



## **CITY OF SUMMERVILLE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 14, 2022 5 pm**

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

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

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

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

**AGENDA:** Mayor requested Council review the meeting agenda. Mayor Harvey asked for any additions or deletions from the agenda. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked if an update would be provided from Carter & Sloope Engineer Chad Sipe. Mayor Harvey explained Chad was contacted and he would not be able to attend tonight, but he would attend the upcoming bid opening within the next two weeks. 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.

**MAYORS COMMENTS:** Mayor Harvey welcomed visitors to the meeting. Mayor Harvey requested visitors provide their names and the reason they are attending the meeting. Mayor Harvey offered the opportunity for visitors to speak. Mayor Harvey welcomed the Summerville Middle School Future Problem Solvers. Mayor Harvey announced visitors would have the opportunity to speak at the end of the meeting but requested comments be limited to three to five minutes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Harvey gave the following announcements:

- Work continues on city projects
- Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month
- CDBG bid opening is scheduled for Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.
- The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2022.
- President's Day is February 21, 2022.
- We are still in a Pandemic. Please be careful and follow guidelines.
- Staff continues to work mid-year budget, and budget meetings are forthcoming.

**PRESENTATION FROM SUMMERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS:** Mayor Harvey requested the Summerville Middle School Future Problem Solvers provide their presentation. Dr. Elder explained the group consists of eight graders from the Summerville Middle School. Their focus is solving problems within the community, and the project they have selected involves the City of Summerville. Alexius Womack, Caden Carter, and Pedro Lopez provided a Powerpoint slide show discussing their project, Adopt-A-Pothole. The group provided information on the negative effects potholes have for residents in the City of Summerville and Chattooga County. Caiden explained a website has been set up to allow residents to report potholes and reviewed the survey that is on the website. Council Member Rickey Hughes asked what initiative would you like for us to take? Caiden stated, "With partnering with the city, it would provide better financial means to improve the website and an app that we are currently working on."

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**PRESENTATION FROM SUMMERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS CONT:** Main Street Director Susan Locklear asked if the website is set up to report the location of the potholes to the city? Dr. Elder explained the point of the survey is to identify the potholes with exact placement with photos to expedite the repair. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked IT Director Trey Goble if it could be tied into the city's website if someone makes a report? Trey stated, "Yes, we could work on that if that is the direction you want to go." Mayor Harvey asked if the website and survey had been set up? Caiden stated, "Yes." Mayor Harvey recommended advertising the website. Mayor Harvey asked the group to return in a couple of months to provide an update on the survey and how the process is going. Mayor Harvey explained it would be helpful for the city to know where the potholes are located to eliminate problems before they happen. Mayor Harvey stated we will get a contact person from the city to work with you. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. commented it is a great project. Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin asked if the group would be working with the County as well. Dr. Elder stated, "Yes." Council Member Rickey Hughes thanked the group for getting involved.

**CITY MANAGER:** Mayor Harvey provided the financial report due to the absence of City Manger Janice Galloway. Mayor Harvey reported a balance of \$2,857,851.54 in the operating account and \$1,002,194.74 in the restricted fund. Mayor Harvey announced a bid opening on February 24, 2022. Mayor Harvey commented we are in good shape financially but cautioned that the funds would go fast once projects start. Mayor Harvey reported work on the mid-year budget continues, and once it is completed, work would begin on the yearly budget.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**TOP OF GEORGIA:** Mayor Harvey explained the first item of old business is to discuss and consider joining the Top of Georgia. Mayor Harvey asked for a discussion from Council. Council Member Rickey Hughes commented it is about marketing. If we join, they have professionals that can promote the city better and possibly market our services to an area. Council Member Dana W. Mosley asked if they would market our available jobs. Council Member Hughes stated, "That is what I understood." Council Member Mosley stated, "I think that would be good. We would have access to a broader area for job openings." Mayor Harvey explained Top of Georgia is a part of the Northwest Georgia Joint Develop Authority (JDA), and the County is a member, and the County encompasses the municipalities. With Top of Georgia being a marketing arm of the JDA, Top of Georgia is asking for a donation, and the County already contributes to the Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority, and the city contributes to the County. Mayor Harvey explained since the County is a member of the JDA, I don't think we need to contribute to Top of Georgia, and if we do, we only need to contribute no more than \$1,000 for one year. After one year, we need to look at the feasibility and the rewards. Mayor Harvey stated I recommend we do not become part of Top of Georgia. Council Member Dana W. Mosley asked if JDA is marketing for us? Mayor Harvey explained the function of the JDA is to show businesses various sites in the region. Council Member Rickey Hughes stated, "It think it would be good as a municipality to be involved with them financially when a surrounding municipality is. It would be good for us as a city if we are going to call on them to be a participant as well." Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin asked if it would be for five years. Mayor Harvey stated, "It is my understanding you can pledge any amount. They ask for five years. I don't think we need to pledge for five years, and I don't see any reason to pledge at all." Council Member Joe Money stated I would like to try it for one year. Council Member Dana W. Mosley agreed. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to join the Top of Georgia for a one-year term with a \$1,000 contribution and reevaluate after one year. Council Member Rickey Hughes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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**SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF THE FY 2020-2021 YEAR-END BUDGET**

**ORDINANCE:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is the second reading and adoption of the FY 2020-2021 Year-End Budget Ordinance.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:** Mayor Harvey offered the opportunity to visitors to address concerns relating to the FY 2020-2021 Year-End Ordinance. No concerns were addressed.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED:** Mayor Harvey closed the public hearing and read the FY 2020-2021 Year-End Budget Ordinance. Mayor Harvey reviewed the changes to the General Fund Revenue, General Fund Expenditures, Confiscated Drug Fund Revenues, and the Confiscated Drug Fund Expenditures. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the FY 2020-2021 Year-End Ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**INSTALLATION OF BATTING CAGES:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to consider approving payment of \$28,928 to Rodney Bright Construction for the installation of two batting cages on the old tennis courts. Mayor Harvey announced this item was tabled at a previous meeting. Mayor Harvey requested Recreation Director Bo Chamlee to provide additional information on this item. Bo explained there would be two 50 x 20 ft cages with fencing and netting on the sides and overhead on the old tennis courts. Bo noted the cages would have a portable mound for pitching practice in addition to using it for hitting. Council Member David Ford asked if the cage would have a top. Bo explained it would not have a shelter top. Instead, it will have fencing and netting inside the cage. Council Member Ford asked if it will eventually have a top. Bo stated, "No, we are going to use the tennis courts lights so it can be used at night." Council Member Joe Money, Jr. referenced the drawing Bo had provided and expressed concerns for individuals playing tennis. Bo explained the proposed way it is laid out is the best use of both the foundation and lighting. Bo stated I don't think it will be a problem because of the netting inside. Mayor Harvey asked how long it would take? Bo explained Mr. Bright did not give him a timeline, but he said he would go to work on it immediately once approved. Bo explained he had talked with Mr. Bright, and he was not having any problems getting material or price changes, and if the price does change, it will not be much. Council Member Dana W. Mosley asked if the price could be locked in? Bo stated, " I think it will be fine." Council Member Rickey Hughes made a motion to approve payment of \$28,928 to Rodney Bright Construction for the installation of batting cages on the old tennis courts. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and carried unanimously. A copy of the proposed batting cages is attached and becomes part of these minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MINUTES:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to approve the minutes from the January 2022 meeting. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Dana W. Mosley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to adopt the Chattooga County Hazard Mitigation Plan update for 2022. Mayor Harvey explained this is an update, and the plan provides a recap of disasters within the last ten years. Mayor Harvey asked for questions concerning the hazard mitigation plan. No concerns were addressed. Mayor Harvey read the Resolution to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan update for 2022. Council Member David Ford made a motion to adopt the Chattooga County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is attached and becomes part of the minutes.

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**GAMETIME:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to consider approving the purchase of the remaining decking on the playground equipment at Dowdy Park from GameTime in the amount of \$9,216.08. Mayor Harvey requested Bo Chamlee to provide additional information on this item. Bo reviewed a drawing presented to Mayor and Council showing the areas to be repaired. Council Member Dana W. Mosley made a motion to approve payment to GameTime for the repair of playground equipment at Dowdy Park in the amount of \$9,216.08. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rickey Hughes and carried unanimously. A copy of the drawing of the playground equipment is attached and becomes part of these minutes.

**GEORGIA UTILITY TRAINING ACADEMY:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to consider approving a membership to the Georgia Utility Training Academy (GUTA) for \$9,600 a year for certification and training of seven full-time employees and three employees requiring partial certification and training. Mayor Harvey requested Terry Tinney to provide more information on this item. Terry explained the classes are primarily for gas operators, but some are offered for water and sewer personnel. Training would also be offered to customer service for a minimum charge. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve membership to GUTA for \$9,600 a year for certification and training of seven full-time employees and three employees requiring partial certification. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rickey Hughes and carried unanimously.

**WATER LINE EXTENSION FROM ECHOLS ROAD TO GARVIN ROAD:** Mayor Harvey explained the next item of business is to approve a water line extension from Garvin Rd to Echols Rd with associated cost to be paid by the customer. Terry explained that the current plan is to run water to six yurts and expand in two years. The customer has agreed to pay \$12,000 for the line extension and \$1,800 for a two-inch meter. Terry stated city staff would do the work. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the water line extension from Echols Rd to Garvin Rd with the customer paying the associated cost. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**CONSOLIDATED PIPE:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to approve payment to Consolidated Pipe for meter bars and risers. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked where the meter bars and risers would be used. Terry Tinney stated, "These or for new gas cutins. We order them twice every sixteen to eighteen months because there is a fifty-week lead time." Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve payment of \$5,450 to Consolidated Pipe. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr. and carried unanimously.

**AQUA AEROBIC SYSTEMS:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to consider approving the purchase of two new 25 HP aerators from Aqua-Aerobic Systems in the amount of \$28,450 for the wastewater treatment plant. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve payment of \$28,450 to Aqua-Aerobic Systems for the purchase of two 25 HP aerators for the wastewater treatment plant. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin and carried unanimously.

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT WATERSHED PROTECTION PLAN:** Mayor Harvey explained the next item of business is the approval of payment of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. for the 2022-2023 Watershed Protection Plan for the wastewater treatment plant. Mayor Harvey noted this is a requirement by EPD. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve payment of \$12,879 to Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc for the 2022-2023 Watershed Protection Plan. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr. and carried unanimously.

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**OUTFALL SEWER EVALUATION- CARTER & SLOOPE:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to consider approving payment of \$11,521.75 to Carter & Sloope for Outfall Sewer Evaluation. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to approve payment of \$11,521.75 to Carter & Sloope. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dana W. Mosley and carried unanimously.

**HWY 48 BRIDGE WIDENING – CARTER & SLOOPE:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to approve payment of \$5,927.50 to Carter & Sloope for engineering services for SR 48 bridge widening project. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to approve payment of \$5,927.50 to Carter & Sloope. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin and carried unanimously.

**CARTER & SLOOPE ENGINEERING INVOICES:** Mayor Harvey stated approval is needed for the following invoices TO Carter & Sloope:

Invoice #25989 Deep Well Water Line - \$1,526.25  
Invoice #25985 WWTP Improvements Corrective Action Plan - \$1008.75  
Invoice #25991 Groundwater Withdrawal Permit - \$4,073.75  
Invoice #25992 Water Loss Control Program - \$1,440.00  
Invoice #25988 PFOS/PFAS Evaluation - \$1,812.50  
Invoice #25987 General Consulting - \$4,398.75

Mayor Harvey noted the total amount for the invoice is \$14,260, and the invoices cover a six to eight-month time period. Council Member Dana W. Mosley made a motion to approve payment to Carter & Sloope for \$14,260. Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – OPEN:** Mayor Harvey announced an Executive Session is needed to discuss Personnel, Litigation, and Land Acquisition.

Mayor Harvey and Council Members thanked the Future Problem Solvers for attending the meeting.

Council Member David Ford made a motion to close the regular meeting and enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dana W. Mosley and carried unanimously. The regular meeting was closed at 6:06 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – CLOSED:** Mayor Harvey closed the Executive Session and opened the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Harvey announced no action was taken during the Executive Session.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mayor Harvey asked for questions, comments, or concerns. No questions or concerns were addressed.

**ADJOURN:** Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to adjourn. Council Member David Ford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

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**HARRY HARVEY – MAYOR**

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**ANGIE WHITE-CITY CLERK**

Attest:

