

Town of Greenwood
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 13, 2023

COUNCIL and STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Donald Torbert, Vice-Mayor Norman Reed, Councilwoman Dee Jones, Councilman Marshall Kemp, Councilman Mike Moran, Town Manager Janet Todd, Chief Phillip Thomas, Sergeant William 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 to approve the November 8, 2023, Town Council Meeting minutes made by Councilman Moran, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Reed. APPROVED Unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sussex County Councilwoman Cindy Green presented a Tribute to Councilwoman Jones and expressed her appreciation for Ms. Jones leadership and efforts with the Greenwood Christmas Parade.

Comments were made referencing the “heaviness” and “tone” of a prior meeting, and the negative social media posts and comments aimed towards the Town Manager & Council. A resident stated his opinion that the Town Manager and Council are doing a good job, and his appreciation for the progress being made and community events in Town.

A question was asked regarding a date for a “Meet the Candidates” night. That has not yet been scheduled.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Thomas gave a verbal report on the police department’s activities for November. There was some discussion about electric vehicles for the Police Department. Sergeant Thomas stated there is grant money available for 2 electric vehicles, a charging station, and equipment. They could be replacements for the Explorer and maybe a Public Works vehicle. He answered questions from Council, and Chief Thomas asked Council to email him with any further questions.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

Manager Todd thanked Ms. Jones, all the Greenwood Police Department, and Roger for their hard work on the Parade.

Updates were given on the Codification, Sussex County Conservation District’s efforts, the status of Conditional Uses, the timing of Public Comment, and the upcoming election.

OLD BUSINESS:

The 2024 Budget was discussed. Councilman Moran made a Motion to keep what was passed last month. Seconded by Councilman Kemp. Councilwoman Jones – No; Vice-Mayor Reed – Yes; Councilman Moran – Yes; Councilman Kemp – Yes. Motion CARRIED.

Second reading of Ordinance 2023-02. Councilman Kemp made a Motion to revise Section 9 by adding, “not to exceed \$500.00”, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Reed.

APPROVED Unanimously. The revised version will come back next month for another reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion to approve the Town Holidays for 2024 made by Vice-Mayor Reed, Seconded by Councilwoman Jones. APPROVED Unanimously.
- Motion to appoint Randy Willey, Bruce Bowman, and Kelly O'Bier to the Board of Election made by Vice-Mayor Reed, Seconded by Councilman Moran. APPROVED Unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to enter Executive Session made by Councilwoman Jones, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Reed at 6:54 pm.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:


Return to Open Session at 7:10 pm with a Motion made by Vice-Mayor Reed, Seconded by Councilman Kemp.

Motion to take the action discussed in executive session made by Vice-Mayor Reed, Seconded by Mayor Torbert. APPROVED Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned with a Motion by Vice-Mayor Reed, Seconded by Councilman Moran at 7:11p.m.

Attested

, Town Manager