

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 9, 2026

The Greenville City Council convened in the Council Chamber of City Hall on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. for a regular council meeting. Mayor Jae'Ques Brown called the meeting to order. City Clerk - Treasurer Dee Blackmon called the roll and recorded the following members present: Mayor Brown, Councilmembers Ed Sims, Bryan Reynolds, Joseph West, Brandon Smith Sr., and Kenderius Boggan. Mayor Brown led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Councilmember Ed Sims delivered the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Brown advised that each councilmember had received for review a copy of the proposed minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 23, 2026. He asked if there were any additions, deletions, or amendments to the minutes as presented.

Councilmember West moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes for the February 23, 2026, Regular Council Meeting as drafted. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the Council.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Brown advised that he and the councilmembers are actively working to address several needs within the community. He reported that the Public Works Department is continuing efforts to ensure that streets and other infrastructure needs are properly maintained. Mayor Brown also noted that on Bolling Street trees had grown up around the area. Garrett Luckie, Public Works Director, cleared and cut back the trees, which improved the appearance of the sidewalk. Additionally, Mayor Brown stated that the owners of property located off Perdue Street contacted the city and paid for the demolition of an abandoned house on the property. Mayor Brown encouraged councilmembers to ensure that residents in their districts are reaching out with concerns and to keep a list of any areas that need attention. He also reported that Councilmember Boggan is currently working in District 5 to address street light repairs in the Greenwood Estates area.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

City Clerk Blackmon reported that work is still ongoing on the FY2024 audit. She stated that she hopes to hear from Kim Blackmon with Branum and Company this week to receive tentative figures so that work can begin on the FY2025 audit. She also reported that the balance in the General Fund checking account is \$218,704.25, and the balance in the money market account is \$850,413.06.

Tracy Salter with the Chamber of Commerce addressed the council and provided an update on Few Street Park. She advised that the Chamber received a \$5,200 grant to purchase and install new park furniture. The furniture will allow community members to sit and enjoy the park while their children play. She stated that the furniture is scheduled to be installed on Monday, March 16, and that Jimmy Cole with Building and Grounds will assist with the installation. She also reported that Garrett Luckie is building a custom-made swing for the park. Ms. Salter informed the council that the Community Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration, co-hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and Greenville Parks and Recreation, will take place on Saturday, April 4. She stated that the event is free, family-friendly, and will be held at the former YMCA building on Academy Drive. She also reminded the council about the Butler County Achiever Award Scholarship program, which the Chamber has been involved with for 26 years. She explained that representatives visit both public and private schools and speak with teachers and counselors, who provide qualifying seniors with application packets so they may apply for the scholarship. The scholarship currently awards \$3,500 to one male and one female recipient, and the Chamber hopes to increase the award amount this year. Ms. Salter stated that the scholarship banquet is open to the public and requires a ticket purchase since dinner is provided. The event will take place on May 1 at LBW, and tickets will be available beginning April 1. She also discussed the Celebrate America event, which traditionally includes a fireworks show. She noted that this year's celebration is particularly special as it marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The event will be held on Saturday, July 4, at the former Tiger Stadium behind Greenville Elementary School. She added that a special tribute is being planned to recognize and spotlight local veterans for their service.

Police Chief Justin Lovvorn presented the department's statistics for February. He reported that the total number of calls for service and self-initiated events by police officers during the month was 683. Chief Lovvorn also advised that there were 10 total Part I crimes reported during the month, with seven of those cases being felony thefts. He also updated the council regarding the vehicle pursuit that occurred the previous week. Chief Lovvorn stated that the driver was a juvenile who was operating the vehicle. The juvenile has been charged

with a felony for attempting to elude law enforcement. He further reported that officers were able to apprehend the juvenile, and a firearm was found inside the vehicle, which resulted in an additional charge.

Fire Chief Belletete reported that the Fire Department responded to 122 calls for service during the month. Of those calls, 94 were medical calls, along with responses to one structure fire and one commercial vehicle fire. Chief Belletete stated that, in comparison to February 2025, the department responded to 49 calls during that month. This represents an increase of 73 calls for the same period this year. He also reported that the leaf springs for the ladder truck have arrived, and the ladder truck is now back in service. Chief Belletete advised that the repair cost \$600 less than the original quote.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2026-18. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GREENVILLE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PIONEER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR YARD LIGHTING IN GREENWOOD ESTATES.

Resolution 2026-18 is a contract between the City and Pioneer Electric Cooperative for yard lighting. Police Chief Justin Lovvorn advised the council that an original assessment indicated the city would need five lights installed. However, after reassessing the area, it was determined that three existing poles could be utilized, which would reduce the installation costs. By using the existing poles, the city will save approximately \$400 per light. Chief Lovvorn stated that this adjustment will result in the city saving a little over \$1,000.00 on the project. Mayor Brown asked for questions or concerns, hearing none, **Councilmember Reynolds moved to adopt Resolution 2026-18, which accepts the contract.** Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the council.

RESOLUTION 2026-19. AUTHORIZE THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A SCOREBOARD AGREEMENT WITH MONTGOMERY COCA COLA.

Resolution 2026-19 authorizes the City to enter into a scoreboard agreement with Montgomery Coca-Cola. City Clerk Blackmon advised the council that the contract must be renewed every five years, and this year marks the time for renewal. She explained that through the agreement, Montgomery Coca-Cola provides the City with new scoreboards, which the City is responsible for maintaining. City Clerk Blackmon further stated that once the contract period ends, ownership of the scoreboards will transfer to the City. Mayor Brown asked for questions or concerns, hearing none, **Councilmember Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2026-19, authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with Montgomery Coca-Cola.** Councilmember Boggan seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the council.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Mayor Brown explained the following expenditures and asked if anyone had questions or comments. Hearing none, **Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the following expenditures:**

A. IEC INGRAM EQUIPMENT COMPANY ITEM FLEET MAINTENANCE/GARBAGE TRUCK & LIMB TRUCKS	\$8,500.00	BUDGETED
B. MCKINLEY TIRE FOUR REAR TIRES FOR LADDER TRUCK #41	\$3,198.84	BUDGETED ITEM
C. ASHTON POTTER CIGARETTE STAMPS	\$10,152.00	BUDGETED ITEM

Councilmember Boggan seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the council.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Board Appointments:

Mayor Brown made a board recommendation to appoint Ms. Tammy Rice to the Industrial Development Board (IDB). Mayor Brown asked Ms. Rice to introduce herself to the council. Ms. Rice stated that she is originally from Greenville and served 21 years in the United States Army before moving back to Greenville in 2003. She advised that she is a co-owner of Carter Rice & West Funeral Home and has worked with the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs for nearly 20 years.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone had questions or comments. Hearing none, **Councilmember Sims made a motion to approve the appointment.** Councilmember West seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the council.

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Jae'Ques Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dee H. Blackmon, City Clerk-Treasurer