

Special Meeting of the
Greenville City Council
held in the Council Chambers
On Tuesday, September 1, 2009

Call to Order: The special meeting of the City Council was called to order on September 1, 2009 at 7:13 p.m. by Mayor Alan Gaffner.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Alan Gaffner, Councilmen Will Boyd, Kenny Hampton, Matt Roadman, and Roger Sanders.

Also Present: City Manager David Willey and City Clerk Sue Ann Nelson.

Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge of allegiance to the United States flag was recited.

Special Meeting: Notice of the special meeting having been given as provided by law, said meeting was called for the consideration of the following agenda:

Recycling – Discussion and Action Concerning Committee
and Survey

Utility Billing Changes – Mailing, Forms and Inserts

Executive Session: Purchase of Real Estate, Section 2 (c) (5)
Sale of Real Estate, Section 2 (c) (6)
Pending Litigation, Section 2 (c) (11)
Personnel, Section 2 (c) (1) of the
Open Meetings Act.

Adjournment

**Recycling –
Discussion and Action
Concerning
Committee and
Survey:**

City Manger Willey reported that he had appeared before the Bond County Board at their most recent meeting to provide an update on the cities' recycling efforts and the possibility of receiving some of the tipping fee money to offset some expense for low income households.

Mayor Gaffner spoke about forming a six member committee consisting of three citizens in favor and three citizens opposed to mandatory recycling. The purpose of the committee would be to formulate a survey to either provide simple “yes” or “no” feedback or a complete questionnaire to solicit additional input from city residents. In addition the committee would explore other options that have been suggested.

Councilman Sanders inquired about the original intent of the tipping fees and if they could be used for such a purpose. City Manger Willey responded that the county collects statutory fees that the County Board have specified be used for solid waste management. While no action

was asked of the County Board, City Manager Willey indicated that they were open to give consideration to allocate a portion of the funds for a resident recycling subsidy.

Councilman Hampton discussed the timeframe in which the survey responses would be available, and the concern that the offer from Doty would not be available if the recycling issue lingers. Given this concern, Councilman Hampton requested that the City Manager obtain a written offer from Doty Sanitation.

Citizen input included inquiries about a survey on the website and concerns regarding the need to take the time to complete a survey.

Councilman Roadman expressed concern whether survey results would provide worthwhile feedback, that the respondents would typically fall in both extreme sides of the issue.

Mayor Gaffner offered that the idea of a survey would be to bring the message of recycling into every home and allow everyone to respond, ideally obtaining input from the “middle group”.

Motion made by Mayor Gaffner to establish a six member committee of equal representation to be appointed by the mayor to develop a survey for the October utility bill or mailing; and to address other issues set forth regarding mandatory recycling. Due to a lack of a second, the motion failed.

Motion made by Mayor Gaffner to establish a six member committee of equal representation to be appointed by the mayor to explore options to establish a recycling program without the mandatory costs. Councilman Hampton offered a second to the motion if it would be amended that the committee recommendations would need to be completed by the October council meeting. After some further discussion, Councilman Hampton rescinded his second on the motion. Due to a lack of a second, the motion failed.

Moved by Sanders, seconded by Boyd, request the City Manager, as a committee of one, find alternatives to mandatory pay for recycling before the September 8, 2009 council meeting and provide his response either with recommendations or what additional time is needed for such recommendations.

Ayes: Sanders, Boyd, Hampton
Nays: Roadman, Gaffner

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Council Roadman stated that his “Nay” vote was because he did not want to prolong the issue and desired to have a vote on recycling at the next council meeting.

**Utility Billing
Changes:**

City Manger Willey proposed that the city move to a new utility billing form. Current supply of forms will be depleted within two months, whereby October billing would be the target date for implementation of an 8.5x11 form that would allow pre-screened city information to appear on the back. In addition, moving from a postcard to an envelope would allow mailing inserts or newsletters to improve communication with city residents.

Councilman Sanders inquired about the additional mailing costs, who would prepare inserts and additional costs associated with the additional communication. A cost projection and calendar will be prepared for the council.

Moved by Boyd, seconded by Roadman to proceed with a new utility billing 8.5x11 format to be mailed in envelopes.

Ayes: Boyd, Roadman, Hampton, Sanders, Gaffner
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion carried.

**Recess to Executive
Session and
Adjournment:**

At 9:20 p.m., moved by Sanders, seconded by Boyd to recess to executive session for Purchase of Real Estate, Section 2 (c) (5); Sale of Real Estate, Section 2 (c) (6); Pending Litigation, Section 2 (c) (11); Personnel, Section 2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 pm at the close of the executive session.

Ayes: Sanders, Boyd, Roadman, Hampton, Gaffner
Nays: none
Absent: none

Motion carried.

