



CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA

**MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL
September 8, 2015**

MEETING LOCATION: Greer City Hall, 301 East Poinsett Street, Greer, SC 29651

I. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING Mayor Rick Danner - 6:35 P.M.

The following members of Council were in attendance:

Jay Arrowood, Wayne Griffin, Kimberly Bookert, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Judy Albert.

Others present:

Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator, Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk, Steve Owens, Communications Manager and various other staff and media.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Councilman Wryley Bettis

III. INVOCATION Councilman Wryley Bettis

IV. PUBLIC FORUM No one signed up to speak

V. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING August 25, 2015

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of August 25, 2015 be received as written. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE - Motion carried unanimously.

VI. PETITIONER

A. Kyle Mensing, Greer Development Corporation

Informed Council a new farmers market will be held downtown at the corner of Main Street and Poinsett Street every Thursday from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm from September 9th through October 29th in the Greer Florist parking lot.

VII. PRESENTATION

A. Fire Chief Dorian Flowers

Chief Flowers presented a 100 Day Overview of the Fire Department for identifying a path for the future. (Attachment)

VIII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

Calendar Items:

Safety Luncheon – will be held this Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 11:30 at the Cannon Centre. Team Greer has exceeded 400 days of safety and we will celebrate with a luncheon catered by Fuddruckers please plan to attend if your schedule allows.

Annual Benefits Fair – will be held next Thursday, September 17, 2015 at the Cannon Centre. Additional information has been provided to you in your mailboxes.

CPR Saturdays – The Fire Department has a new program called CPR Saturdays. They will provide CPR training in our facilities for up to 15 individuals per session. Currently we are booked up through the fall. This is a wonderful opportunity for our citizens.

Joint Training Session – for the Planning Commission, Board of Architectural Review, Board of Zoning Appeals and Council will be held next Tuesday, September 15 from 3:30 pm until 8:30 pm at City Hall. Representatives from Spartanburg County Planning Department will participate as well. Please plan to attend.

Radio System Coordination – this will affect the Police and Fire Departments. We are getting information on the implementation schedule and costs may be involved. We are encouraging our partners in the county to be the lead in providing the infrastructure for the system. They are currently evaluating what their role could be in that process. They have two municipalities that are in other counties the City of Greer and Fountain Inn. We have been emphatic that this service not be separated at the county line. Those decisions have not been made. You will be involved in that. Currently we are doing background and research. They are saying we are probably two (2) years away from implementation at the earliest.

Victor Gym Renovations – are almost complete. We are about a week or so away from completion.

Century Park – the demolition of the concession stand and restroom facility is complete. Construction will begin at the conclusion of this season. We hope to have this facility open at the beginning of next season.

Pedestrian Paths and Bike Paths Plan – A Community Meeting was held last Thursday, September 3, 2015 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Cannon Centre. The meeting was very well attended. The plan will not be finalized until we receive additional community input and Council input.

Coffee with a Cop - will be held tomorrow morning at Chick-Fil-A on Wade Hampton Blvd at 7:00 am.

Executive Session

Mr. Driggers stated he had no items for consideration in Executive Session.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. United States Postal Inspection Service Memorandum of Understanding

Captain Matt Hamby with the Police Department presented the memorandum.

Discussion held.

ACTION - Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to allow the City Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Postal Inspection Service for the purpose of assigning an officer to the Task Force. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 19-2015

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF GREER ZONING CODE OF ORDINANCE BY ADDING TO ARTICLE 4, DEFINITIONS AND SECTION 6:1.1 (A) NEW USES OR CONSTRUCTION TO INCORPORATE UNUSABLE PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF GREER.

Glenn Pace, Planning and Zoning Coordinator presented the ordinance. He stated the Planning Commission unanimously approved the request during a Public Hearing held August 17th no one spoke in favor or opposition to the request.

ACTION - Councilman Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance Number 19-2015. Councilman Wayne Griffin seconded the motion.

Lengthy discussion Held.

Councilman Arrowood withdrew his motion for first reading of Ordinance Number 19-2015.
Councilman Griffin withdrew his second.

ACTION - Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert made a motion to hold over first reading of Ordinance Number 19-2015. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 20-2015

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY LINDA SLATON ETAL, JOSHUA LUNSFORD SLATON, MATTHEW BRENDAN SLATON, ZACHERY WILLIAM SLATON AND JENS WALKER SLATON LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST OF INTERSECTION OF BURNS ROAD AND SNOW ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-12 (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY-CLUSTER) FOR SAID PROPERTY

Glenn Pace, Planning and Zoning Coordinator presented the ordinance. He stated the Public Hearing will be held September 21st. Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

ACTION - Councilman Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance Number 20-2015. Councilman Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

D. City of Greer Policy and Procedure Manual

Alicia Williamson, Human Resources Manager requested to add State Statute – Student Loans in Default Status to the City of Greer Policy and Procedure Manual. (Attachment)

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the request.

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Judy Albert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

E. First and Final Reading of Resolution Number 11-2015

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF E-FAIRNESS LEGISLATION IN CONGRESS

Mayor Rick Danner presented the resolution.

ACTION - Councilman Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve the first and final reading of Resolution Number 11-2015. Councilwoman Kimberly Bookert seconded the motion.

VOTE – Motion carried unanimously.

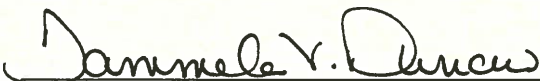
X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Rick Danner stated an Executive Session was not needed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

8:25 P.M.


Richard W. Danner, Mayor


Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk

Notifications:

Agenda posted in City Hall and email notifications sent to The Greenville News, The Greer Citizen, GreerToday.com and the Spartanburg Herald Journal Friday, September 4, 2015.

