



CITY OF SUMMERVILLE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2013



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

ROLL CALL: Mayor Harry Harvey gave roll call. Mayor Pro Tem Lloyd "Buddy" Windle, 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.

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

INVOCATION: Mayor Harry Harvey gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Joe Money, Jr. led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA: Mayor Harvey asked if there are any additions or deletions to the agenda as listed. City Manager Thompson requested that City equipment be moved to the last item on the agenda. Council Member David Ford requested that the Summerville Cemetery be added to the agenda. Mayor Harvey asked if there were any further comments concerning the agenda. With no further items to be amended to the September 9, 2013 Regular Council Meeting Agenda, Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dale Housch and carried unanimously.

WELCOME: Mayor Harvey welcomed everyone to the September 9, 2013 Regular Council Meeting. Mayor Harvey requested members of the public attending the meeting sign in and list any issue they wish to present to Council.

BETTER HOMETOWN: City Manager Thompson reported that there have been two candidates interview for the position. He also stated that he would be interview more candidates in the future.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Code Enforcement Officer Joey Norton reported that there were 17 permits sold during the month of August, there are 60 open property cases, and court will be held next week.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT: Water Treatment Plant Director Janice Galloway reported that there were 56.08 million gallons of water pumped during the month of August and 5.14 inches of rain recorded at the WTP.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT: Waste Water Treatment Plant Director Chris Tuggle reported that there was a total of 34.6 million gallons for an average of 1.1 MGD. of waste treated during the month of August and 3.4 inches of rain recorded at the WWTP. For the month of August the WWTP received 11 loads of septic waste for a total of 21,326 gallons for a revenue of 1128.04. Superintendent Chris Tuggle also reported for the month that WWTP received 5900 gallons of condensate water from Trycon Industries for a total revenue of \$261.00. He also reported various maintenance projects that were completed in August.

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UTILITIES: Utilities Director Tony Carroll reported all work done in every department under his supervision. The water department answered 53 calls and 21 sewer calls. The contractors began construction on 9-9-13 on the CDBG project in the Ramey Street area. The street department answered 81 calls and hauled 78 loads of brush/yard debris and 5 loads of junk. They pulled ditches on 5 streets, scraped shoulders on 4 streets. The street department cleaned up the lot to be sold on 7th street and hauled 18 loads of brush and debris from the cemetery. The gas department answered 23 calls. There were 507 utility locates during the month of August. Director Tony Carroll reported that they finished the Big Texas Valley Rd project. The department should finish the Sardis Church project late next week.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Police Chief Stan Mosley reported that officers patrolled 9,275 miles, housed 48 inmates for a total of 32 days, issued 79 citations and collected \$6992.00 at the Police Department for the month of August.

PROBATION: Police Chief Stan Mosley reported that the Probation Department collected \$5,285 in fines and \$2,274 in fees and \$710 in crime victim fees for a total of \$8,269 for the month of August.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Assitant Fire Chief Butch Eleam reported that the Summerville Fire Department responded to 61 calls during the month of August. Among the calls were 6 flammable spills, 3 dispatched and cancelled, 1 electrical, 11 EMS, 26 medical assist, 3 vehicle (mobile property), 2 natural vegetation, 1 rubbish, 1 person in distress, and 1 public service assistance, 5 structure, 1 system malfunction.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT: Recreation Department Director Bo Chamlee reported that there was a Jamboree at Ridgeland on September 7th. Regular season starts September 14th.

CITY MANAGER – FINANCIAL STATUS: City Manager Russell Thompson went over the financial report. City Manager Thompson stated that he would like to go ahead and plan a called meeting for later this month. At that time the garbage bids will be discussed. There are 3 bids under debate. City Manager Thompson requested that the discussion of the Red Cross using the Recreation Department as possible shelter in case of an emergency, be added to the agenda of the called meeting.

FALL ACTIVITIES: City Manager Thompson reported the fall activities to be held in Dowdy Park. The train will be here every weekend in October with coordinated events as follows: 10/5 – Sum Nelly, 10/12 – Sequoyah Arts Show, 10/19 – Farm Days with 4-H, 10/26 – BBQ Cook Off with The Well. The train will also run the first weekend in November 11/2.

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AUTHORIZATION FOR HEDGING NATURAL GAS THROUGH MGAG: City Manager Thompson asked to pass a resolution authorizing the Municipal Gas Authority to include the City of Summerville in its gas hedge program. His recommendation is option 2, which authorizes MGAG to hedge and recommend volumes and months to hedge on the city's behalf. This is a 24 month program. The resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute the hedge volumes based on recommendations made by MGAG. Option 3 would allow the City to hedge on its own. City Manager Thompson also discussed the poultry program. The resolution has to be submitted to MGAG by October 1. Mayor Harvey said that we need feedback before it is executed. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr. and carried unanimously.

ONSITE CONSUMPTION LICENCE FOR TEQUILEROS: City Manager Thompson asked council to approve an onsite consumption license to serve beer and wine. A copy of Miguel Santiago's application and criminal background check was reviewed. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr. and carried unanimously.

DOWNTOWN THEATER PROJECT: Chattooga County Commissioner Jason Winters discussed the potential partnership between the county and city to apply for a grant to purchase the downtown theater. Restoration of the theater will help add beauty to downtown Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant. Council Member Dale Housch asked if there were any figures for the maintenance of the theater. Mayor Harry Harvey said that the council will look at and way all options before a decision is made. Commissioner Winters stated that Municipal Ownership insures stability that a third party could not offer. He told the council it would be October when awarded.

SUMMERVILLE CEMETERY: Council Member David Ford brought the attention of the council that the Summerville Cemetery is looking better this month. The condition of the cemetery reflects on the city. Council Member Joe Money Jr. suggested picking up an extra mowing because it looks unkempt by the end of the month. Utilities Director Tony Carroll reported that the street department cleaned up 18 loads of brush and debris from the cemetery. A trustee told Council Member David Ford that the cemetery looks the best it has in a while.

PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT: City Manager Thompson asked the council to authorize the purchase of various equipment for the Public Works department. He suggests that the council have a work session. The purchase of equipment was added to the special called meeting agenda to be held September 26th. The equipment list should be prioritized. Tony checked with GMA finance. Recommend leaving cash reserve along. Council will determine if the department will purchase new or used equipment at the September 26th called meeting. GMA will loan on used equipment but no older than 10 years.

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UPCOMING CALLED MEETING: Council will hold a special called meeting on September 26th at 6:00 pm. On the agenda for that meeting is Public Works Equipment needs and purchase approvals. Also the Solid Waste Bids will be reviewed at that time. The vendors bidding for this contract are from Wright's, White's and BFI-Republic Services. Another item to be discussed at the September 26th meeting will be allowing the Red Cross to use Recreation department facilities in Summerville should an emergency situation arise.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the pervious minutes as prepared and presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dale Housch and carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: All business having been concluded, Council Member David Ford made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money Jr. and carried unanimously.

HARRY HARVEY – MAYOR

Attest:

BRANDY BENNETT, ACTING CLERK