



COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers – Harpersville Town Hall
March 2, 2020 – 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 2, 2020
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Harpersville Town Hall
Present: Mayor Don Greene
Councilmember Beverly O. Johnson
Councilmember Martin Dates
Councilmember William Rayfield
Councilmember Janet Gill

Not Present: Councilmember Sheila K. Rich

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Greene called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Councilmember Rayfield led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chase Rohler representing Boy Scout Troop 588.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The following elected officials were present:

Mayor Don Greene
Councilmember Beverly O. Johnson
Councilmember Martin Dates
Councilmember William Rayfield
Councilmember Janet Gill

It was noted for the record a quorum of the town council was present.

APPROVAL OF TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

Councilmember Gill made a motion to approve the town council agenda for March 2, 2020. Councilmember Rayfield seconded the motion. Mayor Greene called for a roll call vote:

Don Greene, Mayor	<u>Yes</u>
Beverly O. Johnson, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Martin Dates, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
William Rayfield, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Janet Gill, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Gill made a motion to approve and dispense with the reading of the regular council meeting minutes from February 17, 2020. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. Mayor Greene called for a roll call vote:

Don Greene, Mayor	<u>Yes</u>
Beverly O. Johnson, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Martin Dates, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
William Rayfield, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Janet Gill, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>

APPROVAL OF INVOICE REPORT

The Town Clerk/Treasurer presented the invoice report. Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the report as submitted. Councilmember Dates seconded the motion. Mayor Greene called for a roll call vote:

Don Greene, Mayor	<u>Yes</u>
Beverly O. Johnson, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Martin Dates, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
William Rayfield, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Janet Gill, Councilmember	<u>Abstain</u>

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Department:

Police Chief Jimmy Macon reported on the following items:

1. Do not leave firearms in unattended vehicles. Firearm theft has increased in recent months.
2. Always lock your vehicles, leave nothing in sight inside the vehicle.

3. Harpersville has an active animal leash law ordinance. He said there has been an ongoing issue between two property owners which has resulted in municipal court hearings. He noted animals and pets should be confined in a fence or kept on a leash when outdoors.
4. Announced Damien Davenport will graduate from the Police Academy on March 3, 2020.
5. Reported one employee failed the Police Academy physical training test on two occasions and is no longer enrolled in the Academy.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Heath Confer reported on the following items:

1. Heavy rain is expected over the next few days with possible flooding. Advised never to drive through standing water as there could be an open sinkhole or other possible hazards. "Turn around, don't drown."
2. It was reported a municipal vehicle from a surrounding area failed to stop for a school bus when the stop sign was displayed and lights were activated. He suggested reviewing traffic laws as they specifically apply to school buses at the next safety meeting.
3. All equipment is currently operating smoothly. He noted Engine No. 4 has electrical issues but it has been out of service. Mayor Greene asked if the town was borrowing or had any equipment on loan. Chief Confer said no.

PROCLAMATIONS BY THE MAYOR – None

PUBLIC HEARING – None

REQUEST(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – None

OLD BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Resolution 2020-03-02-01** for consideration to declare certain items as surplus personal property and to authorize the disposal of the same

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-03-02-01 and Councilmember Dates seconded the motion.

Mayor Greene noted there are five vehicles no longer needed for municipal purposes. He said a few of the vehicles do not run and have mechanical issues.

He said there is a dining table with five chairs in the Jackson House located on the property next to Town Hall. He asked the council for permission to donate the furniture to the City of Westover. He noted Westover has been gracious to loan their fire equipment and lend a hand in our times of need.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Greene called for a roll call vote:

Don Greene, Mayor	<u>Yes</u>
Beverly O. Johnson, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Martin Dates, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
William Rayfield, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Janet Gill, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-03-02-01 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

COUNCIL AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Greene made the following remarks:

1. Noted there are two grave markers in the municipal cemetery not correctly aligned with the plot lines. He said the encroaching markers prohibit the adjoining plot owners from using their full plot. In another section, a headstone is out of compliance with the cemetery guidelines. He noted one of the hardest things he has had to do as mayor was contact the families to advise them of these type issues. He said there are a few other issues he would be addressing with the Cemetery Committee at the proper time.
2. Encouraged all citizens to help spread the word about Census 2020. Each citizen represents approximately \$1,600 in potential tax dollars over a ten-year time period. Be counted!
3. Harpersville Water Board Clerk Virtie Bell will retire on April 1, 2020. He said a retirement party will be held in her honor at the Community Center on March 30, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

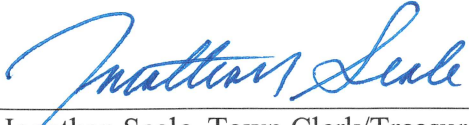
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Primary Election will be Tuesday, March 3, 2020. The polling location for the Town of Harpersville is the Harpersville Community Center. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
2. The Shelby County Chamber will host the March Chamber Connections Luncheon on March 5, 2020 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Grande Hall at Old Mill Square in Columbiana, AL.
3. The Shelby County Chamber and the Shelby County Reporter will host Coffee with the Mayor on March 24, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Earl Niven Community Center in Chelsea, AL.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the council, Councilmember Gill moved to adjourn the council meeting and Councilmember Rayfield seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously by those members present and the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of March 2020,



Jonathan Seale, Town Clerk/Treasurer



Don Greene, Mayor

