



# MINUTES

## FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

City Hall, 206 S. Main Street, Council Chambers

Monday, May 8, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.

---

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Knox H. White

2. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember John DeWorken

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **ROLL CALL**

The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor Knox White, John DeWorken, Lillian Flemming, Ken Gibson, Wil Brasington, Russell Stall, and Dorothy Dowe.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

April 24, 2023; Approved as submitted

6. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Mayor White acknowledged the staff for the budget work session presentation received by Council today.

7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

None

8. **PRESENTATION**

a. VisitGreenvilleSC (VGSC)

General Manager of Bon Secours Wellness Arena and VGSC Chairman Beth Paul introduced Heath Dillard as the new President and CEO of VGSC. Mr. Dillard presented key highlights involving the relationship between the City and VGSC and provided an update on the economic impact for conventions, meetings and events hosted in Greenville. Mr. Dillard stated the economy is positive and added for every one dollar (\$1.00) spent in marketing investment, Greenville is seeing a return on investment of almost ten dollars (\$10.00).

Mayor White questioned how many hits are being generated on the website, and Mr. Dillard responded approximately 7,000 per day on [visitgreenvillesc.com](http://visitgreenvillesc.com). Councilmember Stall questioned what the number for economic impact includes, and Mr. Dillard responded it includes retail, hotel rooms, food and beverage, parking, and the like. Councilmember Brasington questioned the return-on-investment and asked why they only use the median on hotels. Mr. Dillard responded the information is based on hotels only because it is a data set that can be measured in real time on a weekly basis.

Referring to recent budget discussions, Councilmember Dowe explained the discretionary amount of \$560,000 for VGSC has not been given to VGSC during the

past two years. Councilmember Dowe stated the City is back to the level of occupancy pre-Covid, referred to the benefits VGSC provides to the City, and acknowledged Mr. Dillard on his leadership and expertise.

Councilmember DeWorken expressed appreciation with VGSC coordinating the recent basketball tournaments hosted in the City.

b. Fire Department Accreditation Team

Fire Chief Brian Horton stated the Greenville Fire Department achieved international accreditation five years ago. Chief Horton also stated Greenville is one of 309 departments out of 36,000 world-wide that is accredited and one of 117 departments with a Class ISO 1 accreditation. Chief Horton stated every five years the Department is re-accredited and advised that the four-member team is onsite this week. Chief Horton explained the re-accreditation process and stated if Greenville meets the criteria, they will travel to Chicago in August to testify to the accreditation board and the board will make a final recommendation.

Councilmember Dowe questioned why someone would care if the City had this certification. Chief Horton stated ISO is about the number of fire stations, staff, equipment, and the like while accreditation is a model that meets a national standard of fire service. Councilmember Dowe questioned if this impacts home insurance. Chief Horton responded that ISO affects insurance while accreditation helps with development and providing a level of protection to our citizens.

**9. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**10. RECOGNITIONS AND APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*There will be no discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Council member so requests in which event the item in question will be considered separately.*

Councilmember Dowe moved, seconded by Councilmember Gibson, to approve second and final reading of agenda items 11a and 11b of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)**

- a. Ordinance to appropriate \$60,326 in the Event Management Fund and Local Accommodations Tax Fund for funding of the 2023 Greenville Jazz Festival  
*(Presented by Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Tara Eaker)*
- b. Ordinance to appropriate \$9,705,000 from the Parking Enterprise Fund for the acquisition of four parcels of property totaling approximately 2.93 acres of real property located on the northwest side of Augusta Street adjacent to Fluor Field and identified

as 106 and 154 Augusta Street (Tax Map Numbers 0088000101200 and 0088000101301)  
*(Presented by Interim Office of Management and Budget Director Karen Crawford)*

**12. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinance – First Reading)**  
None

**13. NEW BUSINESS – (Resolutions – First and Final Reading)**  
None

<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b>
-----------------------

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)**  
None

**15. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinances – First Reading)**

- a. Ordinance to annex approximately 1.39 acres of real property located on Transit Drive, and to provide the zoning designation of C-3, Regional commercial district (Tax Map Number 0258000200400) (AX-11-2023)  
*(Presented by Assistant City Manager Shannon Lavrin)*

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember Dowe, to approve first reading.

Assistant City Manager Shannon Lavrin stated the property is part of the Laurel Creek Church and is a cemetery. Ms. Lavrin advised the annexation will reduce the county donut hole in the area.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance to annex approximately 0.49 acre of real property located at 201 Prosperity Avenue and to provide the zoning designation of R-6, Single-family residential district (portion of Tax Map Number 0222030401000) (AX-12-2023)  
*(Presented by Assistant City Manager Shannon Lavrin)*

Councilmember Stall moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken, to approve first reading.

Ms. Lavrin stated the owner requested a voluntary annexation so that the entire parcel is in the city of Greenville.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- c. Ordinance to appropriate \$450,000 in the Solid Waste Fund for the acquisition and financing of solid waste equipment  
*(Presented by Interim Office of Management and Budget Director Karen Crawford)*

Councilmember Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken, to approve first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

**16. NEW BUSINESS – (Resolution – First and Final Reading)**

- a. Resolution to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Greenville for and on behalf of the Greenville Fire Department and Fire Departments in Greenville County for certain emergency incidents within the designated areas  
*(Presented by Fire Chief Brian Horton)*

Councilmember Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken, to approve first and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

**17. STAFF REPORTS**

None

- 18. ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

---

KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR

---

CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS  
CITY CLERK

MEETING NOTICE POSTED AND MEDIA NOTIFIED ON MAY 5, 2023.