



**CITY OF SUMMerville
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
APRIL 14, 2020
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CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Harvey called the teleconference meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Harry Harvey gave roll call. Council Members David Ford, Kristy L. Dennis, Joe Money, Jr., and Mayor Pro Tem 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 stated he would like to add public comments to the agenda at the end of the meeting, to allow any participants attending the teleconference meeting to address any questions, comments, or concerns.

Mayor Harvey reviewed the current State of Emergency in place, including:

- Shelter in Place due to COVID-19 effective April 3rd to April 30th
- Public Health Order due to COVID-19 until May 13th
- Water Advisory for the City of Summerville water customers

Mayor Harvey asked if any other changes are needed to the meeting agenda. With no other changes requested, Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of public comments at the end of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr., and carried unanimously.

WELCOME: Mayor Harvey welcomed everyone to the regular council meeting that is being held by teleconference due to COVID-19.

Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Janice Galloway to provide the monthly financial report. City Manager Galloway reported a month-end balance of \$2,910,050,59 in the operating account. City Manager Galloway reviewed the monthly expenditures and revenues.

NEW BUSINESS

MINUTES: Mayor Harvey stated approval is needed for the previous meeting minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Council Member David Ford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

BID OPENING-ARC GRANT WALKING TRAIL PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE REBID: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is the bid opening for the walking trail pedestrian bridge project. Mayor Harvey requested Chad Sipe with Carter & Sloope to provide additional information and open bids. Chad explained Excellere Construction and Integrated Construction submitted bids for the project.

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REBID CONT: Chad reviewed the first bid from Excellere Construction, noting they had a ten percent bid bond from the Westfield Insurance Group with a base bid of \$111,700.00. Chad reviewed the second bid from Integrated Construction, noting they also had a ten percent bid bond from Great American Insurance Company, with a base bid of \$208,591.50. Chad stated he would review the bid tabulations and prepare a recommendation of award for the city to review. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked how much was budgeted for the project. Chad stated, "\$115,000 was budgeted for construction and contingencies for construction." Chad noted the bids include the price for the bridge, which is roughly \$34,000.

PAYMENT APPROVAL: Mayor Harvey stated the next items for consideration are payments to the following:

CHATTOOGA COUNTY WATER: Mayor Harvey explained approval is needed for a payment of \$15,530.86 to Chattooga County Water for well #7 water usage. Mayor Harvey noted this water is used to supplement the City of Summerville's water supply. Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Janice Galloway to provide additional information on this item. City Manager Janice Galloway explained the city is currently blending water from Lowe Springs and Chattooga County well #7 to expand the service area to as many city customers as possible. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked if this would be a monthly bill for the next year. Mayor Harvey stated, "Probably, for a while." Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin asked if the city was receiving a discount on the water that is being purchased. Janice responded, stating the county rate is very reasonable. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to approve payment of \$15,530.86 to Chattooga County Water. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kristy L. Dennis and carried unanimously.

TOWN OF TRION: Mayor Harvey stated approval is needed for payment to the Town of Trion in the amount of \$16,605.36 for Hays State Prison water consumption. Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Janice Galloway if any other areas are serviced by the Town of Trion water. City Manager Janice Galloway stated, "No, it is for Hays State Prison only." Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked if the city is reimbursed by the Department of Corrections. City Manager Galloway explained the city has a contract with the Department of Corrections to provide water. However, she is looking into the possibility of the Department of Corrections reimbursing the city the difference; the Town of Trion is charging the City of Summerville, compared to the rate the city is billing the Department of Corrections. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked if the city is having to pay the difference between the Town of Trion's rate and the city's rate. City Manager Janice Galloway stated, "That is correct." Council Member Kristy L. Dennis asked if we know what the difference is between the two. City Manager Janice Galloway stated, "Yes, we know." Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked what the difference is between the Town of Trion rate and the City of Summerville rate. City Manager Janice Galloway explained the city's average rate is \$3.89, and Trion is charging the city \$5.00 per thousand. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked what the difference would be a month. City Manager Janice Galloway stated, "Their usage varies monthly." Mayor Harvey recommended discussing the contract with City Attorney Palmour. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked if a new contract had been negotiated since the beginning of the water advisory.

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TOWN OF TRION CONT: City Attorney Palmour explained it is his understanding; the city is to offer Hays the lowest commercial rate. Council Member Kristy L. Dennis made a motion to pay the Town of Trion \$16,605.36 for Hays State Prison water consumption. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr., and carried unanimously.

AQUA AEROBIC SYSTEMS -50 HP AERATOR: Mayor Harvey stated the next item for consideration is the purchase of a new 50HP aerator from Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc. for the wastewater treatment plant in the amount of \$18,955, to be paid out of maintenance and materials. Council Member David Ford asked if there are different grades of aerators. City Manager Janice Galloway explained this is the largest aerator, and some of the chemicals the plant treats damages the aerators. Council Member Kristy L. Dennis asked how many aerators are working at one time. City Manager Janice Galloway replied, probably six or eight. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the purchase of a 50HP aerator from Aqua-Aerobic Systems in for \$18,955 for the wastewater treatment plant to be paid out of maintenance and materials. Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION- SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION: Mayor Harvey explained the Secretary of State rescheduled the date for the Municipal Special Election, from April 24, 2020, to June 9, 2020, due to COVID-19. Mayor Harvey read the Resolution and reviewed the dates absentee, and advanced voting would be held, and noted all absentee and advanced votes already received would be counted. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the Resolution to reschedule the Municipal Election to June 9, 2020. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr., and carried unanimously.

SOUTHEASTERN NATURAL GAS, SERVICES: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is approve payment to Southeastern Natural Gas Services, Rome, Ga for a rock bore due to a leak on an 8-inch gas main, located under the East Rome Bypass, for \$46,200. Mayor Harvey noted this amount would be split between The City of Summerville, Town of Trion, and the City of Lafayette. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve payment of \$46,200 to Southeastern Natural Gas, Services for a rock bore under the East Rome Bypass. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kristy L. Dennis and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Harvey asked for public comments.

JASON ESPY: Jason Espy with *The Summerville News* asked if Trey could email him the first part of the teleconference meeting. Trey stated., "Yes, we can provide a copy of the meeting."

Jason asked if the city is paying more to the Town of Trion, for water to Hays State Prison than the city is charging the prison. Mayor Harvey stated, "Yes." Jason asked if the payment to the Town of Trion is exclusively the amount for the prison. City Manager Janice Galloway stated, "The prison system is the only one on the Town of Trion's water system."

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JASON ESPY CONT: Jason asked if the water in the Dickeyville Rd, Reed St, and McMillian area is still clear of contaminants since the water from Trion is going directly to the prison. City Manager Janice Galloway explained the customers in the Dickeyville Rd area is blended with Chattooga County Water well #7 and Lowe Springs, so the customers in that area are not affected by the water serving Hays State Prison from the Town of Trion. Jason asked what Chattooga County is charging the city vs. the Town of Trion. City Manager Janice Galloway explained the county is charging the city \$1.72 per thousand, and the Town of Trion is charging \$5.00 per thousand, Janice noted the Town of Trion has a different rate structure. Jason asked how many advance/absentee voters have voted. City Clerk Angie White stated, "32 or 33."

Mayor Harvey encouraged anyone if they have questions or concerns to please send them to City Manager Janice Galloway or City Clerk Angie White. Mayor Harvey reminded everyone to continue social distancing and stay safe. Mayor Harvey thanked all of the essential workers.

ADJOURN: With all business concluded, Council Member David Ford made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Kristy L. Dennis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The teleconference meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

HARRY HARVEY – MAYOR

Attest:

ANGIE WHITE – CITY CLERK