

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

Harpersville Community Center March 18, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

## **MINUTES**

Proper notice of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Harpersville Town Council was given in advance of such public meeting and the notice remained posted throughout the scheduled meeting.

Date:

March 18, 2024

Time:

5:30 p.m.

Place:

Harpersville Community Center

**Present:** 

Councilmember Janet Gill

Councilmember Martin Dates Councilmember William Carter Councilmember Beverly Johnson

Councilmember Shelia Rich

# CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tempore, Janet Gill, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Police Chief T.E. Smith led invocation and Council Member Shelia Rich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The following elected officials were present:

Councilmember Janet Gill Councilmember Martin Dates Councilmember William Carter Councilmember Beverly Johnson Councilmember Shelia Rich

Mayor Tem Pore, Janet Gill, stated a quorum of the Town Council was present.

## APPROVAL OF TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

Councilmember Carter made a motion to approve the Town Council Agenda for March 18, 2024 as written. Councilmember Dates seconded the motion. Mayor Tem Pore, Janet Gill, declared motion passed unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Dates made a motion to approve regular council meeting minutes from March 4, 2024. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Tem Pore, Janet Gill, declared motion passed unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF INVOICES

The Town Clerk/Treasurer presented the invoices. Councilmember Rich made a motion to approve all invoices as submitted. Councilmember Dates seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote with Councilmember Gill abstaining. Mayor Tem Pore, Janet Gill, declared motion passed

PUBLIC HEARING - None

PROCLAMATIONS BY THE MAYOR - None

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL - None

## **DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Police Chief Smith gave a brief update as it relates to the Police Department. He reviewed the reporting documents from February 2024. Chief Smith informed the council the Police Department was awarded \$6,000.00 from the FOP grant allowing the department to purchase six body armor vest for full time police officers. Chief continued to give a brief update as it pertains to the police department.

# OLD BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS

**1.** Ordinance 2024-02-05-02 — Vacation of residential address 37 Jackson Street from Jackson Street.

Council Member Carter made a motion to take no action on Jackson Street. Council Member Dates seconded the motion. By unanimous voice vote, Mayor Tem Pore, Janet Gill, declared the motion passed and no action was taken.

# NEW BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2024-03-18-01 - to appoint a voting delegate and alternate(s) for the Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention on May 15-17, 2024, in Huntsville, Alabama.

Council Member Rich made a motion to table Resolution 2024-03-18-01 until the next scheduled meeting. Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Tem Pore, Janet Gill, declared motion passed unanimously.

2. **Resolution 2024-03-18-02** – to surplus a 2014 Ford Taurus VIN ending 1842

Council Member Carter made a motion to pass Resolution 2024-03-18-02 to surplus a 2014 Ford Taurus. Council Member Dates seconded the motion. Mayor Tem Pore, Janet Gill, declared motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution 2024-03-18-03 – To approve the hiring of part time police officer(s) for the Harpersville Police Department

Council Member Rich made a motion to approve hiring three part time police officers for the Harpersville Police Department. New Hires to include: Caleb Retting, Brady McLaughlin, and James Tucker. Council Member Dates seconded the motion. Mayor Tem Pore, Janet Gill, declared motion passed unanimously.

**4. Resolution 2024-03-18-04** – In honor of Judge H.L. "Sonny" Conwill

Council Member Johnson made a motion to accept Resolution 2024-03-18-04 in Honor of Judge H.L. "Sonny" Conwill. Council Member Rich seconded the motion. Mayor Tem Pore, Janet Gill, declared motion passed unanimously.

5. Swearing-In Ceremony and Signing of Oath of Office – Morris "Bo" Shaw, Municipal Judge

Morris "Bo" Shaw was sworn in as Municipal Judge of the Town of Harpersville, Alabama. Mayor Pro Tempore Janet Gill administered the Oath of Office.

# COUNCIL AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Council Member Gill provided a brief update on Resolution 2024-03-04-03, mentioning her presentation of the Resolution at the County Commission Meeting. She expressed satisfaction with the Commission's positive response and their communication with the property owner. Gill assured that Harpersville would remain vigilant and take appropriate actions as necessary.

# PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. The next meeting of the Harpersville Town Council will be held at The Harpersville Community Center with a Work Session on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 5:00pm., with the regular Council meeting to follow at 5:30 p.m.
- 2. The next meeting of the Harpersville Water Board will be held at the Harpersville Community Center with a Work Session on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 4:30 p.m., with a regular board meeting to follow at 5:00 p.m.
- 3. The next meeting of the Harpersville Planning and Zoning Board will be held at The Harpersville Community Center on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:15p.m.
- 4. The Town's Community Alert and Information Program is now available. Find the link to sign up on our Town website or Facebook Page. Contact Town Hall for more information

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business before the council, Councilmember Carter moved to adjourn the council meeting and Councilmember Rich seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously by those members present and the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of March 2024

Amber Gardner, Town Clerk/Treasurer

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