



**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Council Chambers – Harpersville Town Hall**  
**October 19, 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 19, 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 5:47 p.m. Councilmember Rayfield led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor-elect Theoangelo Perkins.

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 October 19, 2020. Councilmember Gill 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 Johnson made a motion to approve and dispense with the reading of the regular council meeting minutes from October 5, 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 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>Yes</u>
William Rayfield, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Janet Gill, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>

## DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Police Department:

Police Chief Jimmy Macon said there was a shooting near the Harpersville Motel, which resulted in a fatality. He added prior to tonight's council meeting a robbery had occurred at Dollar General.

Mayor Greene asked Chief Macon about the police department's wrecker service rotation. Chief Macon said when a towing or wrecker company purchases a business license they are added to the rotation list. Chief Macon said the companies currently being used are Middleton's Wrecker Service, Gill's Service Center, and Chelsea Wrecker Service. Mayor Greene said Chelsea Wrecker Service was not on the listing in the Ordinance adopted in 2012 authorizing the approved companies. Chief Macon said he was not aware of an ordinance.

Mayor Greene brought to the attention of Chief Macon an employee in the police department who is purchasing a large amount of fuel while driving few miles between fill-ups. Chief Macon stated he would counsel the employee again.

### Fire Department:

Fire Chief Heath Confer said the new fire truck is coming along. He said a majority of the equipment is still in the process of being shipped. He added Emergency Equipment & Professionals would be mounting all the large equipment once it arrives. A ceremony for the new fire truck will be scheduled in November.

The burn ban on natural and organic materials will be lifted on November 1, 2020.

### Library:

Librarian Marsha Moore distributed a written report to the town council for the month of September 2020.

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 2020-10-19-01** for consideration to participate in the State of Alabama 2021 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday on February 26-28, 2021 was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Rich moved to adopt Resolution 2020-10-19-01 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 2020-10-19-01 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

2. **Resolution 2020-10-19-02** for consideration to enter into a professional services agreement with Engineering, Environmental & Forestry Services Company, P.C. was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Jonathan Seale said hiring an engineering firm has become a necessity for the town to ensure proper oversight is being performed with various projects. Mayor-elect Perkins echoed Mr. Seale's comments and said this engineering firm has worked with municipalities in the past and would be a great asset for the town. Councilmember Dates inquired about the fee schedule. Mr. Seale referenced the fee schedule provided to the town council and added the town would be billed on an hourly basis. He added the firm would be utilized on an as needed basis.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-10-19-02 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 2020-10-19-02 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

3. **Resolution 2020-10-19-03** for consideration to declare certain items as surplus personal property and to authorize the disposal of the same

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-10-19-03 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>
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 2020-10-19-03 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

#### COUNCIL AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Greene presented Councilmember William Rayfield, who was accompanied by his wife and two of his children, with an award recognizing his many years of dedicated public service to the Town of Harpersville. Councilmember Rayfield has served in many capacities, on the Town Council, Water Board, and Planning Commission. He noted Councilmember Rayfield will be 90 years old next month.

Councilmember Rayfield said it was truly a pleasure to serve the community. He said when a task was given to him, he was happy to accept. He added it is a blessing to be in the Town of Harpersville. Councilmember Rayfield was honored by a standing ovation by those in attendance at his last meeting as a member of the town council.

Mayor-elect Theoangelo Perkins presented Mayor Don Greene with an award recognizing his four years of dedicated service to the Town of Harpersville. Mayor Greene said he wishes he could have done more for the town but is proud of the accomplishments they have made. He said he is not going anywhere and will still be in town.

#### PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The new Harpersville Town Council will be sworn in and seated on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Harpersville Community Center.

#### 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 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of October 2020,

  
Jonathan Seale, Town Clerk/Treasurer

  
Theoangelo Perkins, Mayor

