



CITY OF SUMMERVILLE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 13, 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 Manager Janice Galloway and City Attorney Albert Palmour were also present.

INVOCATION: Mayor Harvey gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA: Mayor Harvey asked Council to review the meeting agenda. Mayor Harvey asked if any additions or deletions are needed to the 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 Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin and carried unanimously.

WELCOME: Mayor Harvey welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mayor Harvey announced visitors would have the opportunity to introduce themselves and make comments or ask questions at the beginning and again at the end of the meeting. Mayor Harvey offered guests the opportunity to introduce themselves and requested they limit comments to three to five minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Harvey gave the following announcements:

- June and July events are forthcoming.
- July 4th celebration will be held on July 4th at the AG Center beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- Several projects are ongoing.
- Work continues on a couple of alcohol ordinances.
- A special called meeting is needed on June 20th to finalize the FY 2022-2023 budget
- The next regular council meeting will be held on July 11, 2022.

Mayor Harvey asked Council if they had any comments or concerns to address. No questions or concerns were addressed.

PROCLAMATION – KALI CLARK: Mayor Harvey announced the Mayor and Council would like to recognize and present a Proclamation to Ms. Kali Clark for her outstanding accomplishment of receiving her Associate's Degree in Business Healthcare Technology from Georgia Northwestern before graduating from Chattooga High School. Mayor Harvey read the Proclamation and congratulated her on her accomplishments. A copy of the Proclamation is attached and becomes part of these minutes.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATION

MAIN STREET – SUSAN LOCKLEAR: Susan announced the 2022 Ducky Derby was a sell-out and a great event. Susan explained her department attended ribbon cuttings, worked on landscaping in the historic area, met with local entrepreneurs, and attended the 60th Anniversary Celebration at the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum. In addition, Susan reported the local Song Farmers Chapter began their monthly performances in Dowdy Park, and Main Street began selling engraved bricks for the Friendship Pocket Park.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – JOEY NORTON: Mayor Harvey requested Code Enforcement Officer Joey Norton to provide his monthly report. Joey reported seventeen permits had been issued for \$301,000 in work, and he has sent thirteen new property maintenance letters while continuing to work on previous cases.

PUBLIC WORKS: Public Works Director Terry Tinney reviewed work completed by the water, street, and gas departments for the month, including the number of locates, water and sewer complaints. Terry reported gas department personnel completed a class on pipeline safety. A copy of the public works report is attached and becomes part of these minutes.

POLICE – HAROLD TUCKER: Chief Harold Tucker reported the police department patrolled 7,965 miles, responded to 637 calls, and issued 71 citations for the month. Chief Tucker stated that \$6,247.52 was collected from State Court Fees, and \$2,435 was collected from city court fines for May. A copy of Chief Tucker's report is attached and becomes part of the minutes

FIRE DEPARTMENT – ROBBIE LATHEN: Mayor Harvey requested Fire Chief Robbie Lathem to provide the monthly report. Chief Lathem reported his department responded to 64 calls for May, tested 30 fire hydrants, and completed four nights of training. A copy of the report is attached and becomes part of the minutes.

IT ADMINISTRATOR – TREY GOBLE: IT Administrator Trey Goble provided the monthly report for his department. Trey reported he attended a virtual security summit and worked on overhauling the city's website. A copy of Trey's report is attached and becomes part of these minutes.

CITY MANAGER: City Manager Janice Galloway reported a balance of \$2,588,980.04 in the operating account at month-end. City Manager Galloway also reported the monthly revenues and expenditures. A copy of the financial reports is attached.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSS ENTERTAINMENT ZONE: Mayor Harvey stated the first item of old business is to discuss the Entertainment District Ordinance. Mayor Harvey announced two hearings and readings are needed. Mayor Harvey stated with Council approval, a meeting would be held Monday, June 20, 2022, and the first reading could be held at that time. Council Member Rickey Hughes commented in a previous meeting it was agreed the area would go from Jefferson's to Los Maguey, and the proposed ordinance does not reflect that. City Attorney Albert Palmour asked are you going to allow people to walk adjacent to Commerce St from Los Maguey to Jeffersons? Council Member Hughes stated that is what we agreed on previously. Todd Kingsolver commented I would like to see every downtown business owner be able to take advantage of it. I find it unfair to the people across the street. Mayor Harvey asked are we going to include the sidewalk and Jefferson's? Council Member David Ford, Rickey Hughes, and Zachary Martin agreed to include the sidewalk and Jefferson's in the entertainment district.

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DISCUSS ENTERTAINMENT ZONE CONT: Council Member David Ford explained with the proposed time of 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., visitors that ride the train to Summerville can not take advantage of those times and suggested moving the time on Saturday to 1:00 p.m. Council Member Hughes stated, "I would be good with that." Mayor Harvey commented I think 3:00 would be fine, no earlier than 2:00 even with the train arrival. Business owner Todd Kingsolver stated prime time for local downtown retailers is Saturday mornings, that is when all of the boutiques are open, and people are out. Mayor Harvey stated we are talking about public consumption of alcohol. Council Member Ford commented I think we should do 1:00 p.m. City Attorney Albert Palmour reviewed the ordinance and the size requirements of the containers that will be allowed. City Attorney Palmour clarified the requested changes, including changing the times on Friday, which will be 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and the request to change the time to 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturdays and include Jefferson's on the map.

William Benefield asked can we not change the time to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays instead of 1:00 p.m., which would allow them to have a drink and walk around? City Attorney Palmour stated the Council can always designate a special event and change the times for special events. Council Member Dana W. Mosley asked can we do Friday's 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m? Both Council Member David Ford and Council Member Rickey Hughes agreed with Council Member Mosley on the times. Mayor Harvey asked when we have concerts will they be over at 10:00 p.m? Main Street Director Susan Locklear stated, "They should." Council Member Mosley asked does this mean they can't be in the street after 10:00 p.m.? City Attorney Palmour stated, "They can't be drinking on the street after 10:00 p.m." Mayor Harvey stated I would like to have a trial period. A four to five-month trial period. City Attorney Palmour explained if you pass the ordinance, you can repeal it if it doesn't work. Mayor Harvey stated we will include Jefferson's and look at the hours. We need to advertise and have public hearings.

NEW BUSINESS

MINUTES: Mayor Harvey stated the first item of business is the approval of the minutes of the previous council meeting. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dana W. Mosley and carried unanimously.

REDUCTION IN SETBACKS FOR 170 E. WASHINGTON ST: Code Enforcement Officer Joey Norton requested this item be moved to the July meeting due to the request not being advertised in the paper as needed.

MOBILE HOME APPLICATION – 252 W 1ST AVE: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to consider approving a mobile home permit for 252 W 1st Ave. Mayor Harvey requested Code Enforcement Officer Joey Norton to provide information on this item. Joey explained Mr. Caderious Word completed a mobile home application requesting approval to move a used mobile home to 252 W. 1st Ave. Joey stated he advised Mr. Word he would need pictures of the home to submit to Council before approval. Joey stated Mr. Word had never provided the requested pictures for review. Joey requested this item be moved to the July meeting.

AWARD BID FOR HAULING AND DISPOSAL OF WASTEWATER BIO-SOLIDS: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to consider awarding the bid to sole bidders Gary and Tommy Cross for hauling and disposal of wastewater bio-solids from the City of Summerville wastewater treatment plant in the amount of \$86,400 per year. Mayor Harvey noted this item is in the budget, and the bio-solids will be land applied. Mayor Harvey asked for a discussion from Council. City Attorney Albert Palmour explained that the bid documents require them to provide certain types of insurance and coverage, and the insurance policy needs an endorsement.

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AWARD BID FOR HAULING AND DISPOSAL OF WASTEWATER BIO-SOLIDS

CONT: City Attorney Palmour stated he had discussed what was needed from the bidder with the City Clerk, and the contract can be approved subject to them providing the required documents. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to approve the contract from Sole bidders Tommy and Gary Cross, pending insurance endorsements. Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ALCOHOL LICENSE –ATHRV, LLC.: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to consider approving an alcohol license request from Athrv, LLC, DBA Judy's Herb Shop. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the alcohol license request from Athrv, LLC. Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

UTILITIES SUPPLY: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to consider approving the purchase of inventory restock items from Utilities Supply for the gas department in the amount of \$10,553. Council Member Rickey Hughes made a motion to approve the purchase of inventory items in the amount of \$10,553. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED ALCOHOL ORDINANCE:

Mayor Harvey explained a public hearing is needed before the second reading of the amended alcohol ordinance to allow package sales of distilled spirits in the City of Summerville.

PUBLIC HEARING – OPEN: Mayor Harvey opened the public hearing by offering in-person guests and online attendees to address concerns. No questions or concerns were addressed.

PUBLIC HEARING – CLOSED: Mayor Harvey closed the public hearing and reviewed the amended alcohol ordinance. Mayor Harvey discussed items that would be needed to apply for a license and also the items that would prohibit someone from obtaining a license. Mayor Harvey announced that only two stores would be allowed within the city limits and the criteria required to allow more in the future. Mayor Harvey explained a lottery system would be used to select the applicants, and the process should the selected applicant not be able to meet the guidelines or timeline. Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin made a motion to adopt the amended alcohol ordinance to allow the package sale of distilled spirits. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF THE FY 2022-2023 BUDGET: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is the first reading of the FY 2022-2023 budget. Mayor Harvey explained he would like to have a meeting on Monday, June 20, 2022, for a public hearing and the second reading and adoption of the FY 2022-2023 budget.

PUBLIC HEARING – OPEN: Mayor Harvey opened the public hearing and offered guests the opportunity to address the Council. No concerns were addressed.

Council Member Joe Money, Jr thanked the staff for their hard work.

PUBLIC HEARING –CLOSED: Mayor Harvey closed the public hearing and read the budget ordinance. Mayor Harvey reviewed the proposed revenues and expenditures and announced the proposed operating budget for FY 2022-2023 is \$20,894,207.47. Mayor Harvey announced the second reading and adoption would be held on Monday, June 20, 2022, with council approval.

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SPOUSAL INSURANCE COVERAGE: Mayor Harvey stated an amendment to the spousal insurance policy is needed. Mayor Harvey explained the amendment would require city employees to pay the full amount of the city's healthcare cost for spouses with other health care coverage options. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked how much the cost would be. City Manager Janice Galloway stated, "\$706 would be an average." Finance Director Carla Rutledge interjected, stating it would be the cost of the policy. Council Member Dana W. Mosley questioned if the employee would pay the full amount. Carla stated, "All of it, but only if their spouse had the option to get other insurance." Council Member Mosley asked if they don't have the option. Carla stated, "It would be as it is now." Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked if the change would put a strain on the citizens. Carla stated, "There will be no strain on the citizens. It will be fully covered by the employee if they choose to get more insurance." Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to approve the amendment to the spousal insurance coverage. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rickey Hughes and carried unanimously.

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER FIREMAN CHECKS: Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to approve the \$67,416.43 in volunteer fireman checks. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve payment to the volunteer fireman. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rickey Hughes and carried unanimously.

SOUTHEASTERN NATURAL GAS SERVICES: Mayor Harvey explained two bids were received at a previous meeting for the relocation of the gas main on Hwy 48. Chad Sipe, Carter & Sloope Engineer, stated Southeastern Natural Gas Services are a qualified and competent contractor. If it is awarded, the next step would be a pre-construction meeting. Chad stated we are ahead of the DOT bridge widening schedule. Council Member Dana W. Mosley made a motion to award the gas main relocation bid to Southeastern Natural Gas Services. The motion was seconded by Council Member Joe Money, Jr. and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – OPEN: Mayor Harvey stated an Executive Session is needed to discuss litigation and personnel. Council Member Dana W. Mosley made a motion to close the regular session and enter into an executive session. Council Member Rickey Hughes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The regular meeting was closed at 6:14 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – CLOSED: Mayor Harvey closed the Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. and opened the regular meeting. Mayor Harvey announced no action was taken during the Executive Session.

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

ADJOURN: Council Member Dana W. Mosley made a motion to adjourn. Council Member David Ford seconded the motion and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

HARRY HARVEY – MAYOR

ANGIE WHITE-CITY CLERK

Attest: