

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 27 , 2026

The Greenville City Council convened in the Council Chamber of City Hall on Monday, April 27, 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, Brandon Smith Sr., Kenderius Boggan, Bryan Reynolds and Joseph West. Mayor Brown led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Mr. Eddie Cook 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 April 13, 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 April 13, 2026, Regular Council Meeting as drafted. Councilmember Boggan seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the Council.

PROCLAMATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

BUSINESS SPOLIGHT OF THE MONTH FOR ZAXBY 'S AND STRUCTURAL WOOD

Mayor Brown recognized both Zaxby's and Structural Wood Systems as the Business Spotlight recipients of the month. He expressed his appreciation to both businesses for their contributions to the community and thanked them for being valued members of the local area.

PROCLAMATION: AMERICA THE ENTREPRENEURIAL DAY

Mayor Brown presented a proclamation recognizing America the Entrepreneurial Day, highlighting the importance of fostering innovation and small business growth. He emphasized the City of Greenville's commitment to encouraging and supporting more entrepreneurs within the community.

PRESENTATION FROM THE SASANQUA GARDEN CLUB

Ms. Linda Horn of the Sasanqua Garden Club provided an update on the Camellia Garden located at Beeland Park. She shared that she has been a member of the Sasanqua Garden Club for 30 years and noted the club's significant efforts in supporting the garden. Over the past two years, the club has raised \$400,000 to contribute to its development and upkeep. Ms. Horn emphasized that the garden plays an important role in promoting tourism for the City. She also highlighted that the garden is featured on the America Camellia Trail, further enhancing its visibility and appeal. Additionally, she mentioned that the club received an invitation from the Governor to visit the Governor's Mansion in recognition of their work. She concluded by announcing that Bobby Green will be at the Camellia Garden in two weeks to discuss future plans for the garden and how it will continue to support tourism efforts.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Brown advised the council that he is currently addressing a complaint received from a resident on Cunningham Street. He shared that he, along with Councilmember Smith, the Fire Chief, the Water Works Superintendent, the Public Works Director, and the Building Official, have all visited the area to assess the situation. The complaint involved an overgrown ditch, which had previously been cleared, but has since become overgrown again. He stated that the issue is being addressed. Mayor Brown further noted that the resident indicated they might pursue legal action. In such cases, he explained that he steps back and allows the City Attorney to handle the matter. He emphasized his commitment to assisting all residents within the city. Additionally, Mayor Brown provided an update on the Chick-fil-A project, stating that the city is approximately 98% ready to move into the next phase, which includes the demolition of the former Shoney's building.

Mayor Brown also reported that he recently visited Sherling Lake Park and identified several areas in need of improvement. He noted the need for a bathhouse, repairs to portions of the walking trail, and maintenance on some of the bridges. He also shared that pole lights are being installed in darker areas of the park to enhance safety and accessibility. He stated that he would continue to keep the council updated on the park's improvement progress. He concluded by affirming that he and the council are working daily for the betterment of the community, including ongoing efforts to beautify the City.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

City Clerk-Treasurer Dee Blackmon advised the Council that the Clerk's Office has received the 2024 tentative audit financials. She stated that once the financials are finalized, Glenn and Kim with Branum and Company would present them to the Council. She also reported that she and Manisha attended a clerk training the previous week and thanked the Council for allowing them to attend. Mayor Brown informed everyone that the City has not withheld any financial statements from the community. He stated that he met with Branum and Company, who explained the details involved in the audit process. Mayor Brown also advised that once the audit is completed, it would be posted online for public viewing.

Ms. Brittany Blankenship, Executive Assistant to the Mayor's Office, updated the Council on the Junior City Council. She stated that the Mayor's Office, along with a panel, has interviewed 25 students to join the Junior Council and will interview 15 more students on Wednesday and Thursday. She added that a final decision would be made next Monday regarding those selected. Additionally, she provided an update on the Camellia Pointe cabins, advising the Council that the cabins were booked every weekend in March and April. She thanked Councilmember Bryan Reynolds for referring golfers who booked the cabins. Mayor Brown also advised the Council that the cabin rates have been adjusted to attract more customers and increase bookings.

Police Chief Justin Lovvorn advised the Council that he would provide updated statistics at the next Council meeting. He reported that there was one major incident that occurred early Saturday morning on New Searcy, which involved a shooting. He stated that the suspect is in custody and has given a confession. Chief Lovvorn also advised the public to use caution when meeting people online and recommended that any in-person meetings take place in a public setting to ensure safety.

Chief Belletete advised the Council that the Fire Department has responded to several high-visibility incidents, defined as those occurring near the interstate and local businesses. He reported that recent responses have included grass fires and overturned vehicles. He also stated that the State Fire Marshal's Office issued a Red Flag Warning last week, which prohibits outdoor burning due to dry conditions. He reminded the Council that a permit is required for burning within the city limits and noted that the Greenville Fire Department will not issue burn permits until conditions improve.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2026-28. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TREATMENT NO TRANSPORT (TNT) BILLING POLICY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF GREENVILLE .

Resolution 2026-28. Mayor Jae'Ques Brown presented Resolution 2026-28, which establishes a Treatment No Transport (TNT) billing policy for emergency medical services. The resolution noted that EMS personnel frequently respond to calls in which medical services are provided, but the patient refuses transport to a medical facility. The City Council finds it necessary to establish a uniform billing policy for Treatment No Transport services in order to recover costs associated with providing such services.

Under the policy, a fee of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) shall be charged and billed to insurance companies for Treatment No Transport services when applicable.

Mayor Brown asked if there were any questions or concerns. Councilmember Smith asked if everyone would be charged, and City Clerk Blackmon stated yes.

Councilmember Reynolds moved to adopt Resolution 2026-28, authorizing the City to establish a Treatment No Transport billing policy. Councilmember West seconded the motion. Councilmember Smith opposed the motion. Mayor Brown announced the motion carried with five ayes and one opposed.

RESOLUTION 2026-29. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GREENVILLE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LIFELINE BILLING SYSTEMS, LLC FOR EMS DEBT COLLECTION SERVICES.

Resolution 2026-29 authorizes the City to enter into an agreement with Lifeline Billing system. Mayor Brown asked for questions or concerns, hearing none, Councilmember Reynolds moved to adopt Resolution 2026-29, which authorizes the City to enter into an agreement with Lifeline Billing System. Councilmember Sims seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the council.

RESOLUTION 2026-30. A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 540 W. COMMERCE STREET AND AUTHORIZE SALE OF SAME.

Resolution 2026-30 declares as surplus certain City property located at 540 W. Commerce Street. Mayor Brown asked for questions or concerns, hearing none, Councilmember Sims moved to adopt Resolution 2026-30, declaring City property surplus. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the council.

RESOLUTION 2026-31. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR MUNICIPAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE CITY OF GREENVILLE FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 20, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 19, 2027.

Resolution 2026-31 authorizes payment for municipal insurance coverage for the City of Greenville. Mayor Brown asked for questions or concerns, hearing none, Councilmember Reynolds moved to adopt Resolution 2026-31, authorizing payment for municipal insurance coverage. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the council.

RESOLUTION 2026-32. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREENVILLE AND THE SASANQUA GARDEN CLUB FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE BEELAND PARK CAMELLIA GARDEN .

Resolution 2026-32 authorizes the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Greenville and the Sasanqua Garden Club. Mayor Brown asked for questions or concerns, hearing none, Councilmember West moved to adopt Resolution 2026-32, authorizing agreement between the City and the Sasanqua Garden Club. Councilmember Reynolds seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the motion carried with 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 Sims made a motion to approve the following expenditures:

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| A. MIDDLETON OIL CO. - \$4,068.00 | BUDGETED ITEM |
| 900 GALLONS OF DIESEL FUEL | |

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

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Jae'Ques Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dee H. Blackmon, City Clerk-Treasurer