

**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
GREENWOOD COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016
GREENWOOD COUNTY LIBRARY
5:30 PM**

MEMBERS

Chairman Steven Brown, District Five
Vice-Chairman Mark Allison, District Two – Not Present
Councilwoman Edith Childs, District One
Councilman Gonza Bryant, District Three
Councilman Chuck Moates, District Four
Councilman Robbie Templeton, District Six
Councilman Bob Fisher, District Seven

STAFF

Toby Chappell, County Manager
Stephen D. Baggett, Jr., County Attorney
Ketekash Crump-Lukie, Clerk to Council – Not Present

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, staff posted an agenda containing the date, time and location of this meeting on the main entrances of the Greenwood County Courthouse and the Greenwood County Library and on the Greenwood County website calendar. The *Index-Journal* and local radio stations received copies of the agendas via fax.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Brown extended a warm welcome to attendees. He recognized the Youth Leadership Group from GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission to the meeting. He recognized Geneva Patterson, Youth Leadership Program (YLP) Instructor.

Ms. Patterson explained that YLP is a character building program after school program held Monday thru Thursday from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Students that graduate from high school, attend college receive a laptop and also receive one hundred dollars upon graduation. The program consisted of fifteen (15) students.

INVOCATION – Councilman Mark Allison, District Two

Councilman Moates delivered the invocation in the absence of Councilman Allison

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Councilman Fisher motioned to approve the minutes of the November 1 meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Childs and the motion carried by unanimous vote (Vice- Chairman Allison was not present).

ACTION: Council approved the November 1 meeting minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Sign In Only)

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of proposed Greenwood County Policies -

Toby Chappell, Administration

- 1. Policy 2.1, Workplace Harassment**
- 2. Policy 3.0, Recruitment, Selection, and Employment Requirements**
- 3. Policy 3.1, Grant Funded Positions**
- 4. Policy 3.2, Re-Employment Process**
- 5. Policy 3.3, Pre-Employment and Employment Requirements**
- 6. Policy 4.1, Code of Ethics**
- 7. Policy 4.2, Social Media and Networking**
- 8. Policy 4.3, Nepotism/Employment of Relatives**

Councilman Bryant motioned to approve the eight (8) policies presented by staff during the November 15 committee meeting, Councilman Fisher seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote (Vice-Chairman Allison was not present).

ACTION: Council approved the following policies: Policy 2.1, Workplace Harassment; Policy 3.0, Recruitment, Selection, and Employment Requirements; Policy 3.1, Grant Funded Positions; Policy 3.2, Re-Employment Process; Policy 3.3, Pre-Employment and Employment Requirements; Policy 4.1, Code of Ethics; Policy 4.2, Social Media and Networking; and Policy 4.3, Nepotism/Employment of Relatives.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 2016-16 amending the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget, Ordinance 2016-05, to expend \$900,000 from the 2.6 Mills Fund Balance to Fire Services; and other matters related thereto**

Chairman Brown reminded Council that the County Manager advised them during the committee meeting (November 15) that money was already appropriated for the Ware Shoals Fire Station expenditures. The Chairman asked for a motion from Council.

Councilman Fisher motioned to approve Resolution 2016-16, seconded by Councilwoman Childs and the motion carried by unanimous vote (Vice- Chairman Allison was not present).

ACTION: Council approve Resolution 2016-16 amending the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget, Ordinance 2016-05, to expend \$900,000 from the 2.6 Mills Fund Balance to Fire Services; and other matters related thereto.

B. A proposed location of the boundary between real property owned by Greenwood County for the purpose of the Buzzard's Roost Project and real property owned by David and Jonathan Banks

After reading the title, Chairman Brown informed Council he had a conflict of interest with said request – he, David and Jonathan Banks are family. Chairman Brown did not take part in the discussion during the committee meeting. He recused himself from the vote, relinquished the gavel to former Chairman of Council Robbie Templeton and withdrew from Council Chambers. Prior to the meeting, the Chairman completed a Conflict of Interest form and gave it to the County Manager (Attachment A). After relinquishing the gavel to Councilman Templeton, Chairman Brown asked him to conduct remainder of the meeting.

Councilman Templeton asked Council for a motion if there were no more questions.

Councilman Moates motioned to approve the boundary line agreement, seconded by Councilman Fisher and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Council approved the boundary between real property owned by Greenwood County for the purpose of the Buzzard's Roost Project and real property owned by David and Jonathan Banks.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District One – Edith Childs

- Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at 9 a.m. at the Soup Kitchen; turn in volunteer names to her

District Seven – Bob Fisher

- No Report

District Three – Gonza Bryant

- Members of Epsilon Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Fraternity, Inc. and their new pledges will join Councilwoman Childs at the Soup Kitchen

District Two – Mark Allison

- Not present

District Four – Chuck Moates

- Thanked District Four for voting for him November 8
- It is an honor and privilege to serve representing that area of the County; he will continue to work to move Greenwood County forward in economic development, infrastructure improvements, implementation of County Wide Fire Plan, enhancing the economic and recreational opportunities for Lake Greenwood as well as in the expansion of quality of life for all citizens
- Thanked the voters for their overwhelming support of the Capital Project Sales Tax initiative. This initiative will provide the necessary funding for making a positive and beneficial difference to the future of Greenwood County. Those that led this effort deserve our deepest gratitude and appreciation for your hardwork.
- This election season has left many anxious, upset, even fearful of what is to come for our nation. Clearly, our nation is divided. People on both sides are questioning what the future holds for us. While many questions and concerns are paramount in our thoughts, may we not forget that whatever the future holds for us, we know who holds the future. His prayer is that we will not waiver or dismiss from our minds that as a nation our motto has been and will remain “In God we trust”. This trust has been our faith and strength through all adversity; may it continue to be so.

District Six – Robbie Templeton

- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving; remember to be thankful for all the blessing that have been bestowed upon you
- Thanked the voters of District Six for allowing him to represent them again; it is a charge he takes very seriously and he is most appreciative for their support
- Thanked all the voters for taking time to educate themselves and overwhelming pass the Capital Project Sales Tax despite extensive efforts of some uninformed individuals to defeat it by putting out misleading information

District Five – Steven J. Brown

- No report

MANAGER’S REPORT – Toby Chappell, County Manager

- Construction of the Greenwood County Veterans Plaza has begun -\$263,616

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business before Council, Councilman Templeton called for a motion to adjourn.

Council Bryant motioned to adjourn.

Ketekash Crump-Lukie, Clerk to Council, transcribed the meeting minutes.

Approved Tuesday, December 6, 2016.


Ketekash Crump-Lukie
Ketekash Crump-Lukie, Clerk to Council

Attachment A

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF GREENWOOD)

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

I, STEVEN J. BROWN, believe that I am required to take an action or make a decision which affects an economic interest of mine, my family member, an individual with whom I am associated, or a business with which I am associated. The matter requiring my action or decision is described as follows:

Consideration of boundary line agreements for property owned by David & Jonathan Banks

The nature of my potential conflict of interest with respect to the action or decision is described as follows:

family member

I hereby furnish a copy of this Statement to the Chairperson of the Greenwood County Council, and ask that the Chairperson cause the Statement to be printed in the minutes of the said Council. I further ask that the Chairperson require that I be excused from any votes, deliberations and other actions on the matter on which the potential conflict of interest exists, and cause the disqualification and the reasons for it to be noted in the minutes of the said Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Brown

Print name: STEVEN J. BROWN