



CITY OF SUMMERVILLE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING DECEMBER 20, 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.

MEETING AGENDA: Mayor Harvey asked if anyone had items that need to be added to or deleted from the meeting agenda. There were no changes requested. Council Member David Ford made a motion to accept the meeting agenda as prepared and presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dale Housch and carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Harvey expressed appreciation for all those attending the Special Called Meeting. Mayor Harvey also expressed appreciation for all individuals that participated in making Christmas in the Park a success nothing that there was a large turn out for the event.

GMA DENTAL INSURANCE PLAN: Mayor Harvey stated discussion is needed concerning dental insurance then requested that City Manager Thompson explain more about the item. City Manager Thompson reported that currently dental coverage is with Blue Cross Blue Shield through our current broker, Guffin and Eleam with an increase in premium cost. City Manager Thompson explained that once GMA offered a lower premium cost Guffin and Eleam lowered their renewal cost. City Manager Thompson explained that GMA offers a dental plan that has \$500 more coverage and three cleanings per year. City Manager Thompson stated that he thinks either policy would be fine. City Manager Thompson stated that Guffin and Eleam's BC/BS has a maximum benefit of \$1,000 per year and GMA has \$1,500 maximum benefit per year. City Manager Thompson stated that the BC/BS dental coverage is currently \$47,304 with a new rate of \$46,697 annually and the GMA annual rate is \$46,716. Council Member Dale Housch stated that he would like to keep the coverage local but it doesn't take long to reach \$1,000 for dental work; he likes the GMA coverage better. Council Member David Ford said that he agrees with Council Member Housch and would like to go with the GMA dental coverage. Council Member Dale Housch made a motion to go with GMA dental coverage. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and carried unanimously.

DNR TRAIL FROM DEPOT TO WILLOW SPRINGS: Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Thompson to explain about the DNR Trail Project. City Manager Thompson explained that Council authorized making application for a DNA Trail Grant which has been tentatively awarded pending environmental qualifications. City Manager Thompson explained that the project grant is \$125,000 with \$100,000 in grant funds; remaining \$25,000 would come from the city if Council chooses to move forward with the project.

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DNR TRAIL FROM DEPOT TO WILLOW SPRINGS CONTINUED: City Manager Thompson explained that there is \$20,000 listed in our current budget for this project with the remaining \$5,000 to be in-kind services. Mayor Pro Tem Lloyd "Buddy" Windle asked if the plans are drawn. City Manager Thompson explained that drawings would have to be submitted noting that the total cost of the project is \$125,000 with all cost built into the project. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked if the project can be done for \$125,000 with no surprises. City Manager Thompson responded that costs are subject to bids received; some may be higher than anticipated and some may be lower. City Manager Thompson stated that he can't promise there will not be any surprises. Council Member David Ford asked if there could be any cost cutting steps for any portion of the project. City Manager Thompson explained that the project was put together as cost efficient as possible. Mayor Pro Tem Windle stated that the county wants the city to go in half with them on the theater and the city is looking at automated water meters. Mayor Pro Tem Windle stated further that at budget time a lot of projects are included and residents get "gigged". Mayor Harvey stated that he thinks it would be a good project that would benefit the community. Council Member Ford stated that the City of Summerville was 1 of 17 applicants that got approved for the grant. Council Member Dale Housch made a motion to go ahead with the DNR trail project. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and passed with Council Members Ford, Housch, Money, and Martin voting in favor of the project. Mayor Pro Tem Lloyd "Buddy" Windle voted in opposition of the motion.

DEPOT DECORATIONS: City Manager Thompson stated that he would like Council to thank Janice Galloway for the wonderful decorating job she did for the city at the Depot.

SANTA IN UNIFORM: Council Member David Ford said that Santa N Uniform had 18 children for the December shopping event.

WATER METERS: Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked when the automated water meters would be looked at again. City Manager Thompson responded that item will be looked at before the next meeting. Mayor Harvey stated that he would like to have some discussion in January with a vote in February on the automated meters.

ADJOURN: All business having been concluded, Mayor Pro Tem Lloyd "Buddy" Windle made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dale Housch.

MAYOR – HARRY HARVEY

Attest:

CITY CLERK – JILL DURHAM, G.C.M.C.

