



**CITY OF SUMMERVILLE
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2019
5:00 PM**



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

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

INVOCATION: Mayor Harvey gave the invocation.

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

AGENDA: Mayor Harvey asked if there were any changes needed to the agenda. There were no requests to change the agenda. Council Member Earl Parris made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr. and carried unanimously.

WELCOME: Mayor Harry Harvey welcomed everyone to the special called council meeting. Mayor Harvey asked that all visitors sign in listing their name, address, and reason for attending the meeting. Mayor Harvey explained that everyone will be given an opportunity to address the Council now and again at the end of the meeting. Mayor Harvey requested that anyone addressing the Council limit their comments to three minutes each. Mayor Harvey asked if anyone wanted to address the Council at this time. No requests to speak were voiced at this time.

Mayor Harvey announced there are many events coming up between October and Christmas. Sum Nelly will be October 5, 2019, which is the premier event of the season. Mayor Harvey also mentioned the municipal elections on November 5, 2019. Also, the Census Count 2020 committee needs volunteers. Mayor Harvey urged anyone interested to please let him know.

CITY MANAGER: City Manager Janice Galloway presented the financial information. The Operating account balance was \$1,770,671.30, and the total bank balance was \$3,780,346.37. Ms. Galloway invited everyone to Customer Appreciation Day on October 1, 2019. Ms. Galloway also stated the wastewater treatment plant is under a consent order.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Mayor Harvey asked Public Works and Utilities Director Terry Tinney to explain the smoke testing the City recently conducted. Mr. Tinney stated the Georgia Rural Water Association (GRWA) smoke tested for four days. The testing covered about 1/5 of the City's sewer system. The testing started in Pennville and followed the main trunk line. Several major issues were found. Nine out of ten manholes along Henry Branch are taking on water. Mr. Tinney detailed some of the areas of concern. Council Member Earl Parris asked if the list was representative of the whole system. Terry Tinney explained, the areas tested were not residential, so the issues would probably double. A list from GRWA is attached and becomes a part of these minutes.

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SOLID WASTE CONTRACT - EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019: Mayor Harvey stated the City received two bids for solid waste services, Wright's Sanitation and Santek. Mayor Harvey asked the City Manager to go over the bids. Ms. Galloway explained there was less than \$200 difference in the two bids, and her recommendation was to stay with Wright's Sanitation.

Mayor Harvey stated he had looked at the bids, and he also recommended Wright's Sanitation. However, no matter which provider the City selects, there will need to be a rate increase due to the increase in cost to the City.

A representative from Santek requested to speak. Kenny Fuquea stated he would like to bring it to the Mayor and Council's attention that Santek would provide new carts, which would increase the look of the City and make it easier for customers to get the cans to the road. Mr. Kenny Fuquea added that Santek's commercial rates are low. Council Member Earl Parris thanked Santek and made a motion to approve Wright's Sanitation, the local company, as the solid waste provider for a contract of three years effective October 1, 2019. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and carried unanimously.

CARTER AND SLOOPE AS ENGINEERS OF RECORD FOR A TWO YEAR PERIOD: Mayor Harvey explained, one of the things the City is looking at right now is being under a consent order. There will be things coming up, and it would be easier if Carter and Sloope were on record. City Manager Galloway stated the City has until November 1, 2019, to have the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to the EPD. Then, the City will need to have the items listed on the plan completed within two years. City Attorney Albert Palmour interjected, the City needed to negotiate the CAP to prevent submitting a plan the City is unable to complete. Mayor Harvey stated Carter and Sloope have addressed submitting a plan the City could complete with future plans to further upgrade the system. Council Member Joe Money, Jr made a motion to appoint Carter and Sloope as the engineers of record for a period of two years. The motion was seconded by Council Member Parris and carried unanimously.

PRE-APPLICATION TO GEFA FOR REPAIR OF COLLECTION LINES AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: Mayor Harvey expressed to the Council the need to begin working on the pre-application as part of the City's Corrective Action Plan. The cost of preparing the pre-app would be \$2,500. Terry Tinney explained the pre-application would include the environmental clearance. Council Member Parris pointed out he was happy with the presentation Carter and Sloope had made, and Tom and Chad presented a good plan. Council Member Earl Parris made a motion to authorize Carter and Sloope to submit a GEFA pre-application for a fee of \$2,500. The motion was seconded by Council Member Martin and carried unanimously.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: Mayor Harvey explained the consent order had already been mentioned and the Corrective Action Plan is due November 1, 2019. Carter and Sloope would prepare the plan for a fee not to exceed \$8,000. Council Member Earl Parris made a motion to authorize Carter and Sloope to submit a Corrective Action Plan to the EPD in response to the consent order in an amount not to exceed \$8,000. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr. and carried unanimously.

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VISION COVERAGE ADDITION: Mayor Harvey stated the City received the declaration for health insurance, and there was no rate increase. The recommendation is we offer the vision with employees paying if they elect the coverage. City Manager Galloway explained the vision coverage would be \$9.00 per month, and there was no rate increase this year. Mayor Harvey recommended the addition of vision insurance for the employee to cover the cost if elected. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to add vision coverage to be paid by employees. The motion was seconded by Council Member Parris and carried unanimously.

GMEBS LIFE AND HEALTH PROGRAM EMPLOYER DECLARATION AND APPLICATION: Mayor Harvey mentioned the City offers insurance and there was no rate increase this year. Mayor Harvey stated he felt there is a need to look at what the City offers and what is paid. There may be some things the City can do to save money. Insurance is expensive, and Mayor Harvey voiced that the employee percentage is lower than the average. Council Member Earl Parris made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the GMEBS Life and Health Program Employer Declaration and Application for Health, Dental, and Vision benefits. The motion was seconded by Council Member Martin and carried unanimously.

SET DATE FOR PLANNING SESSION: Mayor Harvey stated the City would be working on the mid-year budget soon, and it would be a good time for a planning session. There are priorities that need to be set and discussion needed on infrastructure and insurance needs. November 18, 2019, was set for the tentative date. No action was taken. The Mayor will call a meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSS PERSONNEL: Mayor Harvey stated the next item on the agenda was an executive session to discuss personnel. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Martin and carried unanimously.

Mayor Harvey called the meeting back to order and announced no action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Harry Harvey asked if there were any comments from the public. Jason Espy with *The Summerville News* asked if there were any updates on Badger Meter. City Manager Galloway declared there was not. City Attorney Palmour stated the City was prepared to file a lawsuit. Mr. Espy asked if there was trouble finding replacement meters. Mr. Palmour responded that the last he heard Badger was looking for a fix. Council Member Parris stated a letter was sent from Badger concerning the warranty.

Mr. Espy asked if the City is pursuing the Montgomery Knitting Mill property. City Manager Janice Galloway explained the City is applying for a grant, and there is a kick-off meeting on November 6, 2019.

ADJOURN: All current business having been concluded, Mayor Pro-Tem Windle made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Earl Parris and carried unanimously.

HARRY HARVEY – MAYOR

Attest:

CARLA RUTLEDGE – ACTING CLERK