



COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers – Harpersville Town Hall
September 21, 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 21, 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

Not Present: Councilmember Janet Gill

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Greene called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Mayor-elect Theoangelo Perkins 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

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 September 21, 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>Not Present</u>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve and dispense with the reading of the regular council meeting minutes from September 8, 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>Not Present</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>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>Not Present</u>

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Department:

Police Chief Jimmy Macon encouraged all citizens to ensure firearms are secured and locked away when not in use. He clarified by saying stolen firearm cases have risen in recent weeks. He said an AK-47 was stolen in Harpersville and later found by law enforcement in San Antonio, Texas. Chief Macon urged citizens to exercise caution and obey the speed limit on U.S. Highway 280.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Heath Confer noted a burn ban was still in place until October 31, 2020. He noted during the warm summer months, humid weather does not allow for proper ventilation, especially from smoke. He said the burn ban is to protect the air quality. Chief Confer said the new fire apparatus would be in service once the final equipment is received and installed by the manufacturer.

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 2020-09-21-01** for consideration to adjust the employee health insurance cap was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Rich moved to adopt Resolution 2020-09-21-01 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>Not Present</u>

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-09-21-01 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

2. **Resolution 2020-09-21-02** for consideration to approve the hiring of an Administrator for the Harpersville Police Department was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Dates moved to adopt Resolution 2020-09-21-02 and Councilmember Rich seconded the motion.

Councilmember Dates noted he, Mayor Greene, Councilmember Gill, and Chief Macon met with the three candidates who were considered for the position. He said Paula Head fits what the town is looking for and what the town needs. He added she would be a good addition to the police department. Chief Macon echoed Councilmember Dates' comments and said Ms. Head met 99.9% of the qualifications on the job description.

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>Not Present</u>

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-09-21-02 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

3. **Resolution 2020-09-21-03** for consideration to adopt the Town of Harpersville Fiscal Year 2021 departmental budgets

Councilmember Rayfield moved to adopt Resolution 2020-09-21-03 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>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>Not Present</u>

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-09-21-03 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

COUNCIL AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Greene reported the 2020 Census self-response rate for the Town of Harpersville was 63.9%.

Councilmember Rich thanked the police department and fire department for the assistance they recently provided to her.

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. **THE LAST DAY TO RESPOND IS SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.**
2. The Shelby County Commission will host a free landfill day at the Shelby County Landfill located at 401 Landfill Road off Alabama Highway 70 between Columbiana and Calera on Saturday, October 3, 2020. Gates open at 7:30 a.m. and all participants must be unloaded and exited by 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the council, Councilmember Rayfield 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 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of September 2020,


Jonathan Seale, Town Clerk/Treasurer


Don Greene, Mayor

