



**CITY OF SUMMERVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 12, 2018  
5 PM**

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Mayor Harvey called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Harry Harvey gave roll call. Council Members David Ford, Mayor Pro Tem Lloyd "Buddy" Windle, Earl H. Parris, Joe Money, Jr. and Zachary Martin, were present. Also present was City Attorney Albert Palmour. City Manager Tony Carroll was absent.

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Harry Harvey gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council Member Earl H. Parris led the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA:** Mayor Harvey asked if there are any changes to the agenda. There was no request to change the meeting agenda. Council Member Earl H. Parris made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Council Member David Ford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**WELCOME:** Mayor Harvey welcomed everyone to the February Regular Council Meeting. Mayor Harvey stated that the public would have an opportunity to address the Council at the beginning and end of the meeting. Mayor Harvey requested visitors, please sign in listing their name, address, and reason for attending.

**VISITORS:**

Jason Espy- *The Summerville News*

Charlie Bennett

Bobby Patterson

Shellie Baker

Susan Stevens

Levi Burdick-*All on Georgia*

Angela Finley

Richard Lindsey

Jamie Tidmore

Oley Meadows- Mr. Meadows stated he has written a book, regarding cancer and his healing and would like to give a copy to each city employee. Mayor Harvey said Mr. Meadows was welcome to leave the copies for employees to get if they are interested.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Harvey gave the following events:

1. Reviewed the events that are scheduled for March and April. Mayor Harvey encouraged everyone to attend these events if possible.
2. The Council meets the second Monday of every month; the public is encouraged to attend.
3. The City of Summerville received two awards; The Small City Live, Work, Play award given by Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). Also, the city received the award presented by Safewise for being one of the "50 Safest Cities in Georgia."

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**REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS:**

**MAIN STREET:** Mayor Harvey requested that Susan Locklear provide her report for Council. Susan reviewed the written report submitted to the Mayor and Council that lists all the events she attended during January. Susan also provided information on upcoming events for March as well. Susan thanked Terry Tinney and his crew for help removing Christmas decorations in and around the Depot. Susan explained she has been meeting with a production crew that is doing a short film on the 100-year anniversary of Lee University. Susan explained due to budget restrictions most of the filming would take place in Cleveland TN, but the Summerville Depot will be featured. Susan explained the production crew would be at the Summerville Depot on March 3, 2018, for the train arrival. Susan explained on April 7, 2018; there will be a 100-year celebration of the Summerville Depot. Susan stated at the Mayor's Day luncheon in January the City of Summerville was awarded the Live, Work, Play award for small cities by Georgia Municipal Association (GMA).

**WATER TREATMENT PLANT:** Mayor Harvey stated that the next report is the Water Treatment Plant. Mayor Harvey asked Janice Galloway to present her report. Janice reviewed the work completed at Raccoon Creek, Lowe spring, and Distribution for January. Janice's report becomes part of these minutes.

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:** Mayor Harvey requested Chris Tuggle to provide the monthly report for the Wastewater Department. Chris reviewed the report submitted to the Mayor and Council listing work performed during January as well as statistical information of the plant's operation. Chris stated the 2017 Annual Biosolids report had been submitted to the EPA and EPD. A copy of Chris' report becomes a part of these minutes.

**PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES:** Mayor Harvey stated the next report would be from Terry Tinney. Terry reviewed all work done by the street, water, and gas departments, the number of locates performed and gave an update on various projects he is overseeing. Terry stated the 2016 CDBG is underway. Terry's report is attached and becomes part of these minutes.

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT:** Mayor Harvey requested that Bo Chamlee present the recreation department report. Bo reviewed the activities for the recreation department for January. Bo stated registration is underway and will continue until February 28, 2018, for baseball, softball, and tot ball. A copy of Bo's report becomes part of these minutes.

**POLICE/PROBATION REPORT:** Mayor Harvey requested Police Chief Stan Mosley provide his departmental report. Chief Mosley reported the activities of city police officers, inmates housed, the total number of calls, and the money collected for both City and State Probation fines and fees during January. Stan attributed the award for the Safest City in Georgia to his officers and the officers in the community. Stan stated Mr. Clint Young a former officer had passed away and his services will be held Saturday, February 17. Chief Mosley's report becomes part of these minutes.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Mayor Harvey requested Fire Chief Lathem to present the Fire Department report for January. Robbie reviewed each category of the 93 fire calls received by the department for the month. Robbie also stated the department tested twenty-five (25) hydrants and painted ten (10) during January. Robbie stated the Summerville Fire Department hosted a Georgia Fire Academy crash victim extrication class, with seven (7) Summerville-firefighters attending. Robbie said his department had approximately 254 training hours for January. Robbie's report becomes part of these minutes.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mayor Harvey provided the City Manager's report in the absence of City Manager Tony Carroll. Mayor Harvey reviewed the daily receipts report and balances for various accounts. Mayor Harvey stated the balances are increasing which is normal for this time of the year. Mayor Harvey explained Mayor and Council have been working on the mid-year budget. Mayor Harvey also recognized the City of Summerville on the recent Safest City Award, as well as the Live, Work, Play award.

Council Member Earl H. Parris asked Main Street Director for the date for the 100- year Celebration. Susan stated the City of Summerville would celebrate on April 7, 2018, and the Historical Society will host a program on April 8, 2018.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**RECREATION FACILITY RENTAL/USE POLICY:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item for discussion is the proposed recreation facility rental/use policy. Mayor Harvey explained the policy covers the scope and purpose of the use of the facilities. Mayor Harvey stated the rental fees for the facilities had not been set or adopted at this time, but he recommends adopting the rental/use of recreational facilities policy and set the fees at a later time. Mayor Pro Tem Lloyd "Buddy" Windle asked why changes were being made now. Mayor Harvey explained that a policy is needed for the use of facilities, and policies and agreements are needed for all facilities. Mayor Pro Tem Lloyd "Buddy" Windle asked Bo Chamlee if he had any input on the rental fee schedule. Bo stated he spoke with the Mayor after the January Meeting concerning the fees, and he received a copy from City Manager Carroll. Mayor Harvey stated the Council had the policy before the January Meeting for their review. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked what was changing. Bo Chamlee explained in the past the city had not charged a rental fee for the ballfields or gymnasium if it was a charity tournament, but the Recreation Department does charge for the Scout Hut and the clubroom at the Recreation Department. Council Earl H. Parris asked Bo Chamlee for his opinion concerning the policy. Bo stated he agrees with having a policy in place but is opposed to some of the fees. Council Member Earl H. Parris asked Bo if he agreed with the proposed policy for the use of the facilities. Bo stated he would like to look at the policy again. Council Member David Ford made a motion to table the rental/use of recreational facilities policy to a later date. Council Member Earl H. Parris seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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**EARLY RETIREMENT POLICY:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item for discussion is the early retirement policy. Mayor Harvey read the requirements and retirement options for the employees. Mayor Harvey explained this policy would offer an early retirement option to city employees that are at least 62 years old, have ten years' service, and be fully vested in the retirement program. Mayor Harvey explained employees that wish to take the early retirement option would agree to pay for half of their insurance for three (3) years, at which time they would become eligible for Medicare or Medicaid, and the city would continue to pay the employee's life insurance until the time of death. Mayor Harvey explained the employee would forfeit their unused vacation and or comp time at the time of retirement, and the employee must also agree to continue employment until a replacement is hired and trained. City Attorney Albert Palmour asked if the city's health insurance carrier had agreed to continue to ensure the non-employees. Mayor Harvey stated that City Manager Tony Carroll was looking at the options. Council Member Earl H. Parris suggested waiting until City Manager Carroll was available to provide more information. No action was taken.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FY 2017-2018 MID-YEAR BUDGET:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item for discussion is the 2017-2018 mid-year budget. Mayor Harvey explained City Manager Carroll and staff had provided the mid-year budget, as listed, is balanced with \$17,639,766.98 in revenue, and \$17,639,766.98 in expenditures. Mayor Harvey reviewed the departments and amounts for both expenditures and revenue for the proposed mid-year budget. Mayor Harvey asked for discussion or changes from Council. Mayor Harvey asked the public for comments. Chattooga County Library Representative Susan Stephens asked if the amount that was previously cut would be restored in the mid-year budget for the library. Mayor Harvey stated, "Yes the \$5000 had been added back to the budget." Mayor Harvey made a recommendation to set a date for the first reading of the 2017-2018 mid-year budget for Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at a Special Called Meeting with the second reading and adoption to follow at March 12, 2018, Regular Council Meeting. Council Members agreed with proposed dates.

**EMERGENCY PURCHASE-WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item for business is the approval of an emergency purchase for the wastewater treatment plant. Mayor Harvey explained \$35,000 was appropriated for emergency purchases for the Wastewater Treatment Plant for an influent pump, and aerator float repair during the January Regular Council Meeting. Chris Tuggle stated the purchases was less than expected. Chris explained the influent pump repair was \$19,658., and the aerator float was \$14,473 with a total of \$34,131. Chris stated it would be the first of March before both were repaired. Mayor Harvey asked for discussion or questions from Council. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the emergency purchase for \$34,131. Council Member Earl H. Parris seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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**DOWNTOWN TREE PROJECT-RICHARD LINDSEY:** Mayor Harvey asked Richard Lindsey to provide information on the downtown tree project. Richard explained the tree board committee had met with Joe Burgess a Georgia Forestry Specialist for recommendations on the number and type of trees needed to plant in the downtown area. Richard explained the recommendation from Joe is to plant 11 crepe myrtles on the far side of the street, and seven (7) crepe myrtles in planters on the opposite side of the street. Richard stated the committee would like for all the trees to be red and the cost would be approximately \$1700.00 for 18 trees. Richard explained he is trying to locate the recommended square 3x3x3 planters, and he currently has two donors for the planters up to \$500. Mayor Harvey asked Richard for a drawing of the area. Richard provided the sketch to Mayor and Council and explained that the illustration also shows the area in front of the Post Office, corner work on the side streets and the area around the theater that he would like to see completed at a later time. Mayor Harvey stated he would want Utilities Director Terry Tinney and Code Enforcement Joey Norton to look at the proposed plan. Richard indicated he would be happy to sit down with anyone before the next meeting to discuss the plans. Richard said Joe Burgess has agreed to help with the paperwork to expedite the process with the Department of Transportation (DOT) after Council approval. Mayor Harvey suggested having staff review the plans before approving at the February 27, 2018, Special Called Meeting. Mayor Harvey asked Richard to try to have a cost for the containers by the February 27 meeting. Richard stated he would try to have a price by then.

**PACKAGE SALES-DISTILLED SPIRITS:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item for discussion is the consideration for a citizen or vendor to prepare a petition for a referendum for the package sales of distilled spirits within the City limits of Summerville. Mayor Harvey asked City Attorney Albert Palmour to provide information on this item. City Attorney Palmour stated a citizen or businessperson could present a petition to the Election Superintendent with thirty-five (35) percent of the registered voters for the City of Summerville listed. City Attorney Palmour stated once the petition is presented the City of Summerville would be required to call an Election. City Attorney Palmour stated it would not be appropriate to use city funds to support or pay for a private initiative. City Attorney Palmour said he would be glad to provide the law to the City Clerk Angie White and any interested parties. Mayor Harvey asked City Clerk Angie White for the number of voters in the City of Summerville. Angie stated as of Monday, February 12, 2018; there are 2053 active voters and 220 inactive voters. Angie stated 796 signatures would be required. No action was taken.

**BEER AND WINE PACKAGE SALES ORDINANCE FIRST READING :** Mayor Harvey stated the next item for discussion is the consideration to amend the City of Summerville Code of Ordinance for extended sales of Alcoholic Beverages.

City Attorney Albert Palmour read the Ordinance No. 2018\_1-4-134 to amend the code of Ordinance Chapter 4-134 (a) Hours of Operation. City Attorney Palmour explained the times for beer and wine package sales only will be as follows; Monday-Friday 5:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m., between the hours of 5:30 a.m. to 11:55 p.m. on Saturday, and between the hours of 12:30 pm. to 11:30 p.m. on Sunday.

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**BEER AND WINE PACKAGE SALES ORDINANCE CONTINUED:**

Mayor Harvey asked for comments from Council or visitors.

Charles Bennett stated he would like Council to leave the alcohol sale times as it stands.

**BEER AND WINE PACKAGE SALES ORDINANCE CONTINUED:** Mayor Harvey stated the second reading and adoption with Council approval would be held at the March Council Meeting.

**2018 CDBG-RESOLUTION:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item for consideration is the adoption of the 2018 CDBG Resolution. Mayor Harvey read the resolution. Mayor Harvey asked for discussion from Council. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the 2018 CDBG Resolution. Council Member Zachary Martin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS:** Council Member Earl H. Parris congratulated the Department Heads on the job they are doing.

**ADJOURN:** Mayor Harvey asked if there was any other business to be discussed with no further discussion to be held at this time, Mayor Pro Tem Lloyd "Buddy" Windle made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and carried unanimously.

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**HARRY HARVEY-MAYOR**

Attest:

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**ANGIE WHITE-CITY CLERK**