



**CITY OF SUMMERVILLE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2020
5 P.M.**

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

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

Mayor Harvey welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mayor Harvey stated we are still in the pandemic, and we are still observing social distancing. Mayor Harvey requested everyone remove their masks when speaking. Mayor Harvey noted everyone would have the opportunity to speak.

INVOCATION: Mayor Harry Harvey gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Joe Money, Jr. led the pledge of allegiance.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Harvey welcomed visitors. Mayor Harvey explained some activities are happening, and some have been canceled due to COVID-19. Mayor Harvey encouraged everyone to review the city's website for updates. Mayor Harvey asked guests to introduce themselves and offered the opportunity to ask questions or address concerns. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked City Manager Janice Galloway if the water in the tanker truck was affected by the recent boil advisory issued by Chattooga County. City Manager Janice Galloway stated, "No, it wasn't. It was filled before the advisory was issued." Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Janice Galloway to provide an update on the Hyper-Reach system. City Manager Galloway explained customers have to sign up with their current address to participate in the program. IT Director Trey Goble explained information is available online and in the office on Hyper-Reach, and the registration is open via phone, text message, or online. Council Member Dana W. Mosley asked if the message can be put on the bills. City Clerk Angie White explained the message is on Floyd County bills, but it has not run on Chattooga County bills yet due to other information that is needed on the bills.

Mayor Harvey asked if any online attendees have questions for Mayor and Council. No questions or concerns were addressed.

CITY MANAGER: City Manager Janice Galloway reported a balance of \$2,501,991.41 in the operating account as of Monday, August 24, 2020.

City Manager Galloway reported the city is waiting on the EPD and Engineers to give the go-ahead on converting the test well into a production well. City Manager Galloway explained Terry and his crew had installed 2000 ft of piping on Filter Plant Road, but they can not start on Highway 48 until the Engineers and EPD approve.

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CITY ATTORNEY – ALBERT PALMOUR: City Attorney Palmour explained he prepared a Legal Deed and sent it to Hancock Timber Company for review. City Attorney Palmour explained the easement, and the well site was approved, and they requested that he provide a legal description for their legal team to review. City Manager Galloway noted the cost would be \$27,500 for the site.

Mayor Harvey asked City Manager Galloway for an update on the Carbon filters at the Water Treatment Plant. City Manager Galloway explained the granular activated carbon should be installed by the end of September. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked once the carbon is on-site how long the installation will take. City Manager Galloway stated, "Two or three days." City Manager Galloway explained the process when the carbon is on-site, once it is installed, and then testing for PFAS.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSS AND SET NEW DATE FOR FIREWORKS: Mayor Harvey asked for a discussion from Council concerning a new date for the fireworks display. City Manager Janice Galloway stated September 11 was an option for Parker Systems and the AG building. Council Member Kristy L. Dennis asked if Parker Systems is the only person that can shoot the fireworks. City Manager Galloway explained Parker is the only one that will do it without charging the city. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked if Parker has to be present to shoot the fireworks, or if the city had someone on staff that could shoot them. City Attorney Palmour interjected, stating Tony Carroll was licensed to shoot the fireworks, but he is no longer with us. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. commented he is not sure September 11 is a good day for fireworks because it is a terrible day in history for the United States. City Manager Galloway noted September 12th, 18th, and 19th is also available. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked how much the city receives from the Tillotson Grant for fireworks. City Manager Galloway stated, "\$7,500." Council Member Money asked if the fireworks are not blasted off by the end of September, is it possible the city would not get the grant next year. City Manager Galloway stated, "That is correct" Council Member Dana W. Mosley asked if the fireworks can be stored until next year. City Attorney Palmour noted he thinks there is a liability issue with storing them. City Manager Janice Galloway explained the week of September 18TH Barbara Reece is planning a parade in honor of WWII Veteran Leo Lanier. A discussion was held between the Council as to which date would be best to have the fireworks display. City Manager Janice Galloway asked if the Council would like to honor the essential workers in the city and county the night of the fireworks display. Susan Locklear explained if the decision was made to have the fireworks display on September 11, it could be used to honor the essential workers through the COVID-19 crisis in the county. Council Member David Ford made a motion to have the fireworks display on Friday, September 11, 2020, and to honor the essential workers. Kristy L. Dennis seconded the motion. Council Member Dana W. Mosley and Council Member Joe Money, Jr. voted in opposition. The motion passed 3 to 2.

NEW BUSINESS

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MUNICIPAL GAS AUTHORITY VOTING DELEGATE: Mayor Harvey stated the first item of new business is to approve Terry Tinney as a 2020 voting delegate for the Municipal Gas Authority and Jody Stoner as an alternate. Council Member Dana W. Mosley made a motion to approve Terry Tinney as the 2020 voting delegate, and Jody Stoner as an alternate. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

FACE COVERINGS: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to discuss face coverings. Mayor Harvey explained Chattooga County recently had a surge in COVID-19 cases in the last three to four weeks. Mayor Harvey explained GMA had prepared a Resolution, and he would like for the Council and City Attorney Palmour to review it. Mayor Harvey stated he would like a Resolution requiring the use of face coverings in city buildings and city facilities. Mayor Harvey encouraged everyone to wear a face-covering not only for your protection but for others. Mayor Harvey asked for discussion from Council. Council Member Dana W. Mosley asked if this would be a mandate for the City of Summerville. Mayor Harvey stated, "No." City Attorney Albert Palmour explained Council passed a Face-Covering Resolution on June 8, 2020, that encouraged people to wear face-coverings in city buildings, but it did not require it. City Attorney Palmour explained the new Resolution would require city employees to wear face coverings while in city buildings, and it would require members of the public to wear face coverings when entering city buildings. No action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - OPEN: Mayor Harvey stated an Executive Session is needed to discuss possible litigation. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to close the meeting and enter into an Executive Session. Council Member Kristy L. Dennis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The meeting was closed at 5:34 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – CLOSED: Mayor Harvey closed the Executive Session and re-opened the Special Called Meeting at 6:37 p.m. Mayor Harvey stated no action was taken in Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Harvey offered the opportunity for visitors and online guests to address concerns.

BEN KILGORE: IT Director Trey Goble asked a question on behalf of Mr. Ben Kilgore, who was attending the meeting virtually. Mr. Kilgore asked if there was any word on adjusting the water rates for low-income households. Mayor Harvey stated, "No, we have not done that, but we will probably look at adjusting rates at mid-year."

JASON ESPY: Jason Espy with *The Summerville News* asked if any updates were available from the Recreation Department on sign-ups. Mayor Harvey stated, "Sign-ups were supposed to have ended on Monday."

ADJOURN: With all business concluded, Council Member David Ford made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr. and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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HARRY HARVEY – MAYOR

Attest:

ANGIE WHITE – CITY CLERK