



**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Council Chambers – Harpersville Town Hall**  
**September 8, 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:** September 8, 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 5:31 p.m. Mayor-elect Theoangelo Perkins led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Firefighter Mark Lewis.

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 Gill made a motion to approve the town council agenda for September 8, 2020. Councilmember Johnson 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 17, 2020 and the special called council meeting minutes from September 1, 2020. 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>
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 Johnson 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>Abstain</u>

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

## DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Police Department:

Police Chief Jimmy Macon stated the police department received 415 calls for service during the month of August 2020. He stated he has instructed the police officers not to issue verbal warnings. He added this would allow for better record keeping as all written warnings are submitted to the State of Alabama. Councilmember Dates asked about the police officer currently on unpaid leave status. Chief Macon stated a meeting has been set with the employee for Friday, September 11, 2020.

### Fire Department:

Firefighter Mark Lewis stated there has been confusion in the community about the burn ban implemented by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). He said in Shelby County the burn ban is in effect from April 1 to October 31, with no exceptions. He noted the hot summer weather brings drier conditions, which are a concern for fires being started more easily. He said the overall intent of the ban is to improve the air quality. Mr. Lewis suggested the town adopt an ordinance to give the fire and police departments the authority to cite citizens who violate the burn ban.

Mayor-elect Perkins stated he believes being able to educate the public, more would be helpful prior to adopting an ordinance.

### Library:

It was noted the written library report from July 2020 was given in advance of the council meeting.

## PROCLAMATIONS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Greene, by proclamation, declared September 28, 2020 as Family Day and the week of September 27 through October 3, 2020 as Family Week in Harpersville, Alabama. Mayor Greene added while the town will observe Family Day on September 28, 2020, everyday should be family day.

### 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 2020-09-08-01** for consideration to affirm the hiring of two (2) new part-time employees for the Harpersville Fire Department was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-09-08-01 and Councilmember Dates seconded the motion.

Councilmember Gill stated the public safety committee met with both applicants and were impressed by their qualifications. Councilmember Dates said the two applicants would make great additions to the fire department.

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 2020-09-08-01 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

2. **Resolution 2020-09-08-02** for consideration to authorize the Town Clerk/Treasurer to attend continuing education classes hosted by the Alabama Municipal Revenue Officers Association in Tuscaloosa, Alabama for October 7-9, 2020 and April 4-7, 2021 was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-09-08-02 and Councilmember Johnson 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 2020-09-08-02 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

3. **Resolution 2020-09-08-03** for consideration to conditionally agree to terms with Veterans Village for the sale of real property was introduced by Mayor Greene.

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

Mayor Greene said the agreed upon sale price for the property is \$220,000.00. He added the option for the new property boundary lines is not in the best interest of the town and has asked these to be updated.

He noted an ordinance declaring the property as surplus and a sales agreement authorizing the sale of the property will still be necessary.

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>No</u>
William Rayfield, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Janet Gill, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-09-08-03 passed by a majority roll call vote of 5-1 by those members present, with Councilmember Rich dissenting, and the mayor declared the same passed.

#### COUNCIL AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Greene announced the town was recently awarded a \$2,500.00 grant from the Alabama Power Foundation for gateway and signage improvements.

Mayor Greene congratulated Councilmember Rayfield and his wife Mrs. Dorothy Rayfield on the celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary on September 2, 2020. Councilmember Rayfield thanked Mayor Greene for his comments and said 70 years has gone by in a hurry. He said the Lord has blessed him with almost 90 years and 70 of those with his wife. Mrs. Rayfield thanked Mayor Greene and said they have had a good marriage, good kids, and a good many years.

Mayor-elect Perkins stated he is looking forward to working again as the Mayor of Harpersville.

Councilmember-elect William Carter said it was will be difficult to fill Councilmember Rayfield's shoes, but he is excited to serve.

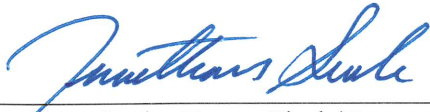
#### PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. The tentative ribbon cutting ceremonies for Smith Douglas Homes at Farmingdale Estates and The Meadows Golf Course at Harpersville are scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., respectively.

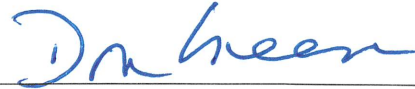
#### ADJOURNMENT

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 council meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of September 2020,



Jonathan Seale, Town Clerk/Treasurer



Don Greene, Mayor

