts Buildings. It will be held on the Municipal Complex site.

Greer Trust – Is scheduled to meet later this week with SYS Construction to finalize the “Guarantee the not to exceed contract”.

Discussion followed.

Police Department Administration and Records – Will temporarily relocate to 509 West Poinsett Street this should be completed by the week of the ninth. Forth-eight hours after we closed down the administrative offices SYS will mobilize on that site and demolition will start. We signed a one year lease on the property.

Recommendations to Council:

Mr. Driggers recommended to City Council that Kirsten Pressley be named the Municipal Clerk of Court, this is a department head level position. She has served as the interim in that department since January 2006 and has a very successful interim program. Over the last year she has significantly restructured our Municipal Court Department. Judge Mims supports this recommendation fully.

Mr. Driggers recommended to City Council that John (Skipper) Burns be named as Interim Director of the department of Public Services until we make a final decision on moving forward.

Mayor Danner stated a request for these items to be added to the agenda will be made during New Business.

Mr. Driggers requested permission to discuss three personnel matters in Executive Session, one involving the Building and Codes Department, one involving our Engineering Department and one involving Administration.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NUMBER 8-2007

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF ABNER CREEK ROAD AND GIN HOUSE ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION METHOD; THE ANNEXATION OF THAT PORTION OF GIN HOUSE ROAD LYING BETWEEN THE TWO TRACTS OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND, TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-10, RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY, FOR SAID PROPERTY

Mr. Driggers updated Council on the addition of Gin House Road to the ordinance.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to approve Second Reading of Ordinance Number 8-2007. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 5-0.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-2007
AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE
ORDINANCE 8-6 TO CHANGE FROM
THE PETITION METHOD TO THE REGISTRATION METHOD
FOR NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO RUN FOR OFFICE.

Tammy Duncan updated Council on the clarification of this ordinance.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to approve Second Reading of Ordinance Number 10-2007. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Councilman Griffin withdrew his request to notify the Department of Justice of his vote in opposition to this ordinance as it relates to the increase in filing fees.

Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 11-2007
AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE
ORDINANCE 8-7 TO CHANGE FROM
THE PETITION METHOD TO THE REGISTRATION METHOD
FOR NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO RUN FOR OFFICE.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to approve Second Reading of Ordinance Number 11-2007. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Danner entertained a motion to add two items of New Business to the agenda. One in regard to the position of Municipal Clerk of Court and one in regard to the position of interim Director of Public Services

Councilman Griffin made a motion to add the above two items to the agenda. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 9-2007
AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY
OWNED BY NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, LOCATED AT 1350 VALENTINE
LANE FROM I-1 (INDUSTRIAL) TO R-12 (RESIDENTIAL - SINGLE FAMILY).

Phil Rhoads presented the ordinance.

A representative of New Hope Baptist Church Edgar Hitt spoke to Council.

Councilman Griffin made a motion that First Reading of Ordinance Number 9-2007 be approved. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Brief discussion followed.

Motion carried 5-0.

MUNICIPAL CLERK OF COURT APPOINTMENT

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to name Kirsten Pressley as Municipal Clerk of Court. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Councilman Griffin stated he has had cause to contact Mrs. Pressley a couple of times and has found her job knowledge outstanding.

Motion carried 5-0.

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES APPOINTMENT

Councilman Griffin made a motion to name John (Skipper) Burns as Interim Director of Public Services. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Councilman Bettis complimented Mr. Burns on the job he does.

Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to discuss three personnel matters.

Councilman Griffin made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the matter as stated by the Mayor. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Councilwoman Mercado entered the meeting during Executive Session.

Mayor Danner stated that Council had discussed three personnel matters in Executive Session with no action needed.

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

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk