



**CITY OF SUMMerville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 8, 2019
5 PM**

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

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 were City Manager Janice Galloway and City Attorney Albert Palmour.

INVOCATION: Mayor Harry Harvey gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member David Ford led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA: Mayor Harvey asked if there are any changes needed to the meeting agenda. With no changes requested, Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Council Member Earl H. Parris seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

WELCOME: Mayor Harvey welcomed everyone to the April Regular Council Meeting. Mayor Harvey requested visitors sign in listing name, address, and the reason for attending. Mayor Harvey requested visitors limit their comments to three to five minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Harvey gave the following announcements:

- Several upcoming April and May events
- Project updates forthcoming from staff members
- May Council Meeting will be held the second Monday

Mayor Harvey encouraged everyone to attend the activities and meetings

VISITORS

ZACH HUGHES: Council Member Earl H. Parris stated Zach was in traffic. Mayor Harvey stated if he is able to attend, he can speak at the end of the meeting.

CAROL BRIDGES: Ms. Bridges addressed the Mayor and Council stating she is attending the meeting to discuss parking on E. Washington St. Ms. Bridges explained the parking in front of her business has been cut from twelve parking spaces to three parallel spots, due to the Streetscape project. Ms. Bridges stated three spaces is not enough parking for three potential businesses. Ms. Bridges stated the beauty of the city is wonderful, but the needs of business owners are more important. Ms. Bridges requested the Mayor and Council review the plans and the parking situation and reconsider cutting these spaces. Mayor Harvey explained the city is looking at different options for parking, but the current plans only allow three parallel parking spots, in the front of the building. Mayor Harvey explained the parking situation can be reviewed, but he cannot guarantee there will be changes. Ms. Bridges stated there should have been a meeting with property owners to discuss the design. Ms. Bridges stated the property behind the building is her private property with a 20 ft common alley. Council Member Earl H. Parris asked Ms. Bridges was she contacted when the concept originated. Ms. Bridges stated "No."

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CAROL BRIDGES CONT: Mayor Harvey thanked Ms. Bridges for attending, and stated staff would review and discuss what could be done, and someone would be in contact with her.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

MAIN STREET: Mayor Harvey requested Susan Locklear provide her report of Main Street activities. Susan highlighted some of the activities on the report submitted to the Mayor and Council of activities, meetings, and planning sessions, she attended during the month. Susan stated Spring Market was a success, with 84 vendors. Susan noted tickets are on sale for Ladies Night Out that will be held in May. Susan explained Coke is willing to pay for a Mural in Downtown Summerville. Susan explained the Mural would say "Welcome to Summerville, Drink Coca Cola, and the Mural would be located on an Economy Street building, owned by Tim Evans. Susan explained Mr. Evans is in favor of the Mural, and approval was given in May of 2018 by Council for a Mural to be placed on this building. Susan reviewed upcoming events in April and May. Susan's report becomes part of these minutes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Mayor Harvey requested Joey Norton to provide the Code Enforcement Report. Joey reported during the month of March, 19 permits were sold, \$56,852 in work was performed, and \$883 was collected in permit fees. Joey stated he has started 10 new property maintenance cases, and work continues on ongoing cases. A copy of Joey's report becomes part of these minutes.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT: Mayor Harvey requested Jason Green to provide the Water Treatment Plant report. Jason reviewed the work performed at Raccoon Creek, Lowe Springs and the Distribution Plant for the month. Jason noted the monthly safety topic was texting and working, don't mix. Jason stated 5.53 inches of rain was recorded at the Distribution Plant for March. A copy of the Water Treatment Plant report becomes part of these minutes.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: Mayor Harvey asked Chris Tuggle to review the monthly report for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Chris reviewed the report submitted listing all work performed during the month of March at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Chris reported four of six operators at the plant attended training classes for recertification during the month. Chris noted the monthly safety topic was vehicle safety. A copy of Chris' report is attached and becomes part of these minutes.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mayor Harvey requested Terry Tinney present the Public Works report. Terry reviewed work performed by Street, Water, and Gas Department staff during March. Terry reported the 2016 CDBG was complete, Streetscape is 75% complete, 2019 LMIG is 50 % complete, and work has resumed at the chert pit. Terry's report is part of these minutes.

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT: Mayor Harvey requested Bo Chamlee provide the monthly report for the Recreation Department. Bo explained the softball/baseball season always kicks off with the Annual Santa in Uniform Tournament. Bo stated 31 teams are participating in the tournament this year, and the regular season games will begin April 15, with 60 teams participating, with 304 regular games scheduled for the season. Bo reported the floors at the Scout Hut are complete. Bo stated Terry's department completed the plumbing, a new range had been donated by Roper, a new refrigerator will be installed, and it would be available for rent beginning April, 22. Bo's report is part of these minutes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Mayor Harvey requested Chief Stan Mosley to present the monthly report for the Police Department and Probation. Chief Mosley reported the following; 3,602 miles were patrolled, 24 inmates housed, 153 citations issued, 12 accident reports, 74 incident reports, and \$9,170 in funds were collected at the Police Department. \$12,239 was collected in City Court fees and \$8,478 for State Court fees. A copy of these reports becomes part of the minutes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Mayor Harvey requested Fire Chief Robbie Lathem to present the monthly Fire Department report to Mayor and Council. Robbie reviewed each of the 81 calls the Summerville Fire Department responded to during the month of March. Robbie reported the department had four training nights for a total of 126 hours. Robbie reported he attended Fire Chief, two and three classes, for 16 credit hours. Robbie stated the department provided Trion Pre-K with a station tour, also Redmond EMS and Summerville Police Department were on site as well for the tour. Robbie reported eleven smoke detectors were distributed to local families. A copy of Robbie's report becomes part of these minutes.

CITY MANAGER: Mayor Harvey requested City Manager Janice Galloway provide her monthly report. City Manager Galloway reported expenses for March as \$1,511,266.69 and revenue of \$1,146,217.41. Janice reported the operating account balance at the end of March was \$.

Janice reported a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting was held April 5, and the Officers and Committees are;

OFFICERS:

- Barry Hurley-Chairman
- Todd Kingsolver – Assistant Chairman
- Ashley Mason Keilborn- Secretary
- Connie Howard- Treasurer

COMMITTEES:

Design:

- Ashley Mason Keilborn
- Beth Kingsolver

Promotions:

- Earl H. Parris
- Richard Lindsey

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COMMITTEES CONT:

Economic Restructuring:

- Barry Hurley
- Connie Howard

Outreach Committee:

- John Sterner

A copy of the financial report becomes part of these minutes.

Council Member asked Chief Robbie Lathem how the Public Safety Day went. Robbie stated there was a good turn out and had two helicopters participating.

NEW BUSINESS

MINUTES: Mayor Harvey stated approval is needed for the minutes of the March Regular Council Meeting and the Special Called Meeting. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OATH OF OFFICE – DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA) BOARD MEMBERS: Mayor Harvey explained he would like for the Board to come to the front when their name is called to administer the Oath of Office and sign the Oath of Office provided by City Clerk Angie White after they are sworn in. Mayor Harvey read the Oath of Office provided for the DDA Board Members. Mayor Harvey thanked the members for serving. A copy of the Oath of Office for each member is attached.

OATH OF OFFICE – MAIN STREET BOARD MEMBERS: Mayor Harvey requested the Main Street Board of Directors come up when their name is called. Mayor Harvey requested after the Oath of Office is given they sign the Oath of Office provided by City Clerk White. Mayor Harvey thanked the members for their service. Mayor Harvey read the Oath of Office provided for the Main Street Board Members. A copy of the Oath of Office for each member is attached.

2019 MGAG VOTING DELEGATE: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to approve Terry Tinney as the 2019 voting delegate, on the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia's (MGAG) Election Committee, and Ricky Dover as an alternate. Council Member David Ford asked if all the delegates are from the gas department. Terry stated "No." Council Member Earl H. Parris made a motion to approve Terry Tinney as the 2019 voting delegate on the MGAG Election committee and Ricky Dover as an alternate. Council Member Zachary Martin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

HUSQVARNA MOWER- WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Janice Galloway and Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Chris Tuggle to provide more information on this item. Janice explained Chris had received two quotes for the mower purchase, and the recommendation was to buy locally from North Georgia Equipment Sales. Council Member David Ford made a motion to purchase a Husqvarna zero turn mower from North Georgia Equipment in the amount of \$6,639.96. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT- AERATOR: Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Janice Galloway and Chris Tuggle to provide information concerning the purchase of a new aerator. Chris explained the aerator's that are currently in use are out of date and need to be replaced. Chris recommended purchasing a new aerator instead of repairing the old one, because of the age. Council Member Earl H. Parris asked how it would be paid for. Chris stated "Either maintenance and materials or SPLOST." Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the purchase of an aerator from Aerator Solutions in the amount of \$12,500. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Harvey explained changes have been made to the Animal Control Ordinance, and language has been added. Mayor Harvey stated at this time a Public Hearing will be held to allow concerns or questions.

PUBLIC HEARING-AMENDED ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE: Mayor Harvey opened the Public Hearing for the Amended Animal Control Ordinance. Mayor Harvey reviewed the changes made to the previous Ordinance, including language regarding dangerous or vicious dogs. Mayor Harvey advised the audience the Ordinance was available for review. Mayor Harvey asked for questions or concerns from the audience. A sample copy of the Ordinance is attached and becomes part of the minutes.

DONNA DANIEL: Ms. Daniel voiced her concerns about tethering, stating she would like to see no tethering allowed in the city. Ms. Daniel stated she was in agreement with the vicious dog language. Ms. Daniel stated her pets are like her family, and she feels like tethering is a form of animal cruelty. Ms. Daniel provided issues that could arise from tethering a dog.

CHARLES BENNETT: Mr. Bennett stated he is for tethering if people will care for the dog. Mr. Bennett stated dogs can survive in cold weather, and asked who would be enforcing this Ordinance.

SUSAN MARKS: Ms. Marks explained she had reviewed the Georgia Statute concerning tethering of animals, and questioned the statutes in the law vs the Ordinance provided. Mayor Harvey explained changes have been made to be in compliance with Georgia Law. City Attorney Palmour stated the law was changed on tethering in 2012.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: Mayor Harvey stated if no other comments or questions concerning the Amended Animal Ordinance, the Public Hearing is closed.

FIRST READING-AMENDED ANIMAL ORDINANCE: Mayor Harvey read the Amended Animal Ordinance, reviewing changes that had been made, including language and definitions. Mayor Harvey explained items such as microchip reader was added to bring the Ordinance up to date. Mayor Harvey stated penalties and violations have been added. Mayor Harvey noted most of the changes are to bring the Ordinance into compliance with state laws. Mayor Harvey stated the Ordinance is available for public review. Mayor Harvey stated the Second Reading and adoption would take place at the May Council Meeting.

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ZACH HUGHES: Mayor Harvey asked Zach Hughes to speak at this time regarding the Chattooga County Fair. Zach explained he had provided a letter for Mayor and Council with sponsorship information for the Chattooga County Fair. Zach stated the Fair will be held August 22 through 25, and the entertainment has not been announced at this time. Council Member Earl H. Parris asked how many attended the fair last year. Zach stated a little over 10,000, including exhibitors. Council Member Parris asked if the Summerville Fire Department would participate in parking cars for this event. Chief Robbie Lathem explained Jamie Dawson schedules the departments to assist in parking. Council Member Parris asked how much money is returned to the fire departments, and how much was returned last year to the departments. Zach explained each participating department receives \$25 per man hour, and \$9,500 was returned to the participating departments last year. Mayor Harvey encouraged Council to review the information, and the city should promote this event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-OPEN: Mayor Harvey stated an Executive Session is needed to discuss possible litigation and land sales. Council Member David Ford made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING CLOSED AT 6:16 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-CLOSED: Mayor Harvey stated the Executive Session is now closed.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RE-OPENED AT 6:39 P.M.

Mayor Harvey stated no action was taken in the Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Harvey asked for public comments.

DONNA DANIEL: Ms. Daniel asked for a status update on Pine Hill Apartments. City Attorney Palmour stated a hearing was held, but he did not conduct the hearing but thought there was a condemnation order. City Attorney Palmour stated he would email Ms. Daniel the order and the Animal Ordinance. Ms. Daniel asked if there was anything she could do to move it along. City Attorney Palmour explained a compliance date and court date would be provided on the order, and she could come to court the on the court date.

ADJOURN: With all business concluded, Mayor Pro Tem Lloyd "Buddy" Windle made a motion to adjourn, Council Member Joe Money, Jr seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

HARRY HARVEY – MAYOR

Attest:

ANGIE WHITE – CITY CLERK