

Greater Greenville has new wheels - ddtonline.com: News

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Greenville Mayor Errick Simmons, left of center, hands over the key to a 1996 Ford F150 truck to Greater Greenville Housing's Daniel Boggs on Monday. Also present for the ceremonial presentation were Councilwoman Betty Watkins, from left, City Fleet director Milton Davenport, Councilman Al Brock, president of Greater Greenville Housing Mark Seard and Councilwoman Carolyn Weathers.

GREENVILLE — The Greater Greenville Housing and Revitalization Association is driving around in a new set of wheels — well, new to them anyway.

The City of Greenville handed over the keys to a 1996 Ford F-150 on Monday to the executive director of Greater Greenville Daniel Boggs.

“We all know a successful city is dependent on successful downtowns. The city’s long-standing relationship with Greater Greenville Housing has assisted our efforts to revitalize downtown and also catalyze economic development throughout the City,” Greenville mayor Errick Simmons said. “It is our hope that this reliable source of transportation will assist Greater Greenville to increase the quality and quantity of services it provides to our residents.”

The members of City Council voted to give the truck to Greater Greenville at their last meeting. Councilman Al Brock said Greater Greenville is one of the “greater partners of the city,” and is a major player in the redevelopment of downtown Greenville and housing in the community.

“We look forward to continuing to work with them,” he said.

The association, which has been partnering with the city for 24 years, has worked on numerous projects throughout downtown, including Stein Mart Square, where they just recently placed more than 200 plants for a new downtown garden green space.

“They (the city) have helped us develop, redevelop and rehabilitate hundreds of affordable housing units within the community, which have assisted thousands of families find and retain adequate housing,” Boggs said, adding this year, the organization has made yet another commitment to increase the quality services they provide through their property maintenance and beautification program.

“I would like to thank Mayor Simmons and the City Council for this generous donation and their continued support of our mission to provide quality, affordable housing to the residents of Greenville,” he said.

Greenville fleet director Milton Davenport said the surplus vehicle was taken out of service this year and is good to go.

“Our mechanic in our shop checked out the vehicle and it’s a good and safe vehicle for them to use,” he said.