

Town of Greenwood
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Call to Order

Vice-Mayor Reed opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 p.m.

New Business

1. Councilman Mike Moran and Councilman Marshall Kemp were sworn in by notary Amy Carey, Police Administrative Assistant.
2. Vice-Mayor Reed began the reorganization of the Council by nominating Donald Torbert for Mayor, Seconded by Mike Moran. No other nominations. APPROVED Unanimously.
Councilman Kemp nominated Norman Reed for Vice-Mayor, Seconded by Mayor Torbert. No other nominations. APPROVED Unanimously.
Vice-Mayor Reed nominated Durene Jones for Secretary, Seconded by Mayor Torbert. No other nominations. APPROVED Unanimously.
3. Mayor Torbert suggested posting vacancies on Board of Adjustment and soliciting letters of interest from residents who wish to apply. There are also vacancies on the Planning Commission. Vice-Mayor Reed made a motion to post the vacancies and see what kind of response is received, Seconded by Councilwoman Jones.
4. Due to new councilmembers and reorganization, Town Solicitor Stephani Ballard presented a Power Point overview of town government, duties of Council, and ethics for town officials.

Executive Session

Motion by Vice-Mayor Reed to adjourn to executive session at 6:48pm, Seconded by Mayor Torbert.

Return to Open Session

Council returned to Open Session at 7:27pm. Vice-Mayor Reed made a motion to approve the action discussed in Executive Session, Seconded by Councilwoman Jones. APPROVED Unanimously, with Councilman Moran abstaining.

Public Comment

Ballfield comments were made by several representatives of the Woodbridge Little League, including their Attorney Adam Gelof, Tammy Lecates, WLL Vice-President Ryan Potter, and WLL Board member Chris Haymond.
It was stated by Ms. Lecates and Mr. Haymond that the 14-member Board of Woodbridge Little League voted unanimously to not sign the Town's proposed agreement.
Town solicitor Stephani Ballard stated that WLL made no counterproposal. She also stated that she asked if they had any proposals to send them to her, and she's heard nothing since November.

Approval of Minutes

January 11, 2023, Town Council Meeting minutes: Motion to approve by Councilman Moran, Seconded by Councilwoman Jones. APPROVED Unanimously.

Police Report

- Chief Thomas shared that he and Corporal Willey and Assistant Amy completed a lockdown drill at the WECEC building.
- Sergeant Billy Thomas was introduced. He had been a part of Greenwood PD before and is returning to us from Harrington.

- Chief expressed a need for a new vehicle now that they are fully staffed with 3 officers. He has found a 2023 Tahoe priced at \$40,731. Manager Todd said that ARPA funds can be used for that purchase.

Motion to approve the purchase of the Tahoe by Councilman Moran, Seconded by Councilwoman Jones. APPROVED Unanimously.

Town Manager Report

- There was a sewer leak by the VFW that the County will fix.
- The County will also be fixing a sink hole caused by a sagging sewer pipe near the VFW.
- Sealed bids (4) were received for the Draper Street water main project. ARPA funds can be used for that infrastructure repair.
- The audit Mr. Reed had asked about should be finished next month, then we will be back on a regular yearly schedule.
- We've been awarded a MSAF grant of \$29,200. That pays for the electric for the streetlights, and we can use the additional for street repairs.
- I am applying for Bond Bill money to pave 6 streets including S. Mill, Snider, Queen, Pennewill, North, and Water.
- I attended the tax ditch meeting last week. I took our pictures and the list of issues we are having. They told us they do not have any money and they can not help us. We are kind of on our own. Chief gave me a contact to see if we can get some prisoners to come clean the trash out of the ditches. We can then ask a couple companies for quotes to clean out the little trees and blockages, and we can try to find a grant to cover those costs.

Mayor Torbert asked if we are allowed to touch those ditches. Ms. Todd replied yes that she verified that with Mr. Mills and Mr. Isaacs, and they said go ahead and do it. We don't need an engineer or anything as long as we are just cleaning out trash and trees and not digging or disturbing anything.

- Jamie Webb is heading up a committee to organize some community events, including a free Summer Concert Series to be held one Wednesday evening a month. She is looking for volunteers to help with that.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. with a motion by Vice-Mayor Reed, Seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Attested Jane M. Todd, Town Manager