

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

**August 22, 2006**

**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, Jay Arrowood and Belle Coxe Mercado. Councilwoman Sandra Anderson arrived at 6:37. 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 6:32 p.m.

Invocation was given by Councilman Wryley Bettis.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No one signed up to speak.

**MINUTES OF August 8, 2006**

Councilman Bettis made a motion to receive the minutes of August 8, 2006 as written. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 6-0.

**RECOGNITION OF THE DIXIE YOUTH ALL STAR TEAM**

Brian (Red) Watson introduced Randy Blackwell coach of the eleven and twelve year old Dixie Youth All Star Team. Mr. Blackwell introduced the team and thanked Council for their support during the tournament. Mr. Blackwell also announced the team received the Sportsmanship Award from the tournament.

**PETITIONER**

**Narcotics Anonymous  
Christopher Schultz**

Mr. Christopher Schultz spoke in the place of Nicole French on behalf of Narcotics Anonymous. Mr. Schultz expressed his concern regarding the increase in facility rental fees at the Recreation Center. He stated Narcotics Anonymous was not for profit and the money they take in pays for literature and rent for meeting spaces. His concern was their ability to pay the increase in fees.

Brief discussion followed.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Codes, Fire Department, Court, Police Department, Public Services, and the Recreation Department reports for July 2006 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 July 31, 2006 included in packet.

Revenues: \$ 142,347.00

Expenditures: \$ 919,235.00

The City is currently 2% under budget for this time period.

Discussion followed.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Ed Driggers**

**Departmental Reports** – I would like to encourage you to review the departmental reports on a monthly basis. The reports have been modified substantially over the last year; we are attempting to include more graphic information, charts, pictures etc. This will allow it to be an easier document to review.

**Municipal Complex Site** – The shed behind the Cannon Street Gym will need to be demolished. The shed contains materials and equipment that will need to be stored. We are in a position where we need to develop a maintenance site. We are working on that project right now reviewing possible sites and the construction of that compound. We hope to bring more information and some recommendations to Council by the second meeting in September.

**Spartanburg County Council** – Met last evening and a decision was made at that meeting to send information to the Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District (SSSD). SSSD was asked whether they would be able to take back the service area that was assigned to Greer CPW a couple of year's back (this is the area in debate – Reidville area). SSSD issued a statement following that meeting. " It is the understanding of the Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District Commission that Spartanburg County Council intends to annex the area bordered by highways 417, 101, 185 and Enoree River into the Spartanburg

Sanitary Sewer District. Should this annexation take place the Sewer District Commission will seek to modify the district long range plans so that they can reflect the projected service needs of the area. This annexation of course would mean that all property owners within the annexed area will be required to pay sewer tax regardless of whether they actually receive sewer service or not. We respectfully request that County Council undertake a study of the efficiencies of various providers offering service to the affected area." This was given to me on my way to this meeting today. This meeting was held about 2:15 pm this afternoon. I will make sure a copy of this statement is placed in your mail boxes or emailed to you as soon as possible. This is the only information I have at this point.

**REMINDER:**

**August 29, 2006** – This is a special called meeting of City Council, we talked about this at the last couple of meetings. This meeting will be with Craig, Gauden and Davis they plan to bring schematic designs for the Police Department and Court facility. They will meet earlier that evening with Greer Trust.

Mr. Driggers stated he had three personnel matters, one legal matter and one contractual matter to discuss in Executive Session.

Councilman Baldwin asked Mr. Driggers to inquire into the police matter that happened at Wal-Mart a couple of years ago.

Councilman Arrowood stated Councilwoman Anderson has been working very hard on the Old Mill Site and wanted to know if there was another way to get assistance from Spartanburg County. Councilman Arrowood stated he contacted Rock Adams July 18<sup>th</sup> and was told something would be happening within two weeks and nothing has been done. As we all know last Friday we had a major fire at that location. Mr. Driggers stated he had communication with Mr. Adams and he knew Mrs. Anderson had communication with him as well. As we all know the property of the mill is not inside the city limits of Greer and is a donut hole. It is within our fire district. I know there are efforts inside the community to improve itself. Mr. Driggers suggested getting the contact information in the community's hands and have them contact the correct people. Councilwoman Anderson also suggested having Spartanburg County Council come to the mill and see the site.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Danner asked Mr. Driggers to have Staff handle the situation with the petitioner tonight and bring a recommendation back to Council.

Mayor Danner thanked Brian (Red) Watson and Andre Lytes for their work with the Dixie Youth All Star Team and with their work with the recreations department.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 49-2006  
RELATING TO THE RECOVERY OF COLLECTION  
COSTS AS A PART OF DELINQUENT DEBTS  
COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THE SETOFF DEBT  
COLLECTION ACT**

Mr. Driggers presented the ordinance.

Councilman Bettis made a motion that First Reading of Ordinance 49-2006 be approved. Councilwoman Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**BID SUMMARY – MEDIAN MAINTENANCE PROJECT  
Requested by David Seifert**

David Seifert, Finance Director presented bid summary (attached).

Discussion followed.

Councilman Griffin made a motion to accept the bid from A & H Lawn Maintenance in the amount of \$13,380.00. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Mayor Danner recognized Mrs. Kathleen Jennings Gresham she is running for State Senate in District 5. Mrs. Gresham introduced herself to Council.

**SPORTS TURF MANAGEMENT  
Requested by Ann Cunningham**

Ann Cunningham, Director of Parks and Recreation presented the 2006-07 Greer Parks and Recreation Athletic Fields Annual Sports Turf Management Program (attached). Mrs. Cunningham recommended Wilson & Associates, and requested to commit to the contract for four (4) years.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Griffin made a motion to accept the Sports Turf Management Program bid from Wilson & Associates in the amount of \$13,878.00. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT FOR DISASTER RESPONSE RECOVERY  
WITH MOUNT PLEASANT**  
**Requested by Ed Driggers**

Mr. Driggers presented the Automatic Aid Agreement for Disaster response Recovery with Mount Pleasant (attached).

Councilman Arrowood made a motion to accept the Automatic Aid Agreement for Disaster response Recovery with Mount Pleasant. Councilwoman Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**ROAD RESURFACING MATCH PROGRAM**  
**Requested by Ed Driggers**

Mr. Driggers presented a letter from the Greenville Legislative Delegation Transportation Committee approving a proposal to consider a resurfacing match program for municipalities in Greenville County (attached). Mr. Driggers recommended Council accept the match program in the amount of \$100,000.00 and utilize the 2006-2007 paving list already established.

Councilwoman Anderson made a motion to accept the match program proposal for the \$100,000.0 in matching funds. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**2006 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT – RE-BID**  
**Requested by Wes Wagner**

Wes Wagner, City Engineer presented the 2006 Street Resurfacing Project Re-bid (attached). Mr. Wagner recommended King Asphalt, Inc.

Brief discussion followed.

Councilman Griffin made a motion to accept the bid from King Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$364,800.00. Councilman Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Councilman Arrowood asked for a new paving list.

**TUITION REIMBURSEMENT POLICY**  
**Requested by Ed Driggers**

Lindsay Ellis presented the Revised Tuition Reimbursement Policy (attached).

Discussion followed.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to approve the Revised Tuition Reimbursement Policy. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Danner stated an Executive Session was needed to discuss three personnel matters, one legal matter and one contractual matter.

Councilwoman Mercado made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the matters as stated by the Mayor. Councilman Bettis seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Mayor Danner stated that Council had discussed three personnel matters, one legal matter and one contractual matter in Executive Session with no action needed.

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

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Councilman Bettis made a motion for Council to encourage the Mayor to continue to attempt to mediate with Reidville and other affected entities to bring resolution to the recent annexation issues. Furthermore, the Mayor is authorized to initiate a legal challenge as deemed appropriate, if necessary. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

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Richard W. Danner, Mayor

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Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk