



**CITY OF SUMMERVILLE  
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 29, 2020  
5:00 PM**



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

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Harvey gave roll call. Council Members David Ford, Dana Mosley, Kristy Dennis, and Zachary Martin were present. Also present was City Manager Janice Galloway and Attorney Albert Palmour. Council Member Joe Money Jr. was absent.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council Member Dana Mosley 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 David Ford made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kristy Dennis and carried unanimously.

**WELCOME:** Mayor Harry Harvey welcomed everyone to the special called council meeting, including those attending online. 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 the 4th of July holiday was coming up, and the next council meeting would be July 13, 2020.

**CITY MANAGER:** City Manager Janice Galloway presented the financial information. The Operating account balance was \$2,369,651.89.

**APPROVE R & W CONTRACTORS TO REPAIR KSB INFLUENT LIFT PUMP AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,415.80:** Mayor Harvey asked City Manager, Janice Galloway to explain more about the purchase. Ms. Galloway stated there are normally two pumps operational, but there is currently only one in operation. The influent lift pump needs to be repaired in order for there to be a backup. Council member David Ford asked if there was a backup. Ms. Galloway explained the pump that needs repairing serves as the backup. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve R & W Contractors to repair the KSB influent pump for WWTP in the amount of \$14,415.80. The motion was seconded by Council Member Zachary Martin and carried unanimously.

**APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR DEFERRAL OF \$158,641.68 IN GEFA LOAN PAYMENTS FOR SIX MONTHS:** Mayor Harvey stated due to Covid-19, the City would be able to defer GEFA loan payments. City Manager Galloway stated the payments would move to the end of the loan. Mayor Harvey asked about the interest during the deferral period. City Attorney, Albert Palmour stated there would be no interest during the six months.

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**APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR DEFERRAL OF \$158,641.68 IN GEFA LOAN PAYMENTS FOR SIX MONTHS CONTINUED:** Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the Resolution for deferral of \$158,641.68 in GEFA loan payments for six months. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mosley and carried unanimously.

**DECLARE A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF SUMMERSVILLE, DUE TO CHEMICAL CONTAMINATION OF OUR DRINKING WATER FROM OUR WITHDRAWAL POINT LOCATED AT RACCOON CREEK:** Mayor Harvey explained, in order to get loans and grants we need to declare a State of Emergency. The City is already under a few, but this is more specific. Mayor Harvey read the State of Emergency. Council Member David Ford made a motion to declare a local State of Emergency concerning the drinking water. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kristy Dennis and carried unanimously. Mayor Harvey stated the City is now under a local State of Emergency. A copy of the declaration is attached and becomes a part of the minutes.

**CONSIDER SELECTING CARTER & SLOOPE FOR UPCOMING PROJECTS PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS THAT ENDED IN OCTOBER 2019:** Mayor Harvey stated the City had used Carter and Sloope in the past, and they have done an excellent job. Chad Sipe explained, whenever federal funds are sought, procurement is required. If selected, this would be the closing chapter of procurement done in October 2019. Council Member David Ford made a motion to select Carter and Sloope for upcoming projects pursuant to the request for qualifications completed in October 2019. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dana Mosley and carried unanimously.

**REVIEW EPD GUIDELINES RECEIVED FROM CARTER AND SLOOPE REGARDING 16-INCH WATER LINE TO BE LOCATED ON FILTER PLANT RD:** Mayor Harvey asked the City Manager to give an explanation. City Manager Galloway stated basically EPD said the City could proceed with the line, but we cannot put water in the line, which is understandable. No water can be put into the line at this point anyway. Chad Sipe, with Carter and Sloope, explained that Phase 1 was the test wells, Phase 2 is funding. In order to fund the project, the City has applied for a USDA grant. Phase 3 is the transmission line, which is what Terry will get started on soon and will tie into item F on the agenda. We wanted to get EPD approval ahead of time. EPD gave an act of good faith, stating work could be started under the emergency declaration. Mr. Sipe emphasized to Council, City's that can do this type of work in house are amazing. Not many places can do a job this big, and it will save the City a ton of money. No action was taken.

**CONSIDER APPROVING CARTER AND SLOOPE TO APPLY FOR A GEFA LOAN UP TO \$1,250,000.00 FOR A 16-INCH WATER LINE FROM THE WELLS TO THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT:** Mayor Harvey explained that applying for the GEFA loan would not mean the City would get the loan or be approved for it. If approved, the City might not use the full 1.25 million, or the City might need more. Council member Mosley asked if the USDA grant of one million dollars would go toward the loan if received. Chad Sipe, with Carter and Sloope, clarified that the million-dollar grant is for the permanent well and the GEFA loan is for the transmission line. Council Member David Ford asked when the City would know about receiving the money.

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**CONSIDER APPROVING CARTER AND SLOOPE TO APPLY FOR A GEFA LOAN UP TO \$1,250,000.00 FOR A 16-INCH WATER LINE FROM THE WELLS TO THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT CONTINUED:** Mr. Sipe stated the GEFA board would meet again in August 2020. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve Carter and Sloope to apply for a GEFA loan up to \$1,250,000.00 for a 16-inch water line from the wells to the water treatment plant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Zachary Martin and carried unanimously.

**APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 2,000 FT OF 16-INCH PIPE INCLUDING LINE MARKER FROM FERGUSON WATERWORKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,332 TO BE PAID FROM 2014 SPLOST (\$45,000) AND WATER MAINTENANCE AND MATERIALS (\$3,400):** City Manager Galloway stated Terry got four different quotes. Ferguson was the cheapest and will hold the price if the Council approves the purchase. City Attorney Palmour asked if the materials were posted on the procurement website. Mr. Sipe explained that due to the emergency, procurement was not required. Mayor Harvey asked if the price included shipping. Public Utilities Director, Terry Tinney stated the price did include shipping. Council Member David Ford made a motion to purchase 2,000 ft of 16-inch water pipe, including line marker, from Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$48,332 to be paid from 2014 SPLOST (\$45,000) and water maintenance and materials (\$3,400). The motion was seconded by Council Member Dana Mosley and carried unanimously.

**AUTHORIZE PUBLIC UTILITIES DIRECTOR TERRY TINNEY TO BEGIN WATER LINE CONSTRUCTION ON FILTER PLANT RD:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item on the agenda was to authorize Mr. Tinney to begin working on the transmission line construction. Mayor Harvey asked if Council had any questions or comments. Council Member Dana Mosley asked if Terry had enough help. Mr. Tinney indicated he did. Council Member David Ford made a motion to authorize Public Utilities Director Terry Tinney to begin water line construction on Filter Plant Rd. Council Member Dana Mosley seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – LITIGATION:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item on the agenda was an executive session to discuss litigation. Council Member Kristy Dennis made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ford and carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Harvey stated the City Attorney had a recommendation. Attorney Palmour explained the City received a claim on an arrest, and the City's insurance company requested we deny the claim, which we should. Council Member Kristy Dennis made a motion to deny the claim. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ford and carried unanimously.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mayor Harry Harvey asked if there were any comments from the public. Jason Espy, with *The Summerville News*, asked what the EPD's status was on the wells. Utilities Director Terry Tinney explained that most of the testing came back pretty good, and the rest should calm down. The water was a little high in turbidity and a few other non-issue items, but completely negative for PFAS or short-chain chemicals. EPD will not actually review the wells, though until a permanent well is submitted.

Mayor Harvey mentioned the City is moving on the water project and moving quickly.

**ADJOURN:** All current business having been concluded, Council Member Dennis made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dana Mosley and passed 3-1 with Council member Ford opposed.

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**HARRY HARVEY – MAYOR**

Attest:

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**CARLA RUTLEDGE – ACTING CLERK**