



**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Council Chambers – Harpersville Town Hall**  
**August 17, 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 17, 2020  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Harpersville Town Hall  
**Present:** Mayor Don Greene  
Councilmember Beverly O. Johnson  
Councilmember Martin Dates  
Councilmember Sheila K. Rich  
Councilmember William Rayfield  
Councilmember Janet Gill

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Greene called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. David Sanders 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 Beverly O. Johnson  
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 Rich made a motion to approve the town council agenda for August 17, 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, Councilmember	<u>Yes</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 August 3, 2020. Councilmember Rich 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>
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 Gill made a motion to approve the report as submitted. Councilmember Rich 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>
Sheila K. Rich, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
William Rayfield, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Janet Gill, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>

## DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Police Department:

Police Chief Jimmy Macon advised to keep firearms locked away. He added firearm theft has seen an increase in recent months. He said illegal drug usage has also increased in the town. As the resurfacing of U.S. Highway 280 nears completion, he cautioned all citizens to please exercise caution and slow down when traveling through town. Mayor Greene noted how smooth the ride is compared to the previous surface and how easy it is to accidentally go over the speed limit.

### 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 2020-08-17-01** for consideration to adopt an employment qualification requirement policy for the Harpersville Police Department was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Rich moved to adopt Resolution 2020-08-17-01 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>Yes</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 2020-08-17-01 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

2. **Resolution 2020-08-17-02** for consideration to appoint Phillip Barber to an unexpired term on the Harpersville Board of Adjustment was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-08-17-02 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>Yes</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 2020-08-17-02 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

3. **Resolution 2020-08-17-03** for consideration to accept (or reject) the sole bid from Three M Karts & Mowers for a zero-turn lawn mower was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Gill moved to accept the sole bid as presented and adopt Resolution 2020-08-17-03 and Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.

Councilmember Dates asked Mayor Greene to look into why the right-of-way is not being routinely cut on Highway 62.

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

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-08-17-03 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

4. **Resolution 2020-08-17-04** for consideration to authorize the Mayor, on behalf of the town, to obtain an unsecured loan from First US Bank for the purpose of purchasing a new fire pumper truck was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-08-17-04 and Councilmember Rich seconded the motion.

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

Don Greene, Mayor	<u>Yes</u>
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Beverly O. Johnson, Councilmember	<u>Yes</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 2020-08-17-04 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

5. **Resolution 2020-08-17-05** for consideration to assign job positions to the Town of Harpersville Classification Pay Plan was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-08-17-05 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>Yes</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 2020-08-17-05 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

6. **Resolution 2020-08-17-06** for consideration to adopt the Town of Harpersville Rebuild Alabama Transportation Plan for Fiscal Year 2021 was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Rich moved to adopt Resolution 2020-08-17-06 and Councilmember Gill 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>Yes</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 2020-08-17-06 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](https://my2020census.gov)), by phone (844-330-2020), or by U.S. Mail.
2. August 20, 2020 is the last date to apply for an absentee ballot to vote in the August 25th Municipal Election.
3. The public viewing and testing of the voting equipment to be used in the Harpersville Municipal General Election on August 25th will be held on August 19th at 1:00 p.m. at the Shelby County Facilities Warehouse located at 280 McDow Road in Columbiana, Alabama.
4. 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.
5. A special called town council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 12:00 noon in the Council Chambers of Harpersville Town Hall to canvass the results of the 2020 general election, declaring the winning candidates duly elected to office.
6. Harpersville Town Offices will be closed Monday, September 7, 2020 in observance of Labor Day.
7. The regularly scheduled September 7, 2020 work session and town council meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

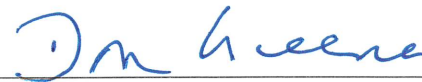
ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the council, Councilmember Rayfield moved to adjourn the council meeting and Councilmember Gill seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously by those members present and the council meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of August 2020,



Jonathan Seale, Town Clerk/Treasurer



Don Greene, Mayor

