



**CITY OF SUMMERVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 13, 2015**



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 Attorney Melissa Hise.

INVOCATION: Mayor Harry Harvey gave the invocation.

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

AGENDA: Mayor Harvey asked if there are any changes to the agenda. City Manager Russell Thompson stated that he has two items to add to the meeting agenda if Council approves. City Manager Thompson stated that the first item to add is consideration to appropriate \$4,800 to hire a Fire Department employee. City Manager Thompson stated that the second item for consideration is establishing dates for a Spring Clean up. City Manager Thompson explained that more information will be presented later in the meeting if Council approves adding the two items to the agenda. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the agenda presented with the addition of the two items requested by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dale Housch and carried unanimously.

WELCOME VISITORS: Mayor Harvey welcomed everyone to the April Council Meeting. Mayor Harvey asked visitors to please sign in listing their name, address, and reason for attending the meeting. Mayor Harvey stated that visitors will be given an opportunity to address Council at the beginning of the meeting and again at the end. Mayor Harvey asked that comments be limited to 3 minutes each. Mayor Harvey asked if any visitor wishes to address Council at this time. Mr. Charles Bennett stated that he would like to state that he is not in favor of beer and wine being sold at the two upcoming events. Mr. Bennett stated that he also does not want the rezoning request granted. Mr. Bennett stated that he thinks the area should remain residential. Mrs. Grindstaff (Patti Grindstaff's mother) stated that she is from Missouri and has seen the damage and loss of life that can be the result of a tornado. Mrs. Grindstaff stated that having sirens in Missouri helped to save lives. Mrs. Grindstaff stated that she is in favor of getting sirens. A man (didn't state his name) stated that he wants warning sirens because he has seen what a tornado can do. Mayor Harvey stated that he appreciates the public's interest and input.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Harvey stated that there are a lot of activities scheduled in April that will be covered during the meeting. Mayor Harvey stated he wants to remind everyone about the GMA annual meeting in June. Mayor Harvey stated that budget work sessions will be coming up soon.

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DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

BETTER HOMETOWN: Susan Locklear reviewed her Better Hometown report submitted to Council listing all Better Hometown activities from March 1st through April 1st. A copy of this report is attached and becomes part of these minutes. Susan also gave highlights of upcoming events in April. A copy of the April events is attached and becomes part of these minutes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: City Manager Thompson explained that Joey Norton will not be able to attend the meeting but has submitted his report to Council. City Manager Thompson explained that there are a few items for consideration by Council that are associated with Code Enforcement. The items are listed in the agenda.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT: Janice Galloway reviewed the Water Treatment Plant submitted to Council. A copy of the report is attached and becomes part of these minutes.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: Chris Tuggle reviewed the Wastewater Treatment Plant report submitted to Council. A copy of the report is attached and becomes part of these minutes.

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES: Terry Tinney reviewed the Public Works and Utilities report submitted to Council. Terry is functioning in Tony Carroll's position during Tony's absence due to illness. A copy of the report is attached and is part of these minutes.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT: Kris Willis reviewed the Recreation Department's report submitted to Council. A copy of the report is attached and becomes part of these minutes. Kris also reported that the gym has been painted and the Recreation Department will host a benefit for Tony Carroll on Friday and Saturday.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Stan Mosley reviewed the report submitted to Council for the Police Department. A copy of the report is attached and becomes part of these minutes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Greg Echols reviewed the Fire Department activity report submitted to Council. A copy of the report is attached and becomes part of these minutes.

CITY ATTORNEY: Attorney Melissa Hise of Albert Palmour's office reported that the USDA loan is coming in and will close in the near future.

CITY MANAGER: City Manager Thompson reported that expenses are at 10.4 and revenue at 11.7 noting that the city's finances are in the black. City Manager Thompson stated that Council also has two sheets showing month end balances. City Manager Thompson explained that one sheet shows balances before the transfer of funds from the general operating account to accounts established by Council in February. City Manager Thompson also reported that the CDBG sewer project for Scoggins is set for bid.

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PREVIOUS MINUTES: Mayor Harvey stated that if there are no changes or corrections to the minutes of the March 9th or March 23rd meetings a motion is needed for approval. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes as prepared and presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING VARIANCE/UNION STREET: Mayor Harvey stated that a Public Hearing will be held at this time to hear comments concerning Anthony Bryant's rezoning request for property on Union Street from R2 to CN.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Harvey opened the Public Hearing for comments.

City Manager Thompson stated that Anthony Bryant would like to build 3 to 5 storage units on Union Street. City Manager Thompson stated that the proposed construction site is contiguous to business property. City Manager Thompson reported that all required advertisements have been published and the property has been posted.

Charles Bennett asked if the property is zoned as commercial. City Manager Thompson responded stating that the location touches one piece of commercial property. Council Member David Ford stated that he would not want it (storage units) across from him. Mayor Harvey stated that if Council chooses to move forward a second reading would be needed. Mayor Harvey asked if it is staff's recommendation to approve the request. City Manager Thompson stated that public opinion will determine what Council chooses to do. City Manager Thompson stated that Joey Norton says that approval is okay based on code but that citizen comments presented at this public hearing are against the rezoning request.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: Mayor Harvey asked if there are any further comments or questions concerning the rezoning request. There were no further comments or questions presented. Mayor Harvey closed the Public Hearing.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION CONCERNING REZONING REQUEST: Mayor Harvey asked if Council would like to discuss the rezoning request. Council Member Zachary Martin asked if there have been any residents living close by the location that have come by and voiced their opinion on the request. City Manager Thompson responded, "No". Council Member Dale Housch asked if the item can be tabled until Council can look at the request more. Mayor Harvey responded stating that if that is what Council chooses to do then a motion is needed. Council Member Dale Housch made a motion to table the rezoning request so that Council can have more time to review the request. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and carried unanimously.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – FINSTER FEST 5/30/15-5/31/15: Mayor Harvey stated that a request for a special event permit has been received for this year's Finster Fest which is scheduled for May 30th and 31st. Mayor Harvey requested City Manager Thompson to give Council details of the event. City Manager Thompson stated that this is the third or fourth Finster Fest noting that the event is well attended. Caleb Millican, Finster Fest Event Chairperson, stated that no streets will be closed this year. Caleb explained that there will be two buses of people from Atlanta on Saturday coming to the event.

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SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – FINSTER FEST 5/30/15-5/31/15: Caleb also explained that they have cut back on the entertainment. Caleb said there would be no charge for performers which will be located at the Depot and at the back of the Couey House. Council Member David Ford asked if anyone had heard anything about the train. City Manager Thompson responded that there has not been anything from the train folks. Council Member Dale Housch asked where the vendors will be located. Caleb Millican responded that vendors would be in Dowdy Park. Mayor Harvey asked if there are any more questions or comments concerning the Special Event Permit request. With no further questions or comments Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve a Special Event Permit for Finster Fest to be held Saturday, May 30, 2015 and Sunday, May 31, 2015. The motion was seconded by Council Member Zachary Martin and carried unanimously.

BEER/WINE PERMIT FINSTER FEST: Mayor Harvey stated that a request has been received for a Special Event Alcohol Permit for Saturday, May 30th in conjunction with the Finster Fest. Mayor Harvey requested City Manager Thompson to provide details. City Manager Thompson stated that the event manager can request whomever they want to supply beer or wine for a special event. City Manager Thompson explained that if the requested supplier has a local alcohol license there is no fee for the permit. Patti Grindstaff stated that this would be her third year being the alcohol supplier for the Finster Fest and she has never had any problem. Patti explained that great care is taken with checking IDs, identity bands are used, and alcohol would only be sold on Saturday. Patti explained that there would be two beer trailers located at the side of the Depot; not on the street. Patti stated that North Georgia Distributors and Eagle Rock Distributors would provide a couple of craft beers, a couple of main stream beers, and a couple of wines from which to choose. Mayor Harvey asked if Council has any questions or further discussion. With no further discussion or questions Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve an alcohol permit for Patti Grindstaff/Jefferson's for May 30th of Finster Fest. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dale Housch and carried unanimously.

ALCOHOL PERMIT FOR BEER/WINE SALES - DOWNTOWN DESTINATION ON APRIL 25, 2015: Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Thompson to give details about the request for an alcohol permit stating that the request runs in correlation with the April 25, 2015 Downtown Destination event. City Manager Thompson explained that Downtown Destination is being held as part of Georgia Cities Week. City Manager Thompson explained that Jefferson's has requested the permit to sell beer and wine between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. on April 25th. Mayor Harvey asked if Council has any questions or discussion concerning the request. Council Member Dale Housch made a motion to approve the Special Event Alcohol Permit for Jefferson's between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. on April 25, 2015. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr. and carried unanimously.

SIGN REQUEST – SONRISE COMMUNITY CHURCH: Mayor Harvey asked for City Manager Thompson to give details of this sign request. City Manager Thompson stated that all sign requests physically located within the historic district must be approved by Council. City Manager Thompson said that the application lists that the sign will be either a pole or monument type sign. Council Member Dale Housch asked if the sign will be illuminated. City Manager Thompson stated that Joey said the sign meets the sign ordinance.

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SIGN REQUEST – SONRISE COMMUNITY CHURCH CONTINUED: Council Member Dale Housch stated that he would like to have more information such as a drawing of what is proposed. Council Member Dale Housch made a motion to table Sonrise Community Church's sign application until more information is available. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr. and carried unanimously.

SIGN REQUEST – SUGARVILLE SWEETS: Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Thompson to give information concerning the sign request for Sugarville Sweets. City Manager Thompson stated that Sugarville Sweets at 10127 Commerce is asking for approval of a 15 foot sign. City Manager Thompson explained that based on code they are allowed to have up to 30 square feet; only asking for half that size. City Manager Thompson also explained that the sign request meets code requirements noting that the sign is not lighted. A brief discussion was held concerning the exact location. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the sign request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr. and carried unanimously.

SIGN REQUEST – DOWNTOWN SIGNS: Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Thompson to give information on the sign request from Downtown Signs. City Manager Thompson stated that the wall sign is within ordinance requirements. Council Member Dale Housch asked about window lettering. City Manager Thompson stated that there is no drawing with the application so Council may want to table action until the mock-up is available. Council Member Dale Housch made a motion to table the sign request for Downtown Signs until the associated drawing is available. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and carried unanimously.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SO₂ BUILDING: Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Thompson to give information on the request for funding and authorization to build a sulfur dioxide building. City Manager Thompson stated that a request to approve funds not to exceed \$13,195.85 for construction of a SO₂ building at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is being presented to Council. City Manager Thompson explained that the current building on site was damaged by a flood. City Manager Thompson explained further that a back up building is required by the EPD. Chris Tuggle interjected that the new building would be moved out of the flood plane to avoid the potential of repeat damage. City Manager Thompson stated that the request for \$13,195.85 is not a budgeted item and will require a budget amendment. Chris Tuggle interjected that the building flooded in 2009. Chris explained that the wastewater process requires chlorination at intake and de-chlorination at the end. Council Member David Ford asked what has been done since 2009. Chris Tuggle responded stating that so far there hasn't been any problem. Council Member David Ford made a motion to authorize funding not to exceed \$13,195.85 to construct a sulfur dioxide building at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lloyd "Buddy" Windle and carried unanimously.

POT HOLE REPAIR: Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Thompson to provide information concerning pot hole repairs. City Manager Thompson stated that he is requesting \$10,000 additional funding for the repair of pot holes in the city. Terry Tinney said that all of the hot mix has been used and the associated funding has been exhausted. Mayor Harry Harvey stated that he wants to commend the pot hole repairs that have been done. Council Member David Ford asked if \$10,000 will be enough.

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POT HOLE REPAIR CONTINUED: City Manager Thompson responded stating that \$10,000 is being requested for now and will require a budget amendment. Council Member David Ford made a motion authorizing approval of \$10,000 for the purchase of hot mix to repair pot holes. The motion was seconded by Council Member Zachary Martin and carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY WARNING SIRENS: Mayor Harvey stated that consideration is being requested for the purchase of two emergency warning sirens at a cost not to exceed \$47,032.74. Mayor Harvey requested Council Member Joe Money, Jr. to provide information on this item. Council Member Money stated that he has received a lot of positive feed back concerning the presentation of emergency warning siren information. Council Member Money stated that the purchase of equipment to help save lives out weighs the cost of the project. Council Member Money explained that the Code Red notifications will run just a little bit behind the weather sirens. Council Member Money stated that he thinks that the project will be a positive move for the citizens. Mayor Harvey asked if there are any questions or points of discussion from Council. Council had no questions or points of discussion. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to authorize the purchase of two warning sirens at a cost not to exceed \$47,032.74. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and carried unanimously.

TRACK LOADER – PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES: Mayor Harvey stated that a request has been submitted for a track loader for Public Works and Utilities from Rhinehart Equipment at a cost of \$35,995.00. Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Thompson to provide details on this item. City Manager Thompson explained that the city is currently renting a track loader for work on the walking track. City Manager Thompson explained that discussions resulted in Rhinehart saying that if the city purchases a unit there would be no rental fee due. City Manager Thompson explained that funding will be split with \$20,000 from S.P.L.O.S.T. and \$16,000 from equipment purchase. Terry Tinney stated that the unit could be used by all departments. Terry explained further that rubber tires do not work well in most situations; tracks are needed. Mayor Harvey asked if Council has any questions. With no further questions or discussion from Council a motion to authorize the purchase of a 2015 bobcat with a bucket from Rhinehart at a cost of \$35,995 was made by Council Member David Ford. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dale Housch and carried unanimously.

LAWN MOWERS – RECREATION & STREET DEPTS: Mayor Harvey requested that City Manager Thompson give detail about lawn mowers for the Recreation and Street Departments. City Manager Thompson stated that authorization is being requested for two Husqvarna 52 inch deck zero radius mowers; one each for the Recreation and Street Departments. City Manager Thompson stated that there is \$12,000 budgeted for replacement mowers using S.P.L.O.S.T. funds. City Manager Thompson stated that we are buying local with the purchase price under budget. Mayor Harvey asked if there are any questions or further discussion needed. City Manager Thompson stated that the request is for two M-ZT52 Husqvarna mowers for a total cost of \$9,600.00.

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MOWERS – RECREATION & STREET DEPTS CONTINUED: Council Member David Ford asked if the mowers are commercial grade. City Manager Thompson responded that they are commercial mowers. Council Member David Ford also asked if the mowers are diesel. City Manager Thompson responded that they are both run on gasoline. City Manager stated that both mowers will come from North Georgia Equipment Sales. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase of two M-ZT52 Husqvarna mowers for \$9,600 from North Georgia Equipment Sales. The motion was seconded by Council Member Zachary Martin and carried unanimously.

BREAK - Council Member Dale Housch made a motion for a five minute break. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr. and carried unanimously.

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

MGAG VOTING DELEGATE: Mayor Harvey stated that the MGAG annual meeting will be held May 15, 2015 and the voting delegates for our city need to be established by resolution. Mayor Harvey asked for City Manager Thompson to explain. City Manager Thompson stated that the City of Summerville is allocated one vote during the upcoming annual MGAG meeting where board members are elected. City Manager Thompson stated that staff's recommendation is to appoint Tony Carroll as the delegate and Jody Stoner as the alternate delegate. Mayor Harvey asked if there is any discussion concerning staff's recommendation. No discussion was held. Mayor Harvey read the resolution. Council Member Dale Housch made a motion to approve Tony Carroll as the City of Summerville voting delegate at the 2015 annual MGAG meeting with Jody Stoner serving as alternate voting delegate. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and carried unanimously. A copy of the associated resolution is attached and becomes part of these minutes.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT – UPDATE/HAYS STATE PRISON FIRE DEPT: Mayor Harvey stated that a request has been received to change the agent listed for Hays Prison Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreement. Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Thompson to explain. City Manager Thompson stated that the Hays Prison Fire Chief listed in the Mutual Aid Agreement has retired and a new person has been hired. City Manager Thompson explained that the change is minor. City Manager Thompson explained further that Hays Prison would like for the Mutual Aid Agreement amended to reflect the new person's name and take the retired person's name out of the document. City Manager Thompson stated that the city has a great working arrangement with Hays Prison Fire Department. City Manager Thompson stated that they were a help during last week's structure fire. Mayor Harvey asked if there are any questions or discussion concerning the request. No questions or further discussion was held. Council Member David Ford made a motion to authorize amendment of the Mutual Aid Agreement with Hays State Prison Fire Department to list the current Fire Chief for the facility. The motion was seconded by Council Member Zachary Martin and carried unanimously.

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SUMMERVILLE/TRION GAS SYSTEM BOUNDARY: Mayor Harvey said authorization is being requested to transfer a portion of the Summerville Gas System territory to the Town of Trion. Mayor Harvey asked for City Manager Thompson to provide information about this item. City Manager Thompson stated that discussions have been held concerning property in Trion that needs natural gas but is in Summerville's territory. City Manager Thompson explained that the property owner's need for natural gas is time sensitive and Trion's gas main is right across the street from the location. City Manager Thompson stated that Summerville has a lot of projects in the works that have already been set by priority. City Manager Thompson stated that Trion has agreed to provide the land owner with natural gas in exchange for paying the City of Summerville \$35,000 for that customer. City Manager Thompson went on to explain that territories were defined by community agreements and maps, however, those two documents do not match and were not filed with the Georgia Public Service Commission. City Manager Thompson explained that work needs to be done with Trion's Mayor so that both parties are in agreement about territory boundaries in order to have maps and legal descriptions ready to be put on the docket for the next Georgia Public Service Commission meeting. Mayor Harvey stated that approval is being requested to transfer a portion of the Summerville Gas System to the Town of Trion in exchange for \$35,000. Council Member Dale Housch stated that he is glad Council can do something to help all involved. Council Member David Ford made a motion to authorize the transfer of a portion of natural gas territory to the Town of Trion in exchange for \$35,000. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr. and carried unanimously.

PURCHASE 2 NEW WORK TRUCKS: Mayor Harvey stated that authorization is being requested to purchase two work trucks not to exceed \$36,000; one for the Recreation Department and one for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mayor Harvey stated that there is information included in Council's packet. City Manager Thompson interjected that he asks for this item to be tabled due to new prices for trucks being higher. City Manager Thompson stated that there is \$36,000 budgeted but thinks it would be best to do a bit more research on this item. City Manager Thompson stated that the item should be ready for the next meeting. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to table the purchase of two new work trucks until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dale Housch and carried unanimously.

NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE: Mayor Harvey stated that City Manager Thompson has requested appropriation and approval of \$4,800 to hire a new full time firefighter. Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Thompson to give details on this request. City Manager Thompson stated that a full time firefighter resigned and as a result of that resignation an application has been received from a potential candidate with 29 years experience. City Manager Thompson stated that it will take about \$4,800 more than budgeted to hire this person. City Manager Thompson stated that the person would be hired in as a class 13 employee with recognition of a little less than half of his experience. City Manager Thompson stated that this individual is also familiar with the area. City Manager Thompson requested Public Safety Director Stan Mosley address Council stating why he feels the request is justified. Chief Mosley stated that this person is well established in the community, is familiar with the city's software, and will be a turn-key employee. Council Member Dale Housch asked how the salary being requested compares with others in the same position.

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NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE CONTINUED: Chief Mosley stated that it would put him \$0.12 per hour over some but nobody in the department has that kind of experience. Mayor Harvey asked if Council has any questions or comments. Council Member Dale Housch asked what brings this person to us (city). Council Member David Ford stated that the individual is retired. Chief Mosley stated that the man was able to retire at 45 due to the length of service. Chief Mosley stated further that this candidate would be a great asset for the city. Council Member David Ford made a motion to appropriate \$4,800 to hire the candidate discussed for the Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lloyd "Buddy" Windle and carried unanimously.

SPRING CLEAN UP: Mayor Harvey stated that City Manager Thompson has requested discussion concerning a possible spring clean up. Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Thompson to provide information about the request. City Manager Thompson stated that historically a spring clean up has been held and he would like Council's opinion concerning the item. City Manager Thompson stated that in the past the county has provided duty free dumping during the time frame designated for clean up. City Manager Thompson stated that the Commissioner stated that dumping fees will not be waived. Terry Tinney interjected that the clean up has been set for one week in the past and has taken about six weeks to complete because people keep putting things out for pick up. Mayor Harvey asked what the cost would be to hold a clean up if tipping fees are not waived by the county. Terry Tinney said he will try to get a price. City Manager Thompson explained that residents are asked to call in so the city will be aware of where a pick up is needed. City Manager Thompson stated that there is a problem with people putting household items on vacant lots. Mayor Harvey asked if Council wants to hold a spring clean up. Council Member David Ford asked if it would be possible to have a dumpster downtown. City Manager Thompson stated that he is concerned about anonymous dumping. City Manager Thompson stated that with Council's approval the spring clean up could be done with a three day window. City Manager Thompson stated that an ad could be placed in the newspaper designating the dates. Council Member Dale Housch asked if it would be possible to get the county to split the tipping fee for this item. City Manager Thompson stated that he will try. Mayor Harvey stated that he would like to see the spring clean up happen. Mayor Harvey asked what date the spring clean up needs to be held; first week in May. Mayor Harvey also asked if Council wants to have more information before making a decision. City Manager Thompson stated that he would get numbers and draw up an advertisement but requested that no action be taken at this time.

SUMMERVILLE CEMETERY: Council Member David Ford requested that Council go by the cemetery to see how nice it looks. Council Member Ford stated that the cemetery looks better than it ever has.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Harvey asked for public comments or questions.

CHARLES BENNETT - SUGARVILLE: Charles Bennett asked why Council didn't know where Sugarville was located. City Manager Thompson responded stating that the address is provided on the sign application but Code Enforcement does the physical inspection of the location noting that Mr. Norton was unable to attend this meeting.

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CHARLES BENNETT – WARNING SIRENS: Charles Bennett asked why citizens had to wait so long to get warning sirens. Mayor Harvey responded stating that research was needed and the city's budget is better now. Mayor Harvey stated that at the time when the item was initially discussed was during the economic downturn. Mayor Harvey stated that those years were hard noting that it was not a lack of concern on the city's part but Council had to look at the budget. Charles Bennett asked why this item is being done all of a sudden. Mayor Harvey stated that this item has not been done all of a sudden; it has been thought about for some time.

CHARLES BENNETT: EMERGENCY RESPONSE: Charles Bennett stated that he wanted to let Council know what a great job the emergency response folks did when he needed help. Charles said Ryan did a good job.

JASON ESPY – SUMMERVILLE NEWS: Jason Espy asked what the next step will be concerning fire service. Mayor Harvey responded stating that options are currently being considered but no decision has been reached. Jason asked if the city met with the county about this item. City Manager Thompson responded stating that he attended a group meeting with Council Member Dale Housch and E-911 Director Eddie Henderson. City Manager Thompson stated that everyone agreed that public safety is not to be compromised.

JASON ESPY – COMPENSATION PLAN: Jason Espy asked if the compensation and classification plan is still in place. Mayor Harvey stated that the plan is still in place. Jason asked how so much can be paid to a new person. City Manager Thompson responded stating that consideration was given based on the 25 steps; the person is coming in as a class 13 step 13 due to the level of experience. Jason asked when experience came into account. Jason stated that he thought all new employees were brought in at the bottom. City Manager Thompson stated that was never the intent.

ADJOURN: All current business having been concluded, Mayor Pro Tem Lloyd "Buddy" Windle made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Zachary Martin and carried unanimously.

HARRY HARVEY – MAYOR

Attest:

JILL DURHAM – CITY CLERK, G.C.M.C.