

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

**October 11, 2005**

**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, Sandra Anderson, Joe Baldwin, Jay Arrowood and Belle Coxe Mercado. 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 6:31 p.m.

Invocation was given by Councilwoman Belle Coxe Mercado.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No one signed up to speak during the Public Forum.

**MINUTES OF September 27, 2005**

Councilman Bettis made a motion that the minutes of September 27, 2005, be received as written. Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

**PETITIONER**

**Mr. Donald Boling**, 303 Chick Springs Road, Greer, SC 29650

Mr. Boling stated the Parks and Recreation Department had removed a fence at the James Family Cemetery located beside Victor Mini Park. Mr. Boling stated it was his understanding that Mr. Driggers thought he wanted the fence taken down, but in reality he did not know the fence was to be removed. He is asking the City to put the fence back up.

Mayor Danner stated it would be forwarded to the City Administrator and someone would get back with him.

## **PRESENTATION – GCRA PROGRAM UPDATE**

Martin Livingston, Executive Director GCRA

Mr. Livingston's presentation from the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority was dated July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2005. Documents attached.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Auction** – Researching a program Govdeals.com would like to try this in lieu of holding an auction every twelve to eighteen months. Would save employee time and expense and items would not deteriorate as rapidly. Website works like eBay. Councilman Baldwin stated we should go forward with it and requested Council be provided with a report in three to six month on the progress.

**Road Maintenance** - Currently there is disagreement between Greenville County and the City concerning some existing county roads. That when we annexed around those roads where there is annexed property on both sides of the road but the road was not annexed and the road is in need of repair the property owner called the county and the county stated the maintenance of the road was under the City, the City states the maintenance is the responsibility of the county and we are in dispute over that. The County Administrator has agreed to meet with me again. We hope to come to at least some recommendation to bring back to the elected officials. We have differing legal opinions.

**Forest St. and Canteen Ave.** – Mr. Roy Miller has contacted the City and inquired about Forrest Street and Canteen Avenue. He would like to build a two bedroom duplex rental property on the site. He would like for the City to donate the property to him. (Councilman Bettis) Council in agreement stated there was no interest in donating the property.

**Vehicle Fuel** – We are projecting about a thirty-five percent deficit on our fuel line items. It is a little premature for us to anticipate the long term effect of what that is going to be. We have been advised to anticipate a forty percent increase in natural gas as well. This will affect public buildings. We have a fuel surcharge on the garbage contact also. I just wanted to make you are aware we are concerned about it but we are continuing to provide services to the best of our ability.

Discussion followed.

**Greer Baptist Association** - Request made in the amount of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) to aid the Soup Kitchen in expanding. We do have the funds available in our contingency line item; however this would put us at our capacity on special projects. My concern is if you would like to fund any additional dollars for heating assistance this year you would not be able to do that.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to provide the Soup Kitchen with two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-3 with Councilpersons Bettis, Griffin and Anderson voting in opposition.

**Ozella's Ridge** - I wanted to make you aware that we have completed our full expenditure of the funds that you appropriated for that project. I have asked Mr. Ballenger to provide you a brief update on where he is with that project.

**James Ballenger** – I am in the stage now of paving the streets and putting street lights in. Thanked council for the one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) and stated in the process you tied my hands I can't get any more money to do any thing else because of the lien on the property. So since I'm here I'm going to ask you to do one more thing for me. I have a property I had appraised for nearly four hundred thousand dollars. Turn Ozella's Ridge loose and place the lien on the other property.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Danner stated Council would take the above matter under consideration as a contractual matter in executive session tonight.

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

Councilwoman Anderson has one personnel matter to discuss during Executive Session.

Mayor Danner stated Judy Dudley the new director of the Greenville Transit Authority asked me to discuss with you the Greenville County 20/25 Vision Plan part of this plan is to develop a transit development plan for Greenville County. She would like to appear before Council to discuss this plan.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Danner, Councilman Baldwin and Councilwoman Mercado will meet with Mrs. Dudley at a date to be determined.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 46-2005 AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THOMAS WOODROW COX TRUST, LOCATED AT 519 PELHAM STREET FROM RM-1 (RESIDENTIAL, MULTI-FAMILY) TO C-2 (COMMERCIAL)**

Councilwoman Anderson made a motion that Second Reading of Ordinance 46-2005 be approved. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-1 with Councilman Griffin voting in opposition.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 47-2005**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF  
PROPERTY OWNED BY DEMETRIOS A. CHULKAS & KATHERINE C.  
KAPOOR, LOCATED AT 916 W. POINSETT STREET FROM RM-1  
(RESIDENTIAL, MULIT-FAMILY) TO C-2 (COMMERCIAL)**

Councilwoman Anderson made a motion that Second Reading of Ordinance 47-2005 be approved. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 48-2005**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF  
PROPERTY OWNED BY DOROTHY C. WADDELL, LOCATED AT 102  
MEMORIAL DRIVE FROM R-12 (RESIDENTIAL) TO O-D (OFFICE  
DISTRICT)**

Councilman Griffin made a motion that Second Reading of Ordinance 48-2005 be approved. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MUNICIPAL COMPLEX**

Mr. Driggers presented information to move this project forward, during the discussion it was determined the discussion needed to continue in Executive Session.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR BID – REEL MOWER**  
**Requested by Wes Wagner**

Mr. Driggers presented bid for Wes Wagner.

Councilman Bettis made a motion to accept the bid for the John Deere 3225 C (38.5hp) Light fairway \$29,085.00 (w/Tax). Councilwoman Mercado seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously carried 7-0.

**FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 52-2005**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF  
PROPERTY OWNED BY JAMES W. HOLLAND & TANA B. SMITH  
AND LOCATED AT 800 ABNER CREEK ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED  
PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING**

**CLASSIFICATION OF R-5 (GARDEN COURT OR PATIO HOMES)  
FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance. (Mr. Pace stated he would request a traffic study from the Police Department for this area.)

Councilman Bettis made a motion that First Reading of Annexation Ordinance 52-2005 be approved. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-3 with Councilpersons Griffin, Anderson and Mercado voting in opposition.

**FIRST READING OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE NUMBER 53-2005  
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF  
PROPERTY OWNED BY CLAUDE F. BISHOP AND LOCATED AT  
814 ABNER CREEK ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT  
PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF  
R-5 (GARDEN COURT OR PATIO HOMES) FOR SAID PROPERTY**

Glenn Pace presented the ordinance.

Councilman Bettis made a motion that First Reading of Annexation Ordinance 53-2005 be approved. Councilman Arrowood seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-3 with Councilpersons Griffin, Anderson and Mercado voting in opposition.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Danner stated Council discussed three personnel matters, three contractual matters and one legal matter with no action taken. We will need to take action on one matter when we come out of Executive Session.

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

Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Councilman Baldwin made a motion to authorize the Mayor, City Administrator and City Attorney to enter into a final settlement with the EPA concerning the City's obligations at the Aquatech site. Councilman Griffin seconded the motion.

Motion carries unanimously 7-0.

Mayor Danner stated there was no further stated business.

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

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Richard W. Danner, Mayor

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Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk