



CITY OF SUMMERVILLE COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 8, 2013



CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Harvey called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Harry Harvey gave roll call. Council Members David Ford, Dale Housch, Joe Money, Jr., and Zachary Martin were present. Also present was City Manager Russell Thompson and City Attorney Albert Palmour. Mayor Pro Tem Lloyd "Buddy" Windle was absent.

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Harry Harvey called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Mayor Harry Harvey gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Zachary Martin led the pledge of allegiance.

WELCOME: Mayor Harvey welcomed everyone to the April Council Meeting and expressed appreciation for their attendance. Mayor Harvey stated that anyone wishing to address Council may do so at the end of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: Mayor Harvey asked if there are any additions or deletions needed to the agenda. City Manager Russell Thompson stated that he needs to add a request for Council to set a called meeting next week concerning the city's alcohol ordinance. City Manager Thompson explained that a request has been received for a special event permit linked to the alcohol ordinance. City Manager Thompson stated that a surplus equipment sale will be held; he will have a list of items at the upcoming special called meeting. City Manager Thompson stated that he needs authorization to purchase the fireworks for the 4th of July celebration. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of City Manager Thompson's listed items. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dale Housch and carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Harvey stated that he wanted to express appreciation to all that have worked hard helping clean up after the storm damage. Mayor Harvey reported that even though good progress has been made there is still more to do. Mayor Harvey said he also wants to thank Summerville News for their excellent help notifying the public concerning the debris pick up.

BETTER HOMETOWN: Ms. Sylvia Keziah reported that even though The Well's fund raiser was not a Better Hometown project the event tied in with the Kansas City Cook-off was a success. Ms. Keziah also reported that the grand opening for the Boys and Girl's Club was a success. Ms. Keziah expressed appreciation for all those attending the ceremony. Ms. Keziah reminded everyone of the 5K run/walk this coming weekend, the June 8th and 9th Finster Fest, and requested ideas for new activities for the next fall festival season.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Code Enforcement officer Joey Norton reported that 21 permits have been issued since last month's meeting noting that several were free due to the city waiving the permit fees associated with storm damage. Joey reported further that property mitigation continues.

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WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: Wastewater Treatment Plant Director Chris Tuggle reported that there was 59.8 million gallons of waste water processed for the month of March. Chris also reported the number of septic trucks and condensation water received.

PUBLIC WORKS: Utilities Director Tony Carroll reported all work done by all departments under his supervision during the last month and that there was over 8 tons of hot-mix put down on streets this afternoon.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT: Recreation Department Director Bo Chamlee reported that all children are now assigned to teams. Bo reported that the Annual Santa In Uniform Softball Tournament will start April 20th. Bo stated that anyone willing to help please contact him or the Recreation Department. Bo stated that there are 5 State Championship Wrestling winners he would like to recognize at the May Council Meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Police Chief Stan Mosley reported that officers patrolled 4,325 miles, housed 15 inmates for a total of 25 days, issued 109 citations, and collected \$4,426 for the month of March.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT: Police Chief Stan Mosley reported that the probation office collected \$3,643 in fines and \$2,612 in fees for a total of \$6,255 for the month of March.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Greg Echols reported that the Summerville Fire Department responded to a total of 72 calls for the month of March. Among the calls were 4 gas leaks, 5 cancelled in route, 15 electrical (due to storm), 15 wrecks, 11 medical assists, 5 vegetation fires, 2 public assist calls, and 3 structure fires.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Russell Thompson reported that the application for Trail Grant funds has been submitted, the EPD has approved the design for the alum storage tank system associated with the DDR phosphorus issue, LARK paving will begin this week, and revenue stands at 10.3 with expenses at 9.9 million putting the city in the black with three months to go in this fiscal year. City Manager Thompson stated that the Budget Work Schedule will be distributed soon.

CDBG BLOCK GRANT TO BE REBID: City Manager Thompson explained that he is requesting Council's support to re-bid the CDBG Block Grant for sewer work on Scoggins and Bittings. City Manager Thompson explained that all bids received were in excess of grant funding. City Manager Thompson stated that he would like to also offer the opportunity for any company wishing to bid be given the opportunity to provide a cashier's check or CD (certificate of deposit) to secure their bids as opposed to providing proof of insurance. City Manager Thompson stated that the bids need to be formally rejected and re-bid. Council Member Dale Housch made a motion to reject the bids received for the Scoggins and Ramey Street sewer project and to have the project re-bid with the option to provide a cashier's check or CD to secure said bid. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr. and carried unanimously.

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GMA VOTING DELEGATE: Mayor Harvey stated that historically the voting delegate for the GMA annual Municipal Gas Authority election is the City Manager with the Utility Superintendent as the alternate delegate. Council Member Dale Housch asked if the people voting could be alternated. Mayor Harvey responded that they could but recommends someone with substantial knowledge of the natural gas system be appointed. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to appoint City Manager Russell Thompson as the voting delegate and the alternate voting delegate as Utilities Director Tony Carroll. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and carried unanimously.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION: Mayor Harvey stated that Council voted to have the 4th of July celebration on the 4th but some complication have arisen; the owner of the fireworks equipment, David Parker, has already promised to shoot fireworks elsewhere on the 4th. City Manager Thompson explained that there are options; hire the fireworks supply vendor to shoot the fireworks on the 4th of July at a cost of \$7,500 or change the date of the celebration. A general discussion was held concerning who is trained to fire the fireworks, what would be the best alternate day for the celebration and if the city should invest in electronic fireworks detonation equipment. The discussion rendered that this year's celebration should be held on the Saturday before the 4th of July this year. Council Member David Ford made a motion to hold the City of Summerville's 4th of July Celebration on June 29, 2013. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr. and carried unanimously

Discussion rendered that Council should determine the date the City of Summerville will hold the 4th of July Celebration for 2014. Council Member Dale Housch made a motion to have the 2014 4th of July Celebration on the 4th of July. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and carried unanimously.

COUEY HOUSE REPAIR BIDS: City Manager Thompson explained that the low bid to repair the Couey House is \$33,000. The bid included removing rotten wood, extermination of bugs, and making the building structurally sound. City Manager Thompson explained that he met with the contractor submitting the low bid and asked what is the least amount of work that can be done to maintain the building. City Manager Thompson reported that the contractor stated that the bid he submitted was for the minimum amount of work needed to maintain the structure. City Manager Thompson stated that he does not see spending \$33,000 on this project with our budget as it currently stands. Council Member Zachary Martin asked if putting off the repair would only make the repair more costly in the future. Mayor Harvey asked if any grant funds are available to help fund the project. City Manager Thompson responded that since the structure is a historical building there might be some grant funding available. City Manager Thompson stated that he recommends rejecting the bid. Council Member Dale Housch made a motion to table the Couey House project until the City Manager can do some research for grant funds. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and carried unanimously.

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INSURANCE DEDUCTABLE FOR DAMAGE TO CITY BUILDINGS DURING STORM: City Manager Thompson explained that during the recent storm there was damage to the records building at the Fairway Recreation Center, damage to the fence around Cooper Heights reservoir, and destruction of an out-building at the Wastewater Treatment plant. City Manager Thompson explained that authorization is needed for the \$5,000 insurance deductible associated with the damage. City Manager Thompson explained that the insurance company has cut a check for \$6,100 with the \$5,000 taken off the top of the benefit. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to authorize payment of the mandated \$5,000 insurance deductible for storm damage to city property. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dale Housch and carried unanimously.

POP'S RENOVATION CONCEPT: City Manager Thompson explained that the renovation to Pop's Restaurant is going to be primarily interior work with the exception of the sign. City Manager Thompson stated the permit requires Council approval since the location is in our historical district. City Manager Thompson stated that he recommends the requested renovations be approved with all permits being obtained and work done by a licensed contractor. Codes Enforcement Officer Joey Norton stated that there will be partitions for private dining in the main room and a division to block a bar area at the back of the building. The dividers will allow a family dining experience in the front of the building without exposure to the bar area. Joey stated that at this point Mr. Santiago is looking for a licensed contractor to do the interior work. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to authorize the renovation concept as presented with purchase of all applicable permits and work done by a licensed contractor. The motion was seconded by Council Member Zachary Martin and carried unanimously.

DALE WILLIAMS CHICKEN HOUSE GAS PROJECT: City Manager Russell Thompson stated that since Council approved the gas line expansion project for chicken houses he has had another request from Dale Williams for natural gas to another chicken house. City Manager Thompson stated that he is requesting authorization to apply for funding for this additional chicken house. City Manager Thompson stated that he estimates the interest rate to be comparable to what was obtained for the first expansion project; 2.5%. City Manager Thompson stated it would take around 60 days to complete the expansion if there were no emergencies or complication due to weather. City Manager Thompson stated that Mr. Williams would be held to the same agreement as the other chicken house owners with a minimum of 400 mcf per year. City Manager Thompson stated that he anticipated the project to have a pay-back of 16 years with the potential for an additional 20 residential customers associated with the expansion. Council Member Dale Housch made a motion to authorize City Manager Thompson to make application for the funds needed for this expansion. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and carried unanimously. City Manager Thompson asked if Council wants him to move forward with the loan or have the item brought back to Council. Mayor Harvey stated that he wanted all information to come back to Council for final approval before any agreement is closed.

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RETIREES LIFE INSURANCE ACTUARIAL REPORT REQUIRED: City Manager Thompson stated that the city offers life insurance to retirees and the auditors notified him that the State requires a report be submitted every three years concerning this benefit. City Manager Thompson stated that the estimated cost of the report is \$3,000. City Manager Thompson explained that the report does not have to be done right now so it can be pushed to the 2014 budget if Council so chooses. Council Member Dale Housch made a motion to table the expense holding it for the upcoming Special Called Meeting. Council Member David Ford seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING SET: Council Member Dale Housch made a motion to hold a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2013. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr. and carried unanimously.

PLANNING MEETING SET: Council Member David Ford made a motion to set a Planning Meeting at the Depot on Monday, April 22nd at 6 PM. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dale Housch and carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: All business having been concluded Council Member Zachary Martin made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dale Housch and carried unanimously.

HARRY HARVEY – MAYOR

Attest:

JILL DURHAM – CITY CLERK, G.C.M.C.