

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 22, 2023**

PUBLIC HEARING - 5:20 P.M.: ALL OCCASION CREATIONS - A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MERCHANT APPLICATION AND REAL PROPERTY OWNER APPLICATION FOR THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM AS SUBMITTED BY ALL OCCASION CREATIONS .

A Public Hearing was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on Monday, May 22, at 5:20 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public opinion regarding Resolution 2023-17 to be considered by the City Council. Mayor Dexter McLendon called the hearing to order and City Clerk-Treasurer Dee H. Blackmon recorded the following members present: Mayor McLendon, Councilmembers Bryan Reynolds, Ed Sims, Joseph West, Jae'Ques Brown, and Boris Thigpen.

Mayor McLendon called for public comment. The owner, Jason Godwin, spoke in favor of the request. With no comments against the measure, Mayor McLendon adjourned the public hearing at 5:23 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - 5:25 P.M.: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DECLARATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY AS SURPLUS .

A Public Hearing was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall on Monday, May 22, at 5:25 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public opinion regarding Ordinance 2023-02 to be considered by the City Council. Mayor Dexter McLendon called the hearing to order and City Clerk-Treasurer Dee H. Blackmon recorded the following members present: Mayor McLendon, Councilmembers Bryan Reynolds, Ed Sims, Joseph West, Jae'Ques Brown, and Boris Thigpen.

Mayor McLendon explained the city property located on Milner and Walnut Streets has no public purpose. Mr. Rolando Guzman has completed several different residential properties in Greenville as well as the Red Barn on the bypass. He will build residential housing on these properties. Mr. Guzman was unable to make it since he is out of town. Mayor McLendon called for public comment, Councilmember Thigpen asked if this will be residential only and Councilmember Reynolds said yes residential like duplex properties.

Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or comments. With no comments for or against, Mayor McLendon adjourned the public hearing at 5:28 p.m.

The Greenville City Council convened in the Council Chamber of City Hall on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. for a regular council meeting. Mayor Dexter McLendon called the meeting to order. City Clerk - Treasurer Dee Blackmon called the roll and recorded the following members present: Mayor McLendon, Councilmembers Bryan Reynolds, Ed Sims, Joseph West, Jae'Ques Brown, and Boris Thigpen. Mayor McLendon led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Councilmember Brown delivered the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor McLendon advised each councilmember had received for review a copy of the proposed minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on May 8, 2023. 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 May 8, 2023, as drafted. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. Mayor McLendon announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the Council.

PROCLAMATIONS and PRESENTATIONS :

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 2023-02. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC OR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND CONVEYANCE OF SAID PROPERTY.

Councilmember Sims moved that all rules governing the Council which might, unless suspended, prevent the passage and adoption of Ordinance 2023-02 at this meeting, be suspended for the purpose of permitting the said ordinance be finally passed and adopted at this meeting. Councilmember Reynolds seconded the motion. Mayor McLendon called for a roll call vote to suspend the rules:

Mayor McLendon	Aye
Councilmember Reynolds	Aye
Councilmember Sims	Aye
Councilmember West	Aye
Councilmember Brown	Aye
Councilmember Thigpen	Aye

Mayor McLendon declared the **motion to suspend the rules passed**.

Mayor McLendon introduced Ordinance 2023-02 regarding a certain real property of the City is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes and conveyance of said property, and advised a public hearing to receive public comment was held prior to the Council Meeting at 5:25 p.m. as required by the Code of Alabama. Mayor McLendon called for the pleasure of the council.

Councilmember West moved to place Ordinance 2023-02 into final passage. Councilmember Reynolds seconded the motion. Mayor McLendon called for a roll call vote, which was recorded as follows:

Mayor McLendon	Aye
Councilmember Reynolds	Aye
Councilmember Sims	Aye
Councilmember West	Aye
Councilmember Brown	Aye
Councilmember Thigpen	Aye

Mayor McLendon declared the **motion passed**.

RESOLUTION 2023-17. A RESOLUTION APPROVING MERCHANT APPLICATION AND REAL PROPERTY OWNER APPLICATION FOR THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM AS SUBMITTED BY ALL OCCASION CREATIONS.

Mayor McLendon explained, Resolution 2023-17 was presented in the public hearing at 5:20pm. The Godwin's bought the building located at 810 N Conecuh Street and have completed the downtown revitalization grant program application for both real property owners and merchant. The request for real property owners is the reimbursement of 4% sales tax spent on construction supplies and materials used in remodeling, when purchased within the Greenville city limits. The Merchant grant is reimbursement of 4% of net sales in which three percent (3%), will be reimbursed to the Godwin's and 1% will be given to the Ritz Theatre for a period of three (3) years. Mayor McLendon asked if anyone has questions or comments.

Hearing none, Councilmember West moved to adopt Resolution 2023-17 approving merchant application and real property owner application for the downtown revitalization grant program as submitted by All Occasion Creations. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. Mayor McLendon announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the council.

RESOLUTION 2023-18. A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH RANDALL SIMS FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL.

This resolution will contract with Randall Sims for debris removal in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. Clerk Blackmon added for properties such as Caldwell Street, Milner and Oliver Streets. Councilmember Thigpen asked when he would begin and how long will it take? Garrett Luckie replied, "he will start next week, and will take a couple weeks to complete". Mayor McLendon asked if anyone has questions or comments.

Hearing none, Councilmember Reynolds moved to adopt Resolution 2023-18 approving a contract with Randall Sims for debris removal. Councilmember Thigpen seconded the motion. Mayor McLendon announced the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the council.

RESOLUTION 2023-19. A RESOLUTION AWARDDING THE BID FOR CLEANUP OF THE BOSS BUILDING THROUGH A BROWNFIELD GRANT.

Mayor McLendon explained, this resolution was to award the bid for the demolition and cleanup of the Boss Building. The bids received were between \$1,240,000.00 and \$1,380,000.00, which exceeded the \$500,000.00 EPA Brownfield Grant fund budget. PPM Consultants recommended negotiating the bid amount in hopes of keeping it within the project budget. Councilmember Sims asked how many bids did we receive? Clerk Blackmon replied with four. Councilmember Brown asked what happens if no bid is good? She replied with hopefully the negotiation will work, but if not it would have to be rebid. Councilmember Reynolds asked if the asbestos was the most expensive part? She replied, yes, due to the unknown amounts of asbestos that would have to be hauled to Timberland Landfill in Brewton. Councilmember Reynolds asked if we could ask EPA for more Brownfield money? Clerk Blackmon stated that was a highly unlikely option. Mayor McLendon asked if anyone has questions or comments.

Hearing none, Councilmember Sims moved to adopt Resolution 2023-19 to negotiate bids and award at the next meeting. Councilmember West seconded the motion. Mayor McLendon announced the motion carried with a unanimous vote of the council

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Mayor McLendon explained the following expenditures and asked Nicki Hunt to explain the Square Hardware expense. She stated that the Square will enable the city to accept debit/credit cards at ball fields or any other events held by the city that have charges. Mayor McLendon asked if anyone has questions or comments. Hearing none, Councilmember West made a motion to approve the following expenditure s:

GLENN READ NURSERY - \$3,105.00
24 - CAMELLIA BUSHES

BUDGETED ITEM

BRYAN TREE SERVICE - \$3,653.00

BUDGETED ITEM

TRIMMED LIMBS, ADJUST & REPLACE BULBS AT BEELAND COMPLEX, DAY PARK & SOFTBALL COMPLEX

SQUARE HARDWARE (TRUSTMARK VISA) - \$ 3,255.34

2 - SQUARE TERMINALS ALL-IN-ONE CREDIT CARD TERMINALS AND 4 - SQUARE STAND KITS (SQUARE STAND, USB RECEIPT PRINTER & MONEY DRAWER) FOR BEELAND, DUNBAR, SOFTBALL COMPLEX AND DAY PARK CONCESSION STANDS)

Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. Mayor McLendon announced the motion passed with unanimous vote of the Council.

WEED AND DEBRIS VIOLATIONS:

A. ALABAMA DEPT. OF REVENUE - LOT BESIDE 161 WEST PARMER ST.
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Councilmember Brown moved to proceed to the next step of compliance for weed and debris violations pursuant to the City's Code of Ordinances, and thereby authorize properties to be cleared at the owners' expense and the City Clerk to bill property owner for services.

Councilmember Sims seconded the motion. Mayor McLendon announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the Council.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Councilmember Reynolds made a motion to accept the board re-appointment as presented.

Councilmember West seconded the motion. Mayor McLendon announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the Council.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD - REAPPOINT SAM ROBERTS, WILLIAM JOHNSON & FLOYD HARRIS

OTHER BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor McLendon announced the next council meeting would be held Monday, June 12, 2023. With no further business or announcements, Mayor McLendon adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

Dexter McLendon, Mayor

Dee H. Blackmon , City Clerk-Treasurer