

## March 25, 2025, COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Commissioners: Scott Porter

**Brian Garrison** 

Monique Williams William Stewart Tony Earnest

Attendees: Staff: Laura Prichard

Carmel Williams
Akayla Barton
Kendall Epps
Brian Chambers
Stacy Wood
Bayne Curry

Third Party Attendees: David Davis

**Ed Paxton** 

Myron Chorbajian

## **Agenda Items:**

## 1. Open Meeting:

Mr. Scott Porter called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

2. Invocation: Brian Chambers

# 3. Approval of Minutes:

Last Meeting Minutes-February 25, 2025

Outcome: Accepted.

1<sup>st</sup> Motion – Brian Garrison 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion – Tony Earnest

**Commissioners Approved (5-0)** 

## **New Business:**

# 4. Budget Amendment

Capital Budget for 2025:

2 – Front Loader Trucks	\$740,000
2 – John Deere Tractors	\$250,000
1 – Flat Bed Truck	\$110,000
1 – Automatic Leaf Vacuum	\$260,000
Total	\$1,360,000

# Actual Capital Purchases 2025:

2 – Front Load Trucks (Feb/April)	\$775,304
2 – John Deere Tractors	\$257,703
1 – Flat Bed Truck (March)	\$125,886
4 – Automatic Leaf Vacuum	\$1,103,600
4 – Chevrolet Pickup	\$175,430
1 – Service Truck (w/Equipment)	\$132,453
1 – Tractor Trailer (CDL Training)	\$12,250
2 – Side Loader Cabs with Chassis	\$356,568
1 – Air Compressor	\$8,410
Total	\$2,947,604

Topic: Motion to amend the capital budget for 2025 to \$2,950,000 to reflect the changes listed.

Outcome: Accepted.

1<sup>st</sup> Motion – Tony Earnest 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion – William Stewart Commissioners Approved (5-0)

## 5. Speakers:

#### **David Davis- Resident**

- Saluda Neighborhood Association had a meeting, and a lot was spoke about the Commissioners of Greater Greenville.
  - Commissioners are like a government in their own as described.
  - County Council doesn't have power over the Commissioners;
     only able to nominate and fire any Commissioner.
- The reason of bringing up this topic was because of the blatant tax problems seen with GGSC charging businesses.
  - Make sure to provide services with the funds received.
  - Do not want to see GGSC go, always a great job being done, but the mileages are wrong.
  - Chanticleer Country Club is outside of the district and their trash is picked up at \$350/year.
  - Meanwhile Chanticleer neighborhood residents are paying \$600 up to \$3,000.
- As Commissioners, need to open your eyes a little further and make it a little more equal all the way around.

# Myron Chorbajian-Resident

- This has been a 8-10 day hysteria across the county and it is incredible.
  - The town hall meeting had a lot of misrepresentation.
  - Interesting of all hysteria, there has never been any criticism of sanitation pickup and that is quite impressive.
  - At 8:30am, trash was already picked up, the truck was so quiet, you didn't even know it was there.

- Greater Greenville Sanitation does a great job!
- Even though Steve and I have our differences, He represented the district very well at the town hall meeting.
- There is 1 specific thing that is noticed at meetings:
  - From my perspective, it seems as though everything is rubber stamped.
    - I am used to having competitive bids, then boards discuss it. Pros and Cons, not just a price.
  - Commission knows all about it, but the public does not.

# 6. Financial Review February 2025

Laura Prichard

- Salaries year to date through the month of February were over budget \$109k. Total salary and sublet labor for the month of February was over budget \$254. This amount included Driver Incentive Bonus for January.
   There were 4 pay periods in February.
- Landfill and Yard Waste for the month of February was \$216k and \$2,025k for the year. Total over budget YTD \$135k.
- Total disposal tonnage for February was 6,136 tons for a cost of \$162k.
- The yard waste cost for February was \$54k.
- Fleet cost for February was \$235k this was over budget \$40k. YTD fleet cost was over budget \$138k.
- As of February 28, 2025, we were over budget \$1,526k. Capital expense YTD was over budget \$1,059k and operations expense was over budget \$467k.
- Tax Collection in February was \$458,169, last February was \$651,065.
   We are \$603k ahead last year's collections.
- Bank balances at the end of February were \$12,879,006.

**Topic:** Financial Review for February 2025

Outcome: Accepted.

1<sup>st</sup> Motion – Tony Earnest

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion – Monique Williams Commissioners Approved (5-0)

#### **New Business:**

## 7. Human Resources, Safety & Training

Laura Prichard

- As of March 25, 2025, we have 90 Operations employees, 4
   Temporary Employees, 12 Maintenance employees and 12

   Administrative employees for a total of 114 active employees.
- 1 employee out on Medical Leave.

#### **New Business:**

#### 8. Administration

**Laura Prichard** 

 Steve is working daily with the state legislative members on the proposed house bills H4002 and H4003 concerning Greater Greenville Sanitation.

## 9. Commissioner Committee Reports

## **Scott Porter**

- I like what Mr. Davis said today.
  - Should there be discussions? Yes. Have being discussing everything we do long before these Commissioners came on this board.
- The taxes for the services you are referring to, look at your tax bill?
  - Vacant Property? You get a sewer fee for it? Are your kids in school? God forbid you must call the fire department.
  - Don't single out GGSC for taxation.
- We're not doing anything that anyone else that tax is doing.
- Let's make sure we are all on the same page.
- To Myron: We are not a bunch of knots on a log up here shaking our heads.
  - GGSC have public subcommittee meetings, and you could attend to hear discussions.

 Approach us with questions, and I promise we will get back to you with answers.

### **Tony Earnest**

- Like to address pertaining to the Rolex watches and gifts given to Commissioners.
  - We found out and it was stopped years ago.
  - No one has gotten a gift of any kind.
  - It is spoken about as if it is still going on.
  - Budget Retreats are held here. No luxurious \$15,000 budget retreats. It is not happening!
- There is no rubber stamping.
- I come in every week and talk with Steve about budgets, vehicles, and everything that goes on.
- I have come in at 2am and 5:30am to ride different routes with employees.

## **William Stewart**

Nothing at this time.

# **Monique Williams**

- Met with the HR department, Carmel and Akayla; Spent about 2 hours with them.
  - Discussed the newsletter that was created, and it was nice. Gave a few suggestions for updates.
- Made a few suggestions about moral boosters for the event coming up in May.

#### **Brian Garrison**

- I want to report a theft on my speech that Tony stated. He said everything I prepared.
- It is a lot going on with the Senate, State delegation, Council, and the community.
  - The one huge vote of confidence, public outcry of people we service.

- Everyone has said nothing but great things and don't want to give up their services.
- The Citizens love us.

Motion: To Adjourn the Meeting:

End Time: 5:00pm

1<sup>st</sup> Motion – Brian Garrison

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion – Monique Williams

Commissioners Approved (5-0)

**Scott Porter** 

Chairman

Date

#### 510 REPORT MARCH 31, 2025

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	PROPERTY TAXES	E SOURCE -	127,970		6,315,927		
L	SANITATION FEES	- I	251,920	19.	10,820,755		
L	INTEREST INCOME	- I	15,850		126,037		
	RECYCLING REVENUE		-				
	SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES	bki e is	87,200	-	837,622		
	OTHER INCOME	•	212,159		2,242,608		
T	OTAL REVENUES	-	695,099	-	20,342,949		
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lo	PERATIONAL EXPENSES						
1	SALARIES	\$ 481,952	448,386	4,630,134	4,704,869	\$ (74,735)	\$ 33,
t	SUBLET LABOR				948	(948)	
t	SAFETY & TRAINING	830	4,035	7,510	5,648	1,862	(3,
Н	EMPLOYEE AWARDS	7,000	2,500	66,000	58,943	7,057	4
	SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES	38,040	32,974	351,312	347,806	3,506	5
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H	RETIREMENT/ SCRS	91,545	80,837	845,444	832,080	13,365	10,
L	UNEMPLOYMENT TAXES	813	1,160	7,512	5,548	1,964	
H	EMPLOYEE WELLNESS	209	1,708	1,873	3,943	(2,070)	(1,
_	MEDICAL INSURANCE	149,445	174,469	1,251,669	1,302,403	(50,734)	(25
_	WORKER'S COMP	20,833	33,435	187,497	314,204	(126,707)	(12
	LIABILITY INSURANCE	8,333	7,452	74,997	70,344	4,653	
	VEHICLE & PROPERTY INSURANCE	17,917	19,635	161,253	165,442	(4,189)	(1
	LANDFILL DISPOSAL	166,746	173,537	1,539,952	1,579,341	(39,389)	(6
	RECYCLING DISPOSAL		-				D. C. C. C. C.
	YARDWASTE PROCESSING	40,800	63,626	557,600	683,186	(125,586)	(22
	OPERATING SUPPLIES	5,833	630	52,497	29,872	22,625	5
	DAMAGE REPAIRS & CLAIMS	5,833	4,187	52,497	33,950	18,547	1
	TELEPHONE	6,000	5,959	54,000	53,581	419	
-	FINES & ASSESSMENTS	830	0,000	7,510	7,954	(444)	
	LANDFILL CLOSURE	030		7,510	7,554	(444)	
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-	UNIFORM & SAFETY CLOTHING	4,000	10,017	88,000	105,949	(17,949)	(6
_	FUEL	79,306	70,637	746,410	664,323	82,087	8
_	LUBRICANTS	7,438	8,320	67,685	91,063	(23,378)	4
_	PARTS/OUTSIDE REPAIRS	74,380	236,185	676,857	989,696	(312,839)	(161
	TIRES	29,339	51,321	266,984	327,074	(60,090)	(21
L	SHOP SUPPLIES	4,880	3,434	45,072	35,454	9,618	1
	JANITORAL SUPPLIES & SERVICES	835	926	7,515	16,019	(8,504)	
	BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	10,000	7,569	90,000	74,173	15,827	2
	UTILITIES	8,000	7,778	72,000	81,478	(9,478)	
	SECURITY	5,000	4,290	45,000	31,745	13,255	
	ENVIRONMENTAL REPAIRS	500		4,500	5,346	(846)	n and a later of
	DOT TESTING & COMPLIANCE	1,667	1,836	15,003	17,808	(2,805)	
_	OFFICE SUPPLIES	13,750	14,479	123,750	116,901	6,849	
-	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	14,583	44,194	131,247	158,909	(27,662)	(29
-	AUDIT FEES	21,505	11,251	17,000	21,400	(4,400)	123
	BUSINESS LUNCHEON, MEETING, ETC	625	446	5,625	2,898		
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_	BUSINESS TRAVEL	417	-	3,753	•	3,753	-
_	LEGAL ADVERTISING	250	-	2,250		2,250	
_	TAX REFUNDS	500	17,835	5,000	23,770	(18,770)	(17
_	DEBT SERVICE	•	-	1,460,800	1,460,800		
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T	OTAL OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	1,298,512	1,533,797	13,724,458	14,426,465	(702,006)	(235
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	EQUIPMENT (VEHICLES)	1,309,952	134,297	2,559,952	2,559,954	(2)	1,175
	NON-EQUIP (CONT, CARTS, ETC.)	37,500	41,513	337,500	225,258	112,242	(4,
	BUILDING PROJECTS						, , ,
Tr	OTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE	1,347,452	175,810	2,897,452	2,785,212	112,240	1,171
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TAX COLLECTION SUMMARY 2024-2025 as of March 31, 2025

MONTH	CURRENT TAX MILL	LAST YR TAX MILL	CURRENT	LAST YR FEE	CURRENT MOTOR C	LAST YR MOTOR C	CURRENT MER INV	LAST YR MER INV	TOTAL	TOTAL LAST YR	VARIANCE
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Jul-24	99,953	106,284	62,539	45,745	1,667	1,761	•	0	167,159	153,790	13,368
Aug-24	95,409	72,475	32,160	46,425	1,592	0	6,563	6,870	135,723	125,770	9,953
Sep-24	92,419	87,381	30,695	59,640	0	2,397	•	•	123,114	149,418	(26,304)
Oct-24	112,465	104,361	103,954	88,000	3,206	759	6,563	6,870	226,188	199,990	26,198
Nov-24	441.440	272,346	926,385	535,410	1,989	•	0	0	1,369,815	807,756	562,058
Dec-24	1,486,807	1,553,154	2,811,980	3,146,467	0	824	0	0	4,298,787	4,700,444	(401,658)
Jan-25	3,694,576	3,353,453	6,348,361	6,077,225	3,570	3,643	6,573	6,563	10,053,080	9,440,884	612,195
Feb-25	204.377	350,686	251,762	298,786	2,030	1,593	•	•	458,169	651,065	(192,895)
Mar-25	227,377	128,558	251,920	222,248	1,880	•	100	•	481,177	350,805	130,372
Apr-25	•	•	•		•	•		•		•	•
May-25	•	•	10	•	•	•		•	•	•	
Jun-25			7		•	·	•	•	•	•	•
TOTALS	\$ 6,454,823 \$		6,028,698 \$ 10,822,755 \$	\$ 10,519,946 \$	\$ 15,934 \$	1	\$ 19,698	10,978 \$ 19,698 \$ 20,302 \$	\$ 17,313,210 \$	\$ 16,579,923	\$ 733,287

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