

TOWN OF GREENWOOD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 100 W. Market St; Greenwood, DE 19950 Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m. MINUTES

COUNCIL and STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Marshall Kemp, Vice-Mayor Mike Moran, Secretary Donnie Donovan, Councilor Durene Jones, Councilor Brenda Tallent, Town Manager Janet Todd, Sergeant William Thomas, Clerk Carolyn Chisenhall, Town Solicitor Jamie Sharp.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Kemp opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Donovan to approve the minutes of the regular Town Council Meeting of September 11, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Unanimously APPROVED

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE:

N/A

REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF:

Sgt. Thomas gave the report.

REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER:

Mrs. Todd gave a verbal report.

MAYOR REPORT:

N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

Continuation of a public hearing for a conditional use application from Jamie Webb for property located at 402 W. Market St, Greenwood DE, tax ID# 530-9.16-11.00, for an inhome daycare in the R-1 Residential Zoning District.

Due to multiple councilor recusals, Mr. Sharp is waiting for an advisory opinion from the Public Integrity Commission before proceeding.

Motion by Mrs. Tallent to leave the record open until November. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Mr. Donovan – yes, Mr. Moran – yes, Mrs. Tallent – yes, Ms. Jones – recuse. APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Discussion and adoption of FY2025 Budget.

Motion to strike line #53 and remove Council Honorarium payments in 2025, adding that \$5600.00 back to the 2025 budget. Motion made by Mr. Kemp, Seconded by Ms. Jones. Unanimously APPROVED.

Motion to increase the monthly trash rate from \$24.00 to \$30.00. Motion by Mr. Moran, Seconded by Ms. Jones. Unanimously APPROVED.

Motion to increase the water overage charge from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per 1000 gallons over 3000 gallons. Motion made by Mr. Moran, Seconded by Ms. Jones. Unanimously APPROVED.

Motion to increase the monthly water rate from \$40.00 to \$45.00 in 2025, then increase to \$50.00 in 2026. Motion by Mr. Moran, Seconded by Ms. Jones. Unanimously APPROVED.

Motion to increase the annual property tax rate from \$2.00 per \$100.00 of assessed value to \$4.00 per \$100.00 of assessed value. Motion by Mr. Moran, Seconded by Ms. Jones. Ms. Jones – yes, Mrs. Tallent – yes, Mr. Donovan – no, Mr. Moran – yes. APPROVED. Motion to adopt the FY2025 Budget with stated changes to water rates, trash rates, and real estate taxes, and strike line #53 (Honorium). Motion made by Mr. Moran. Seconded by Ms. Jones. Unanimously APPROVED.

 Motion to increase the monthly rent at 98 Mill St. to \$1200.00. Motion by Ms. Jones, Seconded by Mr. Moran. Unanimously APPROVED.
Motion to keep the lease renewal at one year made by Ms. Jones, Seconded by Mr. Moran. Unanimously APPROVED.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Ms. Jones stated that she believes we no longer need a "police liaison" and that title is not in the Charter. Sergeant Thomas stated that according to police policy, a "police commissioner" can sign time sheets in the absence of a Police Chief.

Mr. Moran thanked Mrs. Todd, Ms. Nuwer, and all who played a part in making Greenwood Day a success.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tanya Kearns and Marl Hayes spoke about property issues regarding 106 Draper Street. Kelli Nuwer asked the Council about a Bond Bill funded sidewalk repair.

ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourned at 6:59 p.m. with a motion by Mr. Donovan, Seconded by Mr. Moran.

Town Manager