

Town of Greenwood

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

COUNCIL and STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Donald Torbert, Vice-Mayor Norman Reed, Councilwoman Dee Jones, Councilman Marshall Kemp, Town Manager Janet Todd, 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 October 11, 2023, Town Council Meeting minutes made by Vice-Mayor Reed, Seconded by Councilwoman Jones. APPROVED Unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The comment was made that the meetings are a little hard to hear on Facebook. There was a suggestion that Council speak with the managers of the marijuana dispensary in Seaford and the grow-op in Milford.

POLICE REPORT:

Sergeant Thomas reported on some of the police department's activities for October, including firearms qualifications in Clayton, participating in the Woodbridge High School Homecoming Parade, and Trunks for Treats at Greenwood United Methodist Church. Several arrests were made last month.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

Manager Todd stated that the Bond bill items are done, and the funds were received from the state. The sale of property to the County is completed. Codification of the Town's code has begun, and a lot of Ordinances need work. Letters to owners of property that need Conditional Use have been mailed out. We've received a response from 8 out of 14 property owners. We've had a resignation from the Planning Commission. One person has expressed interest. It will be on the December agenda to appoint someone. We'd like to thank Queena Mast for the mural here at Town Hall. Queena said there were about 40 people who painted on this project.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of proposed Ordinance 2023-01 An Ordinance amending Ordinance A-1 ("Zoning Ordinance") to Prohibit the Operation of Marijuana Cultivation Facilities, Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facilities, Marijuana Test Facilities, and Retail Marijuana Stores in the Town of Greenwood.
Ms. Ballard explained that because this would be amending the Zoning Ordinance, it must go to the Planning Commission first for a recommendation, then come back to Council for a first and second reading. The purpose of tonight is to make sure that this Ordinance says what the Council wants to send to the Planning Commission for their recommendation and is based on what was said at the last meeting. It is essentially a ban on all the different types of facilities.

The consensus of the Council was to send the document as is to the Planning Commission for their recommendation.

2. First reading of Ordinance 2023-02 An Ordinance Respecting the Issuing of Business Licenses within the Town of Greenwood. This Ordinance would replace Ordinance C-11.

Solicitor Ballard advises removing the requirement for a certificate of insurance. Ms. Ballard stated that the State of Delaware only requires that for some professions, and since the Town requires a State of Delaware license, if State law requires insurance, then the business will already have it by virtue of having a State license. The Town shouldn't require more than the State.

The Ordinance was discussed and will return next month for the second reading.

Motion to adjourn to executive session made by Councilwoman Jones, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Reed at 6:20pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:04p.m.

Attested , Town Manager