

Town of Greenwood
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 20, 2023

COUNCIL and STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Donald Torbert, Vice-Mayor Norman Reed, Councilman Mike Moran, Councilwoman Dee Jones, Councilman Marshall Kemp, Town Manager Janet Todd, Police Chief Phillip Thomas, Town Clerk Carolyn Chisenhall, Town Solicitor Stephani Ballard

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Torbert opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made to approve the August 23, 2023, Town Council Meeting minutes by Vice-Mayor Reed. Seconded by Councilman Moran.

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Thomas thanked all who attended the National Night Out last month.
- The back door of the Police Department was replaced in August.
- Sgt. Thomas' Durango is in the shop getting outfitted. The Chief and Ms. Todd will be looking for grant money to outfit the other Durango after the first of the year.
- Halloween is Tuesday, October 31, and we are planning for trick or treating from 6:00-8:00 pm.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

- Ms. Todd reported that a Municipal Street Aid grant of \$28,510.78 was received.
- Greenwood Day activities have been cancelled due to the weather.
- The streetlights on Governors Avenue have been converted to LEDs at no cost to the Town. Market Street was completed last year.
- Ms. Todd and Chief Thomas should have a rough draft of the 2024 budget ready for Council at the October meeting.
- Sussex County Conservation District emailed that they will be working on ditches next week, weather permitting. They will be working on the ditch behind Tamburelli's and others as they get the funding and permits.
- The repair behind the ECEC has been completed. Twenty-four feet of drainpipe was replaced.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Council discussed options and the possibility of an Ordinance preventing the sale and or the cultivation of marijuana. Ms. Ballard gave some background information on possible licenses (such as for cultivating, testing, processing, manufacturing, retail) that can be disallowed or permitted and regulated in municipalities. She also added that currently, municipalities do not get any of the money that the state is going to make for this. At this time, the consensus of the Council is to prohibit all marijuana businesses in Town limits and Ms. Ballard will draft an Ordinance to that effect.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pam Tijerino voiced concerns over the ditches and who is responsible for them.
Ron Freisleben suggested that marijuana might help the Town with revenue.
Paul Webb agreed with Ms. Tijerino about the ditches. He also questioned the expense and the Town's purpose in having the survey done behind the Town Hall building.
Manager Todd explained the survey was done to establish the Town's rear property line and was paid for with grant funding.
Jamie Webb spoke about the car seat check that took place earlier this month.
Kyler Horne was here to ask about the recent criminal activity including break-ins in Town. He also spoke in favor of marijuana related businesses, saying that they would bring people and traffic to Town, and the opinions expressed this evening were antiquated.
The Chief responded that it's going to take some time. There is an active ongoing investigation, and they can't put out a lot of details to the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. by Councilman Moran, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Reed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Attested , Town Manager