



## City of Grovetown

103 Old Wrightsboro Road  
P.O. Box 120  
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March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

1. The regular meeting of the Grovetown City Council was held at 6:20 P.M. Those present were Mayor Gary Jones, Councilmember Vickie Cook, Councilmember Eric Blair, Councilmember Sylvia Martin, and Councilmember Dennis Trudeau. Also present were Water and Sewer Department Operations Manager Raymond Fulcher, Public Safety Director Scott Wheatley, Director of Planning and Community Development Frank Neal, Events Coordinator Janet Wheatley, City Accountant Richard Matthews, Human Resource Manager Elaine Matthews, City Administrator Shirley Beasley, City Attorney Brendan Fleming, and City Clerk Vicky Capetillo.
2. Councilmember Eric Blair led the invocation.
3. Mayor Gary Jones led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Councilmember Dennis Trudeau made the motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Sylvia Martin seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.
5. Councilmember Vickie Cook made the motion to approve the minutes of February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting, Councilmember Dennis Trudeau seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

Councilmember Dennis Trudeau made the motion to approve the minutes of the Special Called Council Meeting of February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Councilmember Sylvia Martin seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried

6. Councilmember Dennis Trudeau made the motion to approve the financial statement. Councilmember Vickie Cook seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.
7. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

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### 8. LEGAL MATTERS:

- A. City Administrator Shirley Beasley provided City Attorney Brendan Fleming with information involving the overfilled pond at the Cawley Property located at the corner of Newmantown and Berzelia Road to aid in resolving problem.

### 9. GENERAL BUSINESS: UNFINISHED:

- A. Councilmember Dennis Trudeau made the motion to have the Second Reading of Ordinance 249, An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance 248, changing Fiscal Year for the City of Grovetown by title only. Councilmember Sylvia Martin seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

Councilmember Dennis Trudeau made the motion to approve Ordinance 249. Councilmember Sylvia Martin seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

### 10. GENERAL BUSINESS: NEW:

- A. Columbia County Emergency Management Director Pam Tucker presented the GEMA Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement to the Council. Councilmember Dennis Trudeau made the motion to approve the agreement. Councilmember Vickie Cook seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.
- B. Mr. Rep Whiddon presented the 2014 City of Grovetown Financial Audit to Council. Councilmember Sylvia Martin made the motion to approve the 2014 City of Grovetown Financial Audit as presented. Councilmember Dennis Trudeau seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.
- C. John McClellon of G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers gave information to the Council in regards to the plans for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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### 10 GENERAL BUSINESS: NEW:

- D. Mrs. Michele Payne was not present. Councilmember Dennis Trudeau made the motion to terminate any further responses in regards to Mrs. Payne complaint. Mayor Jones commented the complainant had ample time to make arrangements to appear. Councilmember Vickie Cook seconded, all in favor and the motion carried.
- E. Councilmember Dennis Trudeau made the motion to appoint Mrs. Renee McDowell to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Sylvia Martin seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.
- F. Councilmember Dennis Trudeau made the motion to appoint Mrs. Laverne Gaskins to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Councilmember Eric Blair seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.
- G. Councilmember Dennis Trudeau made the motion to approve the Updated Probation Services Agreement by and between the City of Grovetown and Grovetown Municipal Court. Councilmember Sylvia Martin seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.
- H. Councilmember Dennis Trudeau made the motion to retain the vacant senior building (Old City Hall), 103 West Robinson Avenue for city use. Councilmember Sylvia Martin seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.
- I. Councilmember Vickie Cook made the motion to change the time of the Council Meeting of the Grovetown City Council with the Work Session beginning at 6:00 PM and the Council Meeting beginning shortly thereafter. With the change not to begin until the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting due to the necessity of the change to be advertised. Councilmember Eric Blair seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

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### 10 GENERAL BUSINESS: NEW:

- J. Councilmember Sylvia Martin made the motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 250, An Ordinance to annex property of Christopher W. Palmer, President of Palmerforhire, LLC located at 512 Hardy Drive (+/- 1.50 acres) by title only. Councilmember Dennis Trudeau seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.
- K. Councilmember Dennis Trudeau made the motion approve the Contract on the Euchee Creek Trail Connector, Section Three with Griffin Contracting, Inc. Councilmember Vickie Cook seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.
- L. Public Safety Director Scott Wheatley, Captain Wayne Kent and Lt. Brad Powell presented commendations awards to FF Charlie Proctor, FF Christopher Hinton, FF Anthony Faircloth, Officer Emerick Baxter, Sgt Robert Eastman, Officer Sam Long, Officer Jacob Rambo, and K-9 Officer Chad Stewart for their selfless service in the incident at Northrop Place resulting in saving a life.
- M. Mrs. Carla Harrison of 1467 Lakeview Drive present the Council with her Proposal to raise funds for the Public Safety Department called "WE BACK THE BLUE". She would like to seek donations, support and participation from local community members, businesses, churches, and organizations The Project would begin now through April 27, 2016. More info attached.

Councilmember Sylvia Martin made the motion to allow Ms. Carla Harrison to begin her Project with the Council's blessing. Councilmember Eric Blair seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.



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## 11. CITIZENS COMMENTS:

- A. Ronnie Wells of Creekside Drive was inquiring on the possibility of putting speed bumps on Creekside Drive to slow drivers down
- B. Rosa Lee Owens inquired on plans for Wrightsboro Road and Leven Street.
- C. A gentleman from Woodward Place expressed his concern with the traffic situation during construction on Robinson Avenue and inquired as to what relief was going to be offered. It was explained that upon completion a turning lane will be present.

12. Councilmember Dennis Trudeau made the motion to adjourn. Councilmember Eric Blair seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion carried.

## **OPERATING FUNDS**

GENERAL FUND-REGIONS	\$915,794.81
GENERAL FUND – QUEENS	\$1,628,577.30
WATER/SEWER – QUEENS	\$870,102.83
WATER/SEWER – REGIONS	\$212,570.69
STORMWATER	\$129,522.62
RENEWAL & EXTEN	\$519,890.79
TOTAL	\$4,276,459.04
O/S BILLS	\$194,862.37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,081,596.67</b>

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Gary Jones, Mayor

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Dennis O. Trudeau, Mayor Protem

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Sylvia Martin, Council

## **NON- OPERATING FUNDS**

CERTIFICATES	\$2,400,000.00
MONEY MARKET	\$215,269.86
W/S RESERVES	\$350,446.51
SPLOST 2011-2016	\$1,718,841.81
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$8,766,154.85</b>

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Vickie Cook, Council

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Eric Blair, Council

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Vicky Capetillo, City Clerk

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