



# CITY OF SUMMERSVILLE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JULY 11, 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 was present.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council Member Rickey Hughes led the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA:** Mayor Harvey asked Council to review the meeting agenda and ask for additions or deletions to the agenda. Mayor Harvey announced a public hearing is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. concerning the 2019 CDBG, and someone will be conducting the meeting online. Mayor Harvey asked permission from Council to work around the public hearing as needed to meet the 5:30 p.m. time requirements. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rickey Hughes and carried unanimously.

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

- Several July and August events are scheduled.
- Regular Council Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month.
- Friendship week will begin July 25.
- CDC Guidelines continue to be followed due to the Pandemic.

**WELCOME:** Mayor Harvey welcomed everyone to the council meeting. Mayor Harvey requested visitors introduce themselves, offering them the opportunity to speak, and requested comments be limited to three to five minutes.

**FRIENDSHIP WEEK PROCLAMATION:** Main Street Director Susan Locklear provided a brief overview of the history of friendship week and the City of Summerville.

Mayor Harvey read the Friendship Week Proclamation and proclaimed July 24-30, 2022, as Summerville Friendship Week. A copy of the Proclamation is attached and becomes part of these minutes.

City Attorney Albert Palmour arrived at the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

## REPORTS AND PRESENTATION

**MAIN STREET – SUSAN LOCKLEAR:** Main Street Director Susan Locklear reported her department is selling the engraved bricks for the friendship pocket park. Susan announced Summerville Main Street is featured as the Main Street of the month by the Department of Community Affairs. Susan announced preparation continues for Friendship Week activities, a groundbreaking will be held during Friendship Week at the Friendship Pocket Park, and spots will be available in Dowdy Park during the longest yard sale in August. A copy of Susan's report is attached and becomes part of these minutes.

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**CODE ENFORCEMENT – JOEY NORTON:** Mayor Harvey requested Code Enforcement Officer Joey Norton to provide his monthly report for Council. Joey reported nine permits were sold during the month for \$478. In addition, Joey reported he continues to work on property maintenance cases, and he has seven property maintenance cases ready for court this month.

**WATER TREATMENT PLANT – JASON GREENE:** Jason provided an overview of his monthly report submitted to the Mayor and Council for June, including maintenance performed at Raccoon Creek and Lowe Springs, the monthly safety meeting topic, training hours completed for employees, and rainfall at the plant. Jason reported carbon was installed in filters five and six, and the new generator was installed. A copy of the water treatment plant report is attached and becomes part of the minutes.

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – CHRIS TUGGLE:** Mayor Harvey requested Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Chris Tuggle to provide the monthly report. Chris reviewed work performed at the wastewater plant, including the amount of wastewater treated during June, the amount of rainfall for the month, and the general maintenance completed by staff. A copy of Chris's report is attached and becomes part of these minutes.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Public Works Director Terry Tinney reported the water department worked sixty water and sewer tickets, located 425 water and sewer lines, smoked manholes on Seventh St, worked at the well site, and cleaned and serviced equipment and trucks. Terry announced the gas department completed eighty-three locates in Floyd County, responded to thirteen gas leaks, performed yard maintenance at the regulator stations, and did inventory and serviced trucks. Terry reported the street department picked up brush limbs and trash, mowed right of ways, cleaned ditches and tiles, and completed yearly inventory. A copy of Terry's report becomes part of these minutes.

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT:** Mayor Harvey requested Jeff Maddux provide the monthly recreation department report. Jeff recognized the 10-U girls softball team and coaches Brandon Stewart and Kimmie Barnes for winning the State Championship in Commerce, Ga. Jeff stated they represented the city well. In addition, Jeff reported the recreation staff is serving 300 meals a week for the summer feeding program. A copy of the recreation department report is attached and becomes part of these minutes.

**POLICE – HAROLD TUCKER:** Chief Harold Tucker reviewed the monthly report for his department, including miles patrolled, citations issued, accident and incident reports, and the amount of money collected at the police department and State Court Probation. A copy of Chief Tucker's 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 provided a brief description of work performed for the month, including the maintenance of the camera system at city hall and the Floyd office, the installation of a new computer at the recreation department, and attended a training with Police Captain Brian Ozment to allow the police department to access GCIC information and perform background checks.

**CITY MANAGER:** City Manager Janice Galloway reported a balance of \$2,866,248.89 in the operating account at the end of June. City Manager Galloway also reported monthly revenues of \$1,248,362.23 and expenditures of \$ 1,200,926.02. A copy of the City Manager's financial report is attached.

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Mayor Harvey asked for questions from Council. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. commended Public Works Director Terry Tinney and staff on the quick repair of the Martin St. water leak.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT ALCOHOL ORDINANCE:** Mayor Harvey stated the first item of old business is the second reading of the amended alcohol ordinance to allow public consumption of alcoholic beverages in the downtown district.

**PUBLIC HEARING – OPEN:** Mayor Harvey opened the public hearing for questions, comments, or concerns. No in-person or online guest had questions, comments, or concerns.

**PUBLIC HEARING – CLOSED:** Mayor Harvey closed the public hearing. Mayor Harvey asked if Council had questions or concerns. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. asked if people would be drinking inside the Depot. Susan Locklear stated, "It would be hard to enforce." Mayor Harvey stated they can post a sign if specific events or stores do not want to participate. Mayor Harvey read the amended alcohol ordinance to allow public consumption of alcohol in the downtown district. Mayor Harvey reviewed the cup requirements and the hours on Friday and Saturday in which public consumption would be lawful. Council Member Rickey Hughes made a motion to adopt the amended alcohol ordinance to allow public consumption of alcoholic beverages in the downtown district. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and passed 4 to 1, with Council Member Joe Money, Jr. voting in opposition.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARING - 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT:** Debra Smith with Allen Smith Consulting explained a second public hearing was requested by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) concerning the 2019 CDBG project amendment. Debra stated we are about ten minutes early and requested Mayor and Council to continue with the regular council meeting until 5:30.

**MINUTES:** Mayor Harvey stated the first item of business is the approval of the minutes of the previous two council meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dana W. Mosley and carried unanimously.

**REDUCTION IN SIDE AND REAR SETBACKS FOR 170 E. WASHINGTON ST:** Code Enforcement Officer Joey Norton explained Mrs. Pollard had an old building demolished on her property, and she is requesting to install a new building on the existing concrete pad. Joey explained when the original structure was built in the 1950s, there were no setback requirements. Joey stated that Mrs. Pollard is asking for Council to grant the needed setbacks. Mayor Harvey asked if it had been advertised. Joey stated, "Yes, one of the neighbors was good with it, and the other never responded." Joey reported there is a water line that would need to be addressed. Public Works Director Terry Tinney explained that the water line runs between their meter and the neighbor's meter, but to move the meter to E. Washington St, they would need new lines from the meter to the house. City Attorney Albert Palmour asked Terry if there is a water line that would not be accessible if a building is installed. Terry stated, "Right. The building would be on top of it." Mayor Harvey stated staff needs to look at it, and it needs to be resolved before a variance is issued.

**REDUCTION IN SIDE AND REAR SETBACKS FOR 170 E. WASHINGTON ST**

**CONT:** City Attorney Palmour stated if you issue a variance and there is an issue with the water line, then the city will be paying to relocate it. Mayor Harvey asked to table the item. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to table approving a reduction in setbacks for 170 E. Washington St for Wanda Pollard. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin and carried unanimously. Joey asked if the item comes back on the agenda, would I be required to advertise again. City Attorney Palmour explained when you table an item, it is essentially the same thing as denying it. If it is a water line that serves other people, we need to mark it and reconsider their request. City Attorney Palmour stated, "My recommendation would be to deny it."

**PUBLIC HEARING 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT -OPEN:**

Debra Smith explained that Carter & Sloope Engineers Chad Sipe and Kurt Mccord are attending the meeting virtually for any questions that may arise as well as Keeley Garrett from Allen-Smith Consulting. Debra stated the 2019 CDBG would need to be amended. Debra explained the city was awarded the 2019 CDBG for \$750,000, and at the time of the award, the project budget was \$866,827, but the project was delayed due to the city's PFAS water issue. Once the project was bid out, it came in over budget, so after discussion with staff and the engineers, it was decided to cut back the target area to serve Highland Ave, Eleanor Ave, Third Ave, and First Ave. In the beginning, the project would have benefited 51 people. After amending the area, it will benefit 21 people. Debra explained the public hearing is to make the public aware we are asking permission from DCA to allow the city to cut the project back to a smaller target area and do it in phases. We can apply to do the second portion in a future CDBG application. Debra announced there is no conflict of interest with the project, and the city will abide by fair housing and equal opportunity laws and the section three requirements.

**PUBLIC HEARING – CLOSED:** Mayor Harvey asked for public comments from guests or Council. No questions or concerns were addressed. Mayor Harvey closed the public hearing.

**CHATTOOGA COUNTY FAIR:** Mayor Harvey requested Larry Simpson with the Chattooga County Fair Council to provide information on this item. Larry provided financial information for the past several years and the organizations in the county that benefit from the money raised from the fair. In addition, Larry discussed the activities and attendance from previous years. Mayor Harvey stated most years, the city has contributed \$5,000. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve a \$5,000 donation to the Chattooga County Fair. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dana W. Mosley and carried unanimously. Larry thanked Mayor, Council, and staff for the help over the past years with volunteers, parking, and assistance in mowing.

**USA BLUE BOOK - DUAL INPUT CONTROLLER OXYGEN SENSOR:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to approve the purchase of a dual input controller oxygen sensor for the wastewater treatment plant from USA Blue Book in the amount of \$5,616.05. Mayor Harvey asked for a discussion from Council. Council Member David Ford asked what is this. Chris explained it is a DO level controller for aeration basin #1. Council Member Dana W. Mosley asked how long do they last. Chris stated, "Out in the elements year-round, we usually get five years." Council Member Joe Money, Jr. motioned to approve purchasing a dual input controller for \$ 5,616.05. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and carried unanimously.

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**XYLEM - UV LAMPS AND REPLACEMENT PARTS:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to approve the purchase of UV lamps and replacement parts for the wastewater treatment plant from Xylem for \$31,782. Chris Tuggle reported this is replaced every two years or 12,000 hours. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase of UV lamps and bulbs from Xylem in the amount of \$31,782. Council Member David Ford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**USA BLUE BOOK – SPECTROPHOTOMETER:** Mayor Harvey stated approval is needed to purchase a Spectrophotometer for the water treatment plant from USA Blue Book in the amount of \$6,151.04. Council Member David Ford asked have we always had one of these? Jason stated, "Yes. The one we have is from 2001." Council Member Joe Money, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase of the Spectrophotometer for the water treatment plant. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Ford and carried unanimously.

**GPM EQUIPMENT:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to approve payment of \$10,400 to GPM Equipment Sales, Inc. for the installation of gas odorant. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve payment to GPM Equipment Sales, Inc. for the installation of gas odorant. Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**CARTER & SLOOPE INVOICES:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to approve the payment of \$51,165 to Carter & Sloope for the following invoices:

- Invoice #26327 FY 2019 CDBG Sanitary Sewer System Improvement \$10,625
- Invoice #26328 Outfall Sewer Evaluation \$8,700
- Invoice #26332 SR 48 Bridge Widening \$22,380
- Invoice #26334 PFAS Remediation at WTP \$9,460

Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve payment to Carter & Sloope. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dana W. Mosley and carried unanimously.

**WILLIAM D PATTY CONSTRUCTION:** Mayor Harvey stated approval is needed for payment to William D. Patty Construction in the amount of \$33,423.36 for the following invoices:

- Invoice #8027 Chert and Rock \$5,808.14
- Invoice #8028 Asphalt for Millican St, Lee St, Georgia Ave, and Blake St. \$27,615.22

Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve payment to William D. Patty Construction in the amount of \$33,423.36. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rickey Hughes and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITY VEHICLE PURCHASE:** Mayor Harvey stated approval is needed for the purchase of vehicles for the public works department for up to \$60,000. Mayor Harvey asked how many vehicles do we expect to get out of this. Terry stated, "We hope to get two or three." Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve the purchase of vehicles up to \$60,000 for the public works department. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dana W. Mosley and carried unanimously.

**PATROL VEHICLE:** Mayor Harvey stated approval is needed to purchase and equip a vehicle for the police department not to exceed \$30,000. Council Member Dana W. Mosley made a motion to approve the purchase. Council Member Joe Money, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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**CITY MANAGER VEHICLE:** Mayor Harvey stated the next item of business is to approve payment up to \$30,000 to purchase a city manager vehicle. Council Member Rickey Hughes questioned why the amount had changed from \$25,000 in the original city manager contract to \$30,000. Mayor Harvey explained the price to purchase vehicles has increased, and it says we will provide the city manager a vehicle. Council Member David Ford made a motion to approve up to \$30,000 to purchase a city manager vehicle. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Zachary Martin. The motion passed 4 to 1, with Council Member Rickey Hughes voting in opposition.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – OPEN:** Mayor Harvey stated an Executive Session is needed to discuss litigation and personnel. Council Member David Ford made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Council Member Joe Money, Jr seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The regular meeting was closed at 6:03 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – CLOSED:** Mayor Harvey closed the Executive Session at 6:24 p.m. and opened the regular meeting. Mayor Harvey reported no action was taken during 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 6:25 p.m.

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**HARRY HARVEY – MAYOR**

Attest:

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**ANGIE WHITE-CITY CLERK**