

**GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2015
5:00 p.m.
County Square - Conference Room D**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the County Square and made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned Citizens.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN BOB TAYLOR	WILLIS MEADOWS	LIZ SEMAN
VICE CHAIRMAN BUTCH KIRVEN	SID CATES	LOTTIE GIBSON
JOE DILL	JIM BURNS	LYNN BALLARD
JOE BALDWIN	XANTHENE NORRIS	FRED PAYNE

COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT:

NONE

STAFF PRESENT:

JOE KERNELL, County Administrator
MARK TOLLISON, County Attorney
JOHN HANSLEY, Deputy County Administrator
THERESA KIZER, Clerk to Council
REGINA MCCASKILL, Deputy Clerk to Council
PAULA GUCKER, Assistant County Administrator, Public Works
DEAN CAMPBELL, Deputy County Attorney
SANDRA YUDICE, Assistant to the County Administrator
SHANNON HERMAN, Assistant to the County Administrator
JEFF WILE, Assistant County Attorney
BOB MIHALIC, Governmental Relations Officer

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bob Taylor

INVOCATION

Councilor Fred Payne

Item (3)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Councilor Gibson moved to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (4)

BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS & NOMINATIONS

(a) Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (4 vacancies)

The following individuals appeared before the Committee of the Whole and gave their personal presentations:

- 1. Jane Daniel**
- 2. Audrey Pasin**
- 3. Louise Poole**

By ballot vote, the applicants Renita Barksdale, Jane Daniel, Audrey Pasin and Louise Poole were elected to fill the four vacancies on the Greenville County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission.

(b) Greenville County Planning Commission (3 vacancies)

The following individuals appeared before the Committee of the Whole and gave their personal presentations:

- 1. Thomas Kedrowski**
- 2. J. Metz Looper**
- 3. Jay Rogers**
- 4. Milton Shockley**

By ballot vote, the applicants J. Metz Looper, Jay Rogers, and Milton Shockley were elected to fill the three vacancies on the Greenville County Planning Commission.

(c) Greenville Area Development Corporation (Council Member seat)

Chairman Taylor stated there was one seat open for a Council Member on the Greenville Area Development Corporation Board.

ACTION: Councilor Norris nominated Councilor Burns to the Greenville Area Development Corporation Board

ACTION: Councilor Kirven nominated Councilor Cates to the Greenville Area Development Corporation.

ACTION: Councilor Dill made a motion to close nominations.

Motion to close nominations carried.

The vote was tied with six in favor of Councilor Burns (Burns, Norris, Gibson, Ballard, Dill, Meadows) and six in favor of Councilor Cates (Cates, Taylor, Seman, Kirven, Payne, Baldwin).

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ACTION: Councilor Kirven nominated Councilor Cates to the Greenville Area Development Corporation.

ACTION: Councilor Dill made a motion to close nominations.

Motion to close nominations carried.

Councilor Burns and Councilor Cates each gave a brief statement indicating their reasons for seeking appointment to the Greenville Area Development Corporation Board.

By a vote of seven in favor of Councilor Burns (Burns, Norris, Gibson, Ballard, Dill, Seman, Meadows) and five in favor of Councilor Cates (Cates, Taylor, Kirven, Payne, Baldwin) Councilor Burns was appointed to fill the Council Member seat on the Greenville Area Development Corporation.

Item (5)

SUNDAY ALCOHOL SALES REFERENDUM

Councilor Gibson stated people had the right to vote on the issue of Sunday alcohol sales. She stated people in the county should have the same privileges as people in the city.

Councilor Burns stated the ordinance was modeled after the ordinances used in the municipalities, and the ordinance passed in all the municipalities. He stated county businesses were at a disadvantage.

Councilor Norris stated this was a personal choice and she would rather people have the opportunity to buy alcohol legally rather than illegally.

Chairman Taylor stated he was opposed to Sunday alcohol sales. He has seen the devastating affect alcohol has on communities and families as well as the costs involved.

Councilor Dill stated he did not support alcohol sales in any form but would not stand in the way of allowing the people to decide. He stated his opinion was based on personal experiences. People were tired of homes and lives being destroyed because of alcohol and of the added millions of dollars of taxpayers' money that was spent to battle the effects of alcohol. People should be allowed to vote their convictions.

Councilor Payne stated he was in favor of the referendum.

By a vote of eight in favor (Burns, Norris, Seman, Gibson, Kirven, Payne, Dill, Baldwin) and four in opposition (Cates, Taylor, Ballard, Meadows) the ordinance was approved.

Item (6)

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Councilor Kirven moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously by all County Council Members.

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa Kizer, Clerk to Council