



**CITY OF SUMMERVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TELECONFERENCE MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2020
5 PM**

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

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

INVOCATION: Mayor Harvey gave the invocation.

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

AGENDA: Mayor Harvey asked if any changes are needed to the meeting agenda. Mayor Harvey requested the amount of \$63,000 be increased to \$72,500 on item (I) due to updated invoices received for pipe and fittings. With no other changes requested, Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with the change to item (I). The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Harvey gave the following announcements:

- The Census will end in September.
- The County Runoff Election will be held Tuesday, August 11, 2020.
- Please continue to practice social distancing, wear a mask, and practice good hygiene.
- Please notify city hall if you see road signs missing or potholes on city roads.
- The Chattooga County Comprehensive Plan may be extending the deadline from December 2020 to March 2021.

Mayor Harvey welcomed online visitors and asked if anyone would like to address the Mayor and Council with questions, comments, or concerns.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: Mayor Harvey stated the Council should have a copy of the departmental reports for the month. Mayor Harvey provided the monthly financial report in the absence of City Manager Janice Galloway. Mayor Harvey reported revenues as \$640,396.93 and expenditures of \$ 754,936.18. Mayor Harvey stated the balance in the operating account at month-end was \$2,406,041.86. The financial report and the departmental reports are attached and become part of the minutes.

Mayor Harvey asked for questions or comments from the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

FIREWORKS: Mayor Harvey stated the first item of old business is to set a new date for the fireworks. Mayor Harvey asked for discussion from the Council. Council Member Kristy L. Dennis asked if Parker Systems would be the one shooting the fireworks. Mayor Harvey stated, "Yes, we are checking on the dates." Council Member Dennis suggested checking with Parker to see if they are available. Mayor Harvey asked which date the Council prefers. Council Member David Ford and Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin suggested Saturday, September 5, 2020.

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FIREWORKS CONT: Council Member Kristy L. Dennis suggested Monday (Labor Day) since people are off on this day. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the following dates dependant upon which day Parker Systems is available to shoot the fireworks: Saturday, September 5, Friday, September 4, or Monday, September 6, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PURCHASE PROPERTY FOR WELL SITE #2: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to consider approving the purchase of the property for well site #2, test well #1. Mayor Harvey requested City Attorney Albert Palmour to provide more information on this item. City Attorney Palmour explained it is his understanding; the city is waiting on the survey from the engineers, so we will have the precise amount of acreage to purchase. City Attorney Palmour explained once the survey is received, he can prepare the deed and the document to send to the seller's legal team for approval. Mayor Harvey asked if this will need to be finalized by September 1st. City Attorney Palmour stated, "Correct." Mayor Harvey asked Chad Sipe to provide additional information concerning the survey. Chad explained a concept boundary was sent to City Manager Janice Galloway late in the week, and as soon as the boundary concept is agreed upon, the surveyor is available to develop the Platt. Chad noted it is approximately 2.7 acres, which includes the easement along the logging road and the actual property where the well is located. City Attorney Palmour asked if the acreage included the flag that takes the line to Hwy 48. Chad stated, "It does not because the decision was made to run the waterline along the dirt road on the property, not the flag shape lot that would go back to Hwy 48." City Attorney Palmour asked if a utility easement in the roadway is needed. Chad stated, "Correct, it would be an access and utility easement." City Attorney Albert Palmour asked if there could be an alternative in the document to have the flag or we stuck using the access easement as the right of way for the waterline. Chad stated, "We can do an alternative." Chad explained DOT had issues with the site distance coming to Hwy 48, which was part of the decision to go back on the property and requesting a utility easement. City Attorney Albert Plamour stated he was not aware of that, and he was expecting a flag in the right of way. City Attorney Palmour stated he would get the concept and send it to the seller to make sure they are okay with the concept before he finalizes the Platt. Council Member Kristy L. Dennis asked for an explanation of the flag concept. City Attorney Palmour explained the flag concept for the well site, which would be the access to the property and to be able to run the waterline from Hwy 48 to the well site. City Attorney Palmour stated we need to make sure the access easement meets the requirements for the water, power, and anything else needed to get the water back to the water plant. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the purchase not to exceed \$40,000 of well site #2, test well #1. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kristy L. Dennis and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

MINUTES: Mayor Harvey asked if any changes are needed to the July meeting minutes. With no changes requested, Council Member Dana W. Mosley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CHAD SIPE – CARTER & SLOOPE: Mayor Harvey requested Chad Sipe with Carter & Sloope to provide an update on the water situation. Chad explained the water line is under construction with city employees performing the work, and is being funded by the Georgia Fund Loan that was received recently.

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CHAD SIPE – CARTER & SLOOPE CONT: Chad explained his firm, along with Allen-Smith Consulting, is applying for the ARC Grant, which would max out at \$600,000. Chad stated we are hopeful that information will be submitted to ARC by the end of the month. Chad explained he is currently working on plans and specs that will be sent to EPD for approval before the waterline can be put into operation. Chad stated the survey is complete, and the USDA Grant funding for the well has been submitted, and the goal is to have the approval of that loan by September 30th. Council Member Joe Money asked Chad if we are confident of striking water in the same area. Chad stated, "I think we do, but you never know until you drill." Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked for an update on the carbon filter that will be used at the water plant. Chad explained he contacted Calgon last week, but it is his understanding upon them receiving the go-ahead, they could mobilize in three to four weeks, with an estimated installation time of a week or two weeks. Chad noted this would be for filters three and four.

GEFA LOAN RESOLUTION: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to introduce and adopt the Resolution to accept the GEFA Loan. Mayor Harvey explained this is necessary to receive the GEFA Loan not to exceed \$1,250,000. Mayor Harvey read the Resolution. Council Member David Ford made a motion to the Resolution to accept the GEFA loan. The motion was seconded by Joe Money, Jr. and carried unanimously. A copy of the GEFA Loan Resolution is attached and becomes part of the minutes.

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND RESOLUTION (CRF): Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to Authorize the Execution of the Coronavirus Relief Fund Resolution (CRF). Mayor Harvey explained the city received \$223,000 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, which can be used for things that are directly related to COVID-19. Mayor Harvey explained the city has received 30% of the funds, and these funds would need to be identified by September 1, 2020, and the remaining 70% must be identified by December 31, 2020. Mayor Harvey read the Coronavirus Relief Fund Resolution. Council Member Kristy L. Dennis asked what the funds cover. Mayor Harvey stated, "Anything directly related to COVID-19 and items used, but it can not cover capital outlay items." Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to authorize the execution of the Coronavirus Relief Fund Resolution (CRF). Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. A copy of the Coronavirus Relief Fund Resolution is attached and becomes part of these minutes.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF KATHY FLOYD: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to re-appoint Kathy Floyd as Commissioner for the Housing Authority of the City of Summerville for a five-year term. Mayor Harvey noted Ms. Floyd's term expires on August 15, 2020. Council Member Dana Mosley asked if Ms. Floyd wants to be re-appointed. Mayor Harvey stated, "Yes." Council Member Kristy L. Dennis asked if anyone else was interested in the position. Mayor Harvey stated, "I've not heard of anyone."

RE-APPOINTMENT OF KATHY FLOYD CONT: Council Member Dana Mosley made a motion to re-appoint Kathy Floyd to a five-year term as Commissioner for the City of Summerville Housing Authority. Council Member David Ford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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DEMOLITION OF TENNIS COURTS: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to approve the demolition of two tennis courts. Mayor Harvey explained currently, there are five tennis courts, and two of the courts are in bad shape. Mayor Harvey requested Council Member Joe Money, Jr. to provide more information. Council Member Money explained the two courts are in terrible shape and are not useable in the current condition, and it would take a lot of money to repair. Council Member Money stated the options would be to leave them as is or demolish them. Council Member Money noted Recreation Department Bo Chamlee recommended leaving the lights up. Council Member David Ford asked if there is another site to build courts in the future. Mayor Harvey stated, "Not that I know of." Council Member Joe Money made a motion to approve the demolition of the back two tennis courts. Council Member David Ford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

APPROVE PAYMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING: Mayor Harvey stated approval is needed to the following for water usage:

- Chattooga County Water in the amount of \$14,533.95 – well #7 water usage
- Town of Trion in the amount of \$15,974.40 – Hays State Prison water usage

Council Member Dana Mosley made a motion to approve payment to Chattooga County Water and Town of Trion for the purchase of water. Council Member David Ford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL –TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to approve the solicitation of a Request for Proposal for termite and pest control. Mayor Harvey explained Cook's Pest Control is the current provider for the City of Summerville. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. stated Cook's had been the provider for years, and he would like for local exterminators to have the opportunity to bid on the contract. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the solicitation of a Request for Proposal for termite and pest control. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PURCHASE OF PIPE, LOCATOR WIRE, HYDRANTS, AND FITTINGS: Mayor Harvey stated approval is needed to purchase 2000 ft of 16-inch pipe, locator wire, and fittings for the waterline. Mayor Harvey stated hydrants and fittings are also needed. Mayor Harvey reviewed the quotes for the material needed to continue work on the waterline. Mayor Harvey requested Chad Sipe with Carter & Sloope to provide additional information on this item. Chad explained the material is needed to continue the construction of the transmission main that would serve as the conduit to bring the water back to the filter plant for treatment and distribution. Mayor Harvey reported GEFA funds could be used for this purchase. Mayor Harvey asked for a discussion from the Council. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked what the city match would be on the ARC Grant. Chad explained the city's portion would be \$257,000, which would be a 30% match. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the purchase of 2000 ft of 16-inch pipe, locator wire, hydrants, and fittings up to \$72,500. The motion was seconded by Joe Money, Jr. and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Harvey requested Trey Goble to open the meeting up for online attendees to address comments, questions, or concerns.

ADJOURN: With all business concluded, Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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HARRY HARVEY – MAYOR

Attest:

ANGIE WHITE – CITY CLERK