



**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Council Chambers – Harpersville Town Hall**  
**October 5, 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:** October 5, 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. Harpersville citizen Sherry McGinnis led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chase Rohler representing Boy Scout Troop 588.

Councilmember Gill introduced Paula Head as the new Police Department Administrator. She noted her qualifications and over 30 years of experience as a paralegal. Ms. Head said she was glad to be in Harpersville and is looking forward to serving the citizens.

**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 October 5, 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>Not Present</u>
William Rayfield, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Janet Gill, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>

It was noted for the record an additional item of discussion was added to the town council agenda by unanimous vote of those members present during the work session prior to tonight's council meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve and dispense with the reading of the regular council meeting minutes from September 21, 2020. Councilmember Gill 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>Not Present</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 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>
Sheila K. Rich, Councilmember	<u>Not Present</u>
William Rayfield, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Janet Gill, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>

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

## DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Police Department:

Police Chief Jimmy Macon distributed a written report to the town council for the month of September 2020. He said calls for service were down compared to September 2019. He said the majority of the calls the police department receives is related to traffic.

Mayor Greene asked about the excess dumping of garbage and materials on the side of the roadway by the Harpersville Motel. Chief Macon stated he has discussed the issue with the landowner.

Councilmember Gill stated with the limited staffing in the police department would it be a good time to consider asking the Shelby County Sheriff's Office for assistance. Chief Macon said the County does offer a great deal of assistance already. He said he responded to a call early Monday morning and two Sheriff's deputies responded with him. Councilmember Dates stated he has noticed more Alabama State Troopers patrolling the Harpersville area. Chief Macon said with recent reorganization there are around six Troopers routinely patrolling Shelby County. He said the Harpersville Police Department has great support from other law enforcement agencies.

### Fire Department:

Mayor Greene stated the new fire pumper truck was delivered last week; however, a majority of the equipment still needs to be mounted.

### Library:

Librarian Marsha Moore stated she would provide the written library report at the next council meeting.

## 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 2020-10-05-01** for consideration to approve the hiring of a full-time position for the Harpersville Street Department was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Johnson stated she and Councilmember Gill reviewed the applications for the job position and Joseph Roberson was the most qualified. She further stated she supported the approval of this Resolution.

Councilmember Johnson moved to adopt Resolution 2020-10-05-01 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>Not Present</u>
William Rayfield, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Janet Gill, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-10-05-01 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

## 2. Discuss storage building purchase for the Harpersville Street Department

Councilmember Gill stated the town recently purchased new Christmas decorations. She added the previous decorations were stored improperly and are no longer fit for display. She said the 12' x 20' storage building would allow for safe and dry storage for the new decorations. She added the building would have a walk-in and rollup door. She said it would also include a loft area for extra overhead storage. Councilmember Gill clarified saying the building would not have electrical wiring or windows. She asked the town council to approve the expenditure to allow for the 6-8 week build time.

Councilmember Gill made a motion to purchase the storage building for a cost of no more than \$5,000. 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>Not Present</u>
William Rayfield, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Janet Gill, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>

## COUNCIL AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Planning & Zoning Chairman David Sanders stated there would be a meeting with the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham to discuss the possibility of updating the town's comprehensive plan.


The first meeting of the new town council will be Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center. A reception will follow.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the council, Councilmember Gill moved to adjourn the council meeting and Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously by those members present and the council meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of October 2020,



Jonathan Seale, Town Clerk/Treasurer



Don Greene, Mayor

