



**CITY OF SUMMERVILLE
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JUNE 28, 2021
5:30 p.m.**

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Harvey called the special called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

INVOCATION: Mayor Harvey gave the invocation.

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

AGENDA: Mayor Harvey asked if any additions or deletions 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 Dana W. Mosley and carried unanimously.

WELCOME: Mayor Harvey welcomed everyone to the special called meeting. Mayor Harvey requested visitors to introduce themselves and offered them the opportunity to ask questions or address concerns. Mayor Harvey requested visitors limit their remarks to three to five minutes.

RICKEY HUGHES: Mr. Rickey Hughes stated he is interested in seeking Council Seat #3, and he is attending to see how things are going.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Harvey made the following announcements.

- June and July events are forthcoming.
- Independence Day celebration will be on July 3rd.
- Regular meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY: City Attorney Albert Palmour reported the contract for purchasing the two well sites and easements was extended and is scheduled to close on August 4th. City Attorney Palmour requested City Manager Janice Galloway to proceed with the approved payment at the Regular June meeting to purchase the well sites. City Attorney Palmour stated once they get me the deeds, I will wire the money.

CITY MANAGER: City Manager Janice Galloway reported a balance of \$2,132,166.37 in the operating account.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND READING FY 2021-2022 BUDGET

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Harvey opened the public hearing for questions or comments from visitors concerning the FY 2021-2022 Budget.

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JASON ESPY: Jason Espy with *The Summerville News* asked if the Full-time Building Inspector position was still in the budget. Mayor Harvey stated, "Yes." Jason asked when will you start advertising for the position. Mayor Harvey explained there is not a timeline. We will not be in a rush. We want to make sure we have someone that is qualified and has the expertise.

Jason asked if the Natural Gas Connection Program is still in the budget. Mayor Harvey stated, "No." Jason responded I thought it was in reserve. Mayor Harvey stated, "The money is in there. It is in reserve." Mayor Harvey explained the money has been put in contingency.

Jason asked if the city is looking for a generator for the water plant. Mayor Harvey explained the next item of business is the bid opening for a generator. Jason asked if the generator is in the budget. City Manager Janice Galloway stated, "Yes." Jason asked if there is a lease to own through Parker for the generator that is currently on site. City Manager Galloway stated, "Parker removed his. We currently have one through GEMA." Jason asked why Parker removed his generator. City Manager Galloway responded I guess he needed it elsewhere. Jason asked if the city still had services with Parker Net. City Manager Galloway stated, "No." Jason questioned when that service was terminated. IT Director Trey Goble explained the official change over from Parker Fibernet to Windstream was within the last couple of months. Jason asked why the city changed providers. Trey stated, "At the time, the decision was made due to the increased need for additional bandwidth. A request was made for quotes from multiple vendors, and the decision was made based on pricing."

Jason asked how much a resident inside the city limits should expect to pay due to the proposed water and sewer rate increase. Mayor Harvey stated, "I don't have that in front of me right now." City Manager Janice Galloway stated, "\$2.00 per service connection." Jason asked would it be \$2.50 for sewer. City Manager Galloway stated, "135% of the water used." Jason asked how much a resident outside the city limits should expect to pay. City Manager Galloway stated, "It will be about the same." Mayor Harvey stated we have those numbers that are part of the budget, and we will be more than happy to get that for you. Jason asked if the rates will go into effect July 1st. Mayor Harvey stated, "Yes." City Attorney Palmour noted that would be the increase, not the rate. City Manager Galloway stated, "That will be the rate increase." City Attorney Palmour stated he thought Jason asked how much would the customers pay, not the increase. I just want to be sure the answer given to him was understood. Jason asked what can an average person expect to pay. City Manager Galloway provided the following rates effective July 1, 2021:

- Inside water \$20.71 first 2,000 gallons
- \$4.29 per thousand after 2,000 gallons
- Inside sewer \$27.96
- Outside water \$25.74 first 2,000 gallons
- \$5.59 per thousand after 2,000 gallons
- Outside sewer \$34.75

PUBLIC HEARING – CLOSED: Mayor Harvey closed the public hearing. Mayor Harvey asked for discussion from Council concerning the FY 2021-2022 Budget. No questions or concerns were addressed. Mayor Harvey read the Budget Ordinance. Mayor Harvey reviewed the revenues and expenditures for the General Fund, Confiscated Drug Fund, Hotel/Motel Tax, SPLOST (2014), SPLOST (2020), Water, Gas. Mayor Harvey reported the FY 2021-2022 budget is balanced with a total budget of \$18,556,428.79. Mayor Harvey announced this budget would be adopted on June 28, 2021.

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PUBLIC HEARING – CLOSED CONT: Council Member David Ford made a motion to adopt the FY 2021-2022 Budget. Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin seconded the motion. Council Member Dana W. Mosley and Council Member Joe Money, Jr. voted in opposition. Mayor Harvey explained it is a tie, with two voting for and two voting in opposition. Mayor Harvey stated he would be the tiebreaker, and he votes to adopt the budget.

OPEN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AN EMERGENCY STANDBY GENERATOR: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to open the Request For Proposals for an emergency standby generator for the water treatment plant. Mayor Harvey requested Purchasing Agent Trey Goble to proceed with the opening of the proposals. Trey explained three proposals were received. The request was for a price on both natural gas and diesel options.

Trey announced the first bid was from Yancey Power Systems for a 300 kW generator;

- Diesel-powered - \$66,891
- Natural Gas-powered - \$146,213

City Manager Janice Galloway asked what brand generator. Trey stated, "Caterpillar."

Nixon Power submitted a proposal for both a diesel-powered and a natural gas-powered 300 KW Generator. Trey explained they had visited the site, and the proposal includes a pricing option to upgrade the existing wiring to the current ATS switches, which are only rated for 200 amps. They have included pricing separately to upgrade to 600-1000 amps to accommodate the full ATS switch. They also recommended replacing the docking station the generator hooks to. They have included pricing for circuit breakers to cap at 200 amps. They have provided a sizing report and necessary documents if they are the vendor selected.

- Diesel-powered - \$78,250
- Natural Gas- powered - \$118,500

City Manager Janice Galloway asked what brand generator. Trey stated, "Kohler."

Energy Systems Southeast submitted a 300 KW Generac generator proposal for both a diesel-powered option and a natural gas-powered option.

- Diesel-powered - \$59,180
- Natural Gas – powered - \$108,100

Mayor Harvey requested staff review the proposals and make a recommendation as to whether it will be diesel or a natural gas-powered generator.

Council Member David Ford asked if the price from Nixon Powers included the recommended upgrades. Trey stated, "The pricing I read was for the generators only. It did not include the additional work."

SPECIAL ELECTION FOR COUNCIL SEAT #3: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to consider approving a Special Election on November 2, 2021, to fill the unexpired term of Council Member Kristy L. Dennis. Mayor Harvey explained discussion had taken place with staff and others concerning the date to hold the special election. Council Member David Ford asked how much it cost to hold an election. City Clerk Angie White stated, "Around \$3,000." City Clerk White explained that new election laws would be implemented July 1, requiring the city to hold two advance voting days on Saturday and require three staff members each day. Mayor Harvey asked for a discussion from Council. No discussion was held. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve a Special Election on November 2, 2021, to fill the unexpired term of Kristy L. Dennis. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr. and carried unanimously.

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APPROVE QUALIFYING DATES FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to approve August 16-20 as qualifying dates for the Special Election. Council Member Dana W. Mosley made a motion to approve August 16-20 as qualifying dates for the Special Election. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and carried unanimously.

CHATTOOGA COUNTY FAIR DONATION: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to approve a donation to the Chattooga County Fair. Mayor Harvey recommended donating \$5,000 to the Chattooga County Fair. Council Member Dana W. Mosley made a motion to donate \$5,000 to the Chattooga County Fair. Council Member David Ford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC DEPOSITORY COLLATERAL SECURITY AGREEMENT: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to authorize the Mayor to sign the Public Depository Collateral Security Agreement in order for First National Bank to set up Pledged Securities through the Federal Reserve. City Attorney Albert Palmour explained banks have to have Collateral Security agreements if they accept a deposit that has to be insured and is over their limit. Banks that hold funds for municipalities or governments sign agreements to pledge T-Bills or other securities they hold to secure a certain amount of money. Mayor Harvey stated Attorney Palmour had reviewed the document, and it is what the bank and city should do. Council Member David Ford made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Public Depository Collateral Security Agreement in order for First National Bank to set up Pledged Securities through the Federal Reserve. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

ADJOURN: With all business concluded, Council Member Dana W. Mosley made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

HARRY HARVEY – MAYOR

Attest:

ANGIE WHITE – CITY CLERK