



COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers – Harpersville Town Hall
August 3, 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: August 3, 2020
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Harpersville Town Hall
Present: Mayor Don Greene
Councilmember Martin Dates
Councilmember Sheila K. Rich
Councilmember William Rayfield
Councilmember Janet Gill

Not Present: Councilmember Beverly O. Johnson

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Greene called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Councilmember Gill led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Jimmy Macon.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The following elected officials were present:

Mayor Don Greene
Councilmember Martin Dates
Councilmember Sheila K. Rich
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 August 3, 2020. Councilmember Dates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of those members present and Mayor Greene declared the same passed. The roll call vote was recorded as follows:

Don Greene, Mayor	<u>Yes</u>
Beverly O. Johnson	<u>Not Present</u>
Martin Dates, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Sheila K. Rich, 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 July 20, 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>Not Present</u>
Martin Dates, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Sheila K. Rich, 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 Rich 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>Not Present</u>
Martin Dates, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Sheila K. Rich, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
William Rayfield, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Janet Gill, Councilmember	<u>Abstain</u>

It was noted for the record the Harpersville Municipal Court account summary report for the month of July 2020 was provided to the town council.

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Department:

Police Chief Jimmy Macon stated the calls for service are down compared to the same period in 2019. He noted citation numbers have decreased due to more motorists limiting their travel as the pandemic continues. He added domestic violence has increased in recent months.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Heath Confer asked the town council to consider the purchase of a new fire pumper truck as discussed in the work session. Doug Akin, with Emergency Equipment Professionals, addressed the town council and stated he appreciated the opportunity to work with the Town of Harpersville.

Library:

Librarian Marsha Moore stated her monthly report would be available later in the week and she would provide a copy to the town council.

Mayor Greene stated the HVAC unit in the Library is on its last leg. He noted two service calls have been required in the past month to keep the unit functioning through the summer heat. He said one quote has been received for a new unit and two more are expected soon.

PROCLAMATIONS BY THE MAYOR – None

PUBLIC HEARING – None

REQUEST(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – None

OLD BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 2020-04** an amendment to the zone district boundaries of the Town of Harpersville changing the present zoning A-1 (Agricultural District) to RG (Garden Home Residential District) for property located on Shelby County Highway 444, across from Farmingdale Subdivision. Applicant: Smith Douglas Homes (**First Reading was on July 20, 2020**)

Councilmember Rich moved to adopt Ordinance 2020-04 and Councilmember Dates seconded the motion.

Councilmember Gill asked if the concerns brought to the attention of the council by the adjacent landowners during the public hearing last week had been addressed. Mayor Greene said all requirements by Smith Douglas Homes (SDH) have been met and no other action was required at this time. He added he understands the concerns of the landowners, but SDH is in compliance with all regulations according to the Harpersville Zoning Ordinance.

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

Don Greene, Mayor

Yes

Beverly O. Johnson, Councilmember

Not Present

Martin Dates, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Sheila K. Rich, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
William Rayfield, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Janet Gill, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-04 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

NEW BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Resolution 2020-08-03-01** for consideration to affirm the hiring of a reserve police officer for the Harpersville Police Department was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Dates moved to adopt Resolution 2020-08-03-01 and Councilmember Rich seconded the motion.

Councilmember Dates asked how long reserve officers serve before being moved to a full-time employment status. Councilmember Gill, confirmed by Chief Macon, stated there is no time limit on how long a reserve officer can serve. She said it is at the discretion of the Chief of Police and the hiring committee whether to consider an officer for full-time employment.

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

Don Greene, Mayor	<u>Yes</u>
Beverly O. Johnson, Councilmember	<u>Not Present</u>
Martin Dates, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Sheila K. Rich, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
William Rayfield, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Janet Gill, Councilmember	<u>Abstain</u>

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-08-03-01 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

2. **Resolution 2020-08-03-02** for consideration to certify only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Mayor was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-08-03-02 and Councilmember Dates seconded the motion.

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

Don Greene, Mayor	<u>Yes</u>
Beverly O. Johnson, Councilmember	<u>Not Present</u>
Martin Dates, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Sheila K. Rich, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
William Rayfield, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Janet Gill, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-08-03-02 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

3. **Resolution 2020-08-03-03** for consideration to certify only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Councilmember – District 1, Place 2 was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-08-03-03 and Councilmember Dates seconded the motion.

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

Don Greene, Mayor	<u>Yes</u>
Beverly O. Johnson, Councilmember	<u>Not Present</u>
Martin Dates, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Sheila K. Rich, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
William Rayfield, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Janet Gill, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-08-03-03 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

4. **Resolution 2020-08-03-04** for consideration to certify only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Councilmember – District 2, Place 1 was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-08-03-04 and Councilmember Rayfield seconded the motion.

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

Don Greene, Mayor	<u>Yes</u>
Beverly O. Johnson, Councilmember	<u>Not Present</u>

Martin Dates, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Sheila K. Rich, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
William Rayfield, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Janet Gill, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-08-03-04 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

5. **Resolution 2020-08-03-05** for consideration to certify only one person filed a statement of candidacy for the office of Councilmember – District 2, Place 2 was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-08-03-05 and Councilmember Dates seconded the motion.

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

Don Greene, Mayor	<u>Yes</u>
Beverly O. Johnson, Councilmember	<u>Not Present</u>
Martin Dates, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Sheila K. Rich, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
William Rayfield, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Janet Gill, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-08-03-05 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

6. **Resolution 2020-08-03-06** for consideration to appoint election officers for the August 25, 2020 Municipal Election was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-08-03-06 and Councilmember Dates seconded the motion.

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

Don Greene, Mayor	<u>Yes</u>
Beverly O. Johnson, Councilmember	<u>Not Present</u>
Martin Dates, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Sheila K. Rich, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>

William Rayfield, Councilmember Yes

Janet Gill, Councilmember Yes

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-08-03-06 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

7. **Resolution 2020-08-03-07** for consideration to authorize the purchase of a fire pumper truck was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-08-03-07 and Councilmember Rich seconded the motion.

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

Don Greene, Mayor Yes

Beverly O. Johnson, Councilmember Not Present

Martin Dates, Councilmember Yes

Sheila K. Rich, Councilmember Yes

William Rayfield, Councilmember Yes

Janet Gill, Councilmember Yes

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-08-03-07 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

8. **Resolution 2020-08-03-08** for consideration to enter into a service agreement with Gary Barnett for inspection services was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-08-03-08 and Councilmember Rayfield seconded the motion.

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

Don Greene, Mayor Yes

Beverly O. Johnson, Councilmember Not Present

Martin Dates, Councilmember Yes

Sheila K. Rich, Councilmember Yes

William Rayfield, Councilmember Yes

Janet Gill, Councilmember Yes

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-08-03-08 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

9. **Resolution 2020-08-03-09** for consideration to authorize the transfer of accrued sick leave was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Gill moved to deny Resolution 2020-08-03-09 and Councilmember Dates seconded the motion.

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

Don Greene, Mayor	<u>Yes</u>
Beverly O. Johnson, Councilmember	<u>Not Present</u>
Martin Dates, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Sheila K. Rich, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
William Rayfield, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Janet Gill, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>

The motion to deny Resolution 2020-08-03-09 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

COUNCIL AND PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

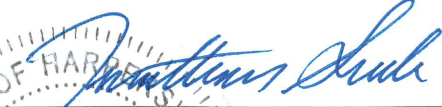
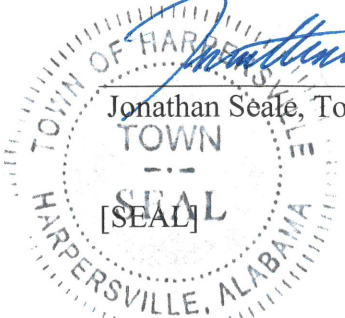
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The 2020 Census is happening now. You can respond online (my2020census.gov), by phone (844-330-2020), or by U.S. Mail.
2. The Harpersville Municipal Election will be held on August 25, 2020 at the Harpersville Community Center for the purpose of electing candidates to the following town council positions: District 1, Place 1 and District 2, Place 3. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the council, Councilmember Gill 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 council meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of August 2020,


Jonathan Seale, Town Clerk/Treasurer



Don Greene, Mayor