

**City of Greenbrier  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
October 4, 2010**

***Citizen Comments***

- Lori Gregory, Ozanne Rd, Springfield TN  
Mrs. Gregory thanked Mayor Wilson for the support he has shown her after the death of her son. He was killed in a vehicle accident on the Ridge in Davidson County on Memorial Day Weekend. Mrs. Gregory had specific questions regarding mutual aid for Alderman Joshua Evans which is also a Representative in this district for the State House. She had questions on a comment that Evans made in the media that mutual aid wasn't a State issue. Mrs. Gregory stated that mutual aid was passed down from Homeland Security and it was a State issue. She has tried calling him but never got to speak with him. She felt this meeting was the only opportunity she had to get her questions answered. She wanted to know what steps Evans has taken to protect the citizens in regards to automatic mutual aid. She wanted to know why Evans, as a representative, could not put in motion legislation that would benefit the citizens he represents to change the mutual aid agreements between counties.

Alderman Evans declined to comment. He informed her that he would speak to her after the meeting.

1. Call to Order by the Mayor 7:04 PM

2. Roll Call

**Present:**  
Alderman Bonnette Dawson  
Alderman Jeff DeLong  
Alderman Wayne Dugger  
Alderman Joshua Evans  
Alderman Carol Fagg  
Alderman Jorgen Runquist  
Mayor Billy Wilson

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:**  
Police Chief Rich Hatfield  
City Superintendent Tommy Maitland  
City Recorder Rachel Slusser  
Building & Codes Official Chuck Weaver

3. Prayer – Alderman Jeff DeLong

4. Pledge to flag

5. Adoption of the Agenda

It was moved by Evans, seconded by Runquist.

Vote: 7-0  
Yes: Dawson, DeLong, Dugger, Evans, Fagg, Runquist and Wilson  
No: None

Motion Passed. (Voice Vote)

6. Approval of Minutes of the September 13, 2010

It was moved by Evans, seconded by Dawson, to accept.

Vote: 7-0  
Yes: Dawson, DeLong, Dugger, Evans, Fagg, Runquist and Wilson

No: None

Motion Passed. (Voice Vote)

7. Presentations/Memorials

8. Communications from the Mayor and Aldermen

Alderman Bonnette Dawson would like to publicly thank the City for the Resolution for recognizing the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her church. She thanked the Police Department for traffic and crowd control.

Mayor Wilson commented to the Gregory Family. He appreciates what they are trying to do with changing how cities respond under mutual aid by going to state, federal, and city levels for assistants in this issue. Mayor Wilson stated that he and the Board wanted to see this change.

Alderman Fagg asked Alderman Evans what he was going to answer to this family. Evans declined to comment. He said that he will meet with anyone that wants to hear his answers after the meeting.

Mayor Wilson stated Alderman Evans could have answered the Gregory Family during comments but he chose not too. Everyone is welcomed to stay after the meeting to hear his answers.

9. Reports from Committees and Department Heads

Mayor Wilson announced that the City has hired Todd Dorris as a new Police Officer.

10. Old Business

11. New Business

a. Ordinance 10-08, Ordinance to allow property tax payment installments – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

It was moved by Evans, seconded by DeLong, to adopt Ordinance 10-08.

Discussion: Alderman Dugger asked what this will accomplish. We are trying to streamline government and save money. He felt that this will add to the cost of administration. He wanted to know the pros and cons of adopting this. He isn't sure that this would benefit the City. He asked how many people took advantage of the tax freeze.

City Recorder Slusser said her major concern was for the citizens that paid one payment and became delinquent on the second payment. Due to costs, the City wouldn't send out a second notice. The County currently allows two or three equal payments and doesn't send out a second notice. Also, the City taxes are due before March 31. That gives citizens an additional month to pay after the County taxes are due. Currently there are less then 3% delinquent. The City collects the majority of what is due. The City has approximately 35 people on tax relief and about 40 people on tax freeze. People that have asked if the City took installments of tax payments have been very few in the passed three and a half years.

Alderman Fagg felt that the City would be become like an accountant. If people wanted to start saving for property tax they could open an account at a bank.

Alderman Evans stated that with this bad economy that the highest bill that most people have is their property tax for county and city.

Mayor Wilson felt that the City taxes are two times lower then the County. He also stated that what the City is doing now is working and doesn't want to see it changed at this time. If more people asked about it, the Board would revisit the issue.

Vote: 2-5  
Yes: DeLong and Evans  
No: Dawson, Dugger, Fagg, Runquist and Wilson

Motion Failed. (Roll Vote)

- b. Ordinance 10-09, Ordinance to accept bid and authorize a lease agreement – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

It was moved by DeLong, seconded by Dugger, to authorize lease agreement.

Discussion: City Recorder said that last month the Board passed a Resolution. It was sent to the State, and the Comptroller said that it had to be in an ordinance form.

Vote: 7-0  
Yes: Dawson, DeLong, Dugger, Evans, Fagg, Runquist and Wilson  
No: None

Motion Passed. (Roll Vote)

- c. Ordinance 10-10, Ordinance to amend the design review manual – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Runquist.

Discussion: Alderman Dugger felt that this amendment didn't include everyone that lives around a commercial development. He felt that the Design Review Manual should include an option to put privacy screening on the sides not just the back of the property. He felt it should also include vinyl as a material that is acceptable screening.

Mayor Wilson would like this to go back to the Planning and Zoning Commission. He asked Alderman Dawson to talk to the Commission about the vinyl screening. Mayor Wilson assured Alderman Fagg that the City was going to be enforcing the Manual for all people and businesses.

It was moved by Dawson, seconded by Runquist, to withdraw motion and send back to Planning and Zoning.

- d. Formally accept Carrs Creek Subdivision

It was moved by Dugger, seconded by DeLong.

Discussion: Mayor Wilson reported that road and drainage issues have been taken care of. Alderman Dugger said that the developer addressed everything that was to be corrected and finished.

Vote: 6-1  
Yes: Dawson, DeLong, Dugger, Evans, Runquist and Wilson  
No: Fagg

Motion Passed. (Roll Vote)

- e. Finance

1. SBR Tank -\$12,423.07

It was moved by Dugger, seconded by Dawson, to finance the SBR Tank.

Discussion: Alderman Dugger asked what and SBR Tank was. Superintendent Maitland reported that it was a Signal Batch Reactor at the sewer plant. The City had budgeted \$18,000.00 and the bid the came in a little over \$12,000.00. Alderman Evans asked if it was bid out. Maitland told

him that it was a specialty parts and pumps that were designed by our engineers and was not bid out.

Vote: 7-0  
Yes: Dawson, DeLong, Dugger, Evans, Fagg, Runquist and Wilson  
No: None

Motion Passed. (Roll Vote)

2. Review and Possible action for HVAC at Police Department

It was moved by Dugger, seconded by Dawson, to replace the units.

Discussion: We are replacing 2 units and duct work. The 4 old units will be disconnected. We didn't get quotes for dual fuel because of the expense. At this time, that wasn't an option.

Mayor Wilson wanted the motion to include taking the lowest bid.

Vote: 7-0  
Yes: Dawson, DeLong, Dugger, Evans, Fagg, Runquist and Wilson  
No: None

Motion Passed. (Roll Vote)

3. Adjustments to the water and sewer account – \$ 2590.62

It was moved by Evans, seconded by DeLong, to accept in said amount.

Vote: 7-0  
Yes: Dawson, DeLong, Dugger, Evans, Fagg, Runquist and Wilson  
No: None

Motion Passed. (Roll Vote)

12. Adjournment

It was moved by Evans, seconded by Runquist.

Vote: 7-0  
Yes: Dawson, DeLong, Dugger, Evans, Fagg, Runquist and Wilson  
No: None

Motion Passed. (Voice Vote)

MEETING ADJOURN 7:39 PM

  
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Mayor Billy Wilson

Attest   
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City Recorder