



**CITY OF SUMMERVILLE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JUNE 15, 2020
5 P.M.**

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

Mayor Harvey stated CDC guidelines are being followed for the meeting. Mayor Harvey noted mask is not required in city hall, but it is encouraged. Mayor Harvey requested everyone to remove their mask when speaking.

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. City Manager Janice Galloway and City Attorney Albert Palmour were absent.

INVOCATION: Mayor Harry Harvey gave the invocation.

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

AGENDA: Mayor Harvey asked if any changes are needed to the meeting agenda. With no changes requested, Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr., and carried unanimously.

WELCOME: Mayor Harvey welcomed everyone to the special called meeting. Mayor Harvey offered the opportunity for visitors attending the meeting in person and online to ask questions or address concerns. No questions or concerns were addressed. Mayor Harvey stated a special called meeting would be held on June 22, 2020, for the second reading and adoption of the FY 2020-2021 budget. Mayor Harvey announced city hall and city buildings reopened today with guidelines for social distancing. Mayor Harvey stated no activities are scheduled at the Depot, but cleaning and sanitizing options are being sought.

CITY MANAGER: City Manager Janice Galloway explained city hall reopened today, and reviewed the guidelines the employees are following to ensure their safety and customer safety. City Manager Galloway noted mask is not mandatory for customers entering city hall, but it is encouraged. City Manager Galloway reported the balance in the operating account as \$2,950,214.93 as of this date.

OLD BUSINESS

PYRO SHOWS, INC. – Mayor Harvey stated the first item of old business is the approve the payment of \$7499.50 to Pyro Shows, Inc for the fireworks display at the Chattooga County Ag Fair to be held on Saturday, August 29, 2020. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to approve payment of \$7499.50 to Pyro Shows, Inc. Council Member Kristy L. Dennis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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MECHANIC AND MAINTENANCE WORK BID: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of old business is to consider awarding the annual bid for mechanic and maintenance work of city vehicles to Trucktown, Inc., DBA Trucktown Service, LLC. Mayor Harvey noted Trucktown is the current provider. Mayor Harvey requested City Manager Janice Galloway to provide more information on this item. City Manager Galloway explained Trucktown is good about providing a vehicle if the city vehicles need repair, and she is not aware of any problems with their work on the regular fleet of vehicles. City Manager Galloway stated the bid amount for the yearly maintenance is \$29,500. Council Member David Ford made a motion to award the annual contract for mechanic and maintenance work of city vehicles to Trucktown, Inc., DBA Trucktown Service, LLC, in the amount of \$29,500. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin and carried unanimously.

OIL CHANGE BID: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to consider awarding the oil change bid to White's Alignment. Mayor Harvey noted White's is the current provider. Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Janice Galloway to provide more information on this item. City Manager Galloway explained the bid is broke down based on the amount and type of oil the vehicle requires. Council Member David Ford made a motion to award the oil change bid to White's Alignment as the service provider for oil changes on city vehicles. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 2020-2021 BUDGET: Mayor Harvey stated the first item of new business is the first reading and public hearing of the FY 2020-2021 budget. Mayor Harvey explained the major change in the budget is the water rate increase, which will also affect the sewer. Mayor Harvey explained advertisements had been published. Mayor Harvey reviewed the proposed water rate changes, including minimum usage, inside and outside rates. Mayor Harvey explained no changes were made to the fee schedule. Mayor Harvey noted a full-time IT position is also included in the budget. Mayor Harvey explained if any major changes are made to the categories in the budget after the first reading, the budget will need to be readvertised.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Harvey opened the public hearing for comments, questions, or concerns. Mayor Harvey asked if any online attendees would like to address the Mayor and Council. No comments, questions, or concerns were addressed by the public, online attendees, or Council. Mayor Harvey closed the public hearing.

FIRST READING - FY 2020-2021 BUDGET: Mayor Harvey reviewed the proposed revenues and expenditures of \$17,587,741.83. Mayor Harvey read the Ordinance to adopt the FY 2020-2021 Budget. Mayor Harvey stated the second reading and adoption of the budget is scheduled for June 22, 2020. A copy of the Ordinance is attached.

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GAS SUPPLY CONTRACT: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is the first reading of the Gas Supply Contract and Supplemental Contract (Gas Portfolio V Project) between the Gas Authority and the City of Summerville Ordinance. Mayor Harvey explained the Gas Authority contracts for the city, and the gas contract is periodically changed and renewed.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Harvey opened the public hearing for comments, questions, or concerns. Mayor Harvey offered the opportunity for online attendees to address the Mayor and Council. No questions, comments, or concerns were addressed by the public. Mayor Harvey closed the public hearing.

FIRST READING - GAS SUPPLY CONTRACT ORDINANCE: Mayor Harvey read the Gas Supply Contract and Supplemental Contract (Gas Portfolio V Project) between the Gas Authority and the City of Summerville Ordinance. Mayor Harvey stated the second reading and adoption would take place at the next meeting on Monday, June 22, 2020.

A & S ENVIRONMENTAL: Mayor Harvey stated approval is needed for payment to A & S Environmental in the amount of \$6,893.25 for monitoring of test well drilling and preliminary water chemistry. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to approve payment of \$6,893.25 to A & S Environmental. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin and carried unanimously.

HAND SERVICE COMPANY: Mayor Harvey explained approval is needed for payment to Hand Service Company in the amount of \$48,769 for work completed at the Gamble Springs test well site. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve payment for \$48,769 to Hand Service Company. Council Member Kristy L. Dennis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Janice Galloway to review the next steps with the drilling of test wells. City Manager Galloway explained once the reports come in, the Council would decide how to proceed with the drilling. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked how many times Raccoon Creek has been tested since the initial test in November by the EPD. City Manager Galloway responded, stating the EPD has not tested the creek again, but the city has tested it twice, and it was still in the same range as the first time.

MAYOR'S VETO: Mayor Harvey explained the Council approved a salary increase for a recreation department employee at a previous meeting on June 2, 2020. Mayor Harvey stated raises are not in the budget this year due to increased expenses; however, a probation officer would be getting an increase due to an employee leaving and her assuming both job duties. Mayor Harvey explained he issued a veto and proceeded to read the veto letter concerning the pay increase. Mayor Harvey asked for discussion from Council. Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin asked if the raise was included in the budget. City Manager Janice Galloway stated, "It would be taken from another line item in the recreation budget." Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin asked what the employee job duties include. Recreation Department Supervisor Bo Chamlee explained he is responsible for planning and scheduling daily and weekly activities, and maintenance work. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked if the employee does maintenance on the mowers. Bo stated, "Yes, and the employee is capable of doing carpentry and plumbing."

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MAYOR'S VETO CONT: Council Member Kristy L. Dennis asked if the responsibility of the employee had increased. Bo stated, "Yes." Mayor Harvey explained other employees' had responsibilities that increased. Mayor Harvey stated every employee deserves a raise, but budget constraints should be considered. Mayor Harvey stated the increase should be at the recommendation of the City Manager, and neither he nor the City Manager is recommending the pay increase. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. questioned why you would give one employee a raise, but not the other employee. Mayor Harvey explained the job title changed for the probation officer, but if the Council has objections, then the increase for the probation officer can be looked at. Mayor Harvey explained the increase for probation is a \$1.00-hour increase, and the recreation department employee would be a \$1.80-hour increase. Council Member Kristy L. Dennis stated probation is a necessity, and she sees first hand what the probation officer does. Council Member David Ford asked if it would be possible to decrease the amount by four steps. Mayor Harvey cautioned Council that no other employee is getting a pay increase. Council Member Kristy L. Dennis stated this was brought before Council at the first of the year, and she wished it could have been discussed before it came to this. Mayor Harvey explained at mid-year it was to make the employee a supervisor. Bo explained he requested a job description change at mid-year for the employee, but during the regular budget, he requested step increases instead. Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin asked if the employee has been given a raise since his employment began. Bo stated, "Yes, a small one." Mayor Harvey responded, stating everyone received a raise last year, and some employees received a substantial raise. City Manager Janice Galloway commented the raise he received previously was to bring him in line with other employees. Council Member Kristy L. Dennis stated she doesn't think the raise should be what was previously approved, but he does need some type of compensation. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked if the Council needs to override the veto. Mayor Harvey stated, "Yes, and if you override the veto, it will have to be voted on again." Mayor Harvey asked City Attorney Albert Palmour if he could veto again. City Attorney Palmour explained if Council chooses to override the veto, they can make a recommendation to be less than the stated raise, but if they recommend more than the raise approved, then you could veto again. Mayor Harvey asked for recommendations from the Council. City Manager Janice Galloway explained her concern is at the suggested seven-step increase the recreation employee would be making more than other employees that have more years of service and doing the same type of work in other departments. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to override Mayor Harry Harvey's veto and drop the previously approved pay increase for the recreation department employee from a seven-step increase to a three-step increase. Council Member David Ford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Harvey asked for public comments from online participants and visitors attending the meeting.

JASON ESPY: Jason Espy with *The Summerville News* asked if any employee is in their true, correct spot in the pay scale. Mayor Harvey stated, "Yes, most of them are in their true, correct spot."

ADJOURN: With no other questions or concerns, Council Member David Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting, The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr, and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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HARRY HARVEY – MAYOR

Attest:

ANGIE WHITE – CITY CLERK