Town of Greenwood

Town Council Meeting

**Attendance by Virtual Zoom Meeting Only**

**Personal Meeting ID #: 917 086 0517**

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 **Wednesday, December 9, 2020**

AMENDED Minutes by Michael Phillips on January 13, 2021 and

Town Manager, Hal Godwin on February 1, 2021

**Call to Order**

 Mayor Donald Donovan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Donovan led the Council and all attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Councilmen Present**

Donald Donovan, Willard Russell and Mike Moran. Norman Reed and Donald Torbert

(via Zoom)

**Officials Present**

Police Sergeant Cullen; Town Manager, Hal Godwin; Town Clerk, Lisa Calvert and Finance Manager, Janet Todd

**Citizens & Visitors**

Ms. Kelli Nuwer and Michael Phillips (via Zoom)

 **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Vice Mayor Russell, Seconded by Councilman Moran to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2020 Town Council Meeting. CARRIED by Unanimous Vote.

**Citizen’s Privilege**

N/A

**Town Managers Update**

1. The Town Managers Report was presented for review and discussion. Councilman Moran had a question regarding replacement of water meters. Mr. Godwin advised that since the project was just starting more information was not available at this time. No further questions were presented.
2. Engineering Report from Beacon was presented by the Town Manager. The bid process for the water main project has been postponed by a few weeks as we now have to use prevailing wages. Mr. Godwin will present again at the January 2021 Town Council meeting. We could expect 20% increase, however we have reserves in the transfer tax monies and/or water reserve fund. No further questions were presented.
3. Current Financial Statement Review was provided to the Council. No questions were (replaced “entertained”) asked.

**Police**

The Monthly Police Report from Chief Raughley was provided for review by Sergeant Cullen. No questions were asked.

**New Business**

1. Adoption of the 2021 Town Operating Budget.

Mr. Phillips had a few questions regarding the budget regarding the Town Council’s Honorarium pay. Mayor Donovan explained that those fees are split between the Town portion of the budget and the Police portion of the budget. Mr. Phillips also asked about the extensive overtime and pension monies on the police budget which seemed to be excessive. Mayor Donovan advised that could be due to being short one (1) officer, however, he encouraged Mr. Phillips to call Ms. Shelley Lambden the following morning as she would be able to answer his questions in light of Chief Raughley’s absence.

Motion to Adopt the 2021 Operating Budget was made by Councilman Moran and Seconded by Vice Mayor Russell. CARRIED by Unanimous Vote.

1. Mayor Donovan discussed that for the upcoming January 16th Town Election, a Board of Elections needed to be approved by the Council. The Mayor’s nominees for the Board of Elections were Mr. Anthony Pucci; Mr. Daniel Nelson and Mr. Randy Willey. Motion by Councilman Moran, Seconded by Vice Mayor Russell to approve Messrs. Pucci, Nelson and Willey as the Town’s Board of Elections. CARRIED by Unanimous Vote.

 **Old Business**

1. A Second Reading of Ordinance C-9-C, an Ordinance repealing the existing regulations pertaining to Garbage and Refuse Collection and adopting new regulations governing Garbage and Recyclables Collections was presented by Mayor Donovan. Town Manager Godwin read the synopsis as directed by the Mayor. Motion by Councilman Torbert and Seconded by Vice Mayor Russell to adopt Ordinance C-9-C. CARRIED by Unanimous Vote.
2. Resolution #2020-03 to adopt an updated fee for Garbage and Recyclables to commence on January 1, 2021 was presented by the Mayor. Mr. Godwin explained that we are currently losing money in 2020 and this new fee of $24/mo. Would put us in the black for at least two (2) years.

Ms. Nuwer had a question regarding the $6.00 (30% increase) as she believed that the billing system has missed some of her bills, thus payments and she wanted to be assured the Town had researched this issue sufficiently. Mr. Godwin explained that the there are no missed bills and Councilman Reed advised Ms. Nuwer that due diligence had been executed by Town Manager Godwin.

Councilman Moran had a question regarding residents that currently had more than one (1) garbage container and more than one (1) recyclable container. Mr. Godwin indicated that there were no plans to (removed “currently”) change the present allocations of containers, however the new Ordinance provides the Town with the ability to charge for extra cans.

A Motion to Adopt this Resolution was made by Vice Mayor Russell and Seconded by Councilman Torbert. Mayor Donovan called for a vote. Mayor Donovan – Yes; Vice Mayor Russell – Yes; Councilman Reed – Yes; Councilman Moran – No and Councilman Torbert – Yes. CARRIED by Majority Vote.

1. Mr. Phillips had a list of grievances that he had previously presented in mid-October to the Mayor. Later in October, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Nuwer came in to discuss these issues with the Mayor. Ms. Todd was also present for this meeting. The Mayor addressed each item as presented by indicating the applicable agency/department whom Mr. Phillips needed to meet with.

**Adjournment to Executive Session** – N/A

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Phillips made a comment expressing no confidence in the Council and the Mayor.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councilman Moran and Seconded by Vice Mayor Russell to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 pm. CARRIED by Unanimous Vote.

Attested \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Town Manager