



**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Council Chambers – Harpersville Town Hall**  
**December 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:** December 21, 2020  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Harpersville Town Hall  
**Present:** Mayor Theoangelo Perkins  
Councilmember Beverly O. Johnson  
Councilmember Martin Dates  
Councilmember Sheila K. Rich  
Councilmember William Carter  
Councilmember Janet Gill

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Perkins called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Councilmember Rich led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Sanders.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The following elected officials were present:

Mayor Theoangelo Perkins  
Councilmember Beverly O. Johnson  
Councilmember Martin Dates  
Councilmember Sheila K. Rich  
Councilmember William Carter  
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 December 07, 2020. Councilmember Dates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members of the Council present, and Mayor Perkins declared the same passed. It was noted for the record that Ordinance 2020-07 would be added to the Council agenda.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve and dispense with the reading of the regular Council meeting minutes from December 7, 2020. Councilmember Rich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members of the Council present, and Mayor Perkins declared the same passed.

## APPROVAL OF INVOICE REPORT

Due to the vacancy of the Town Clerk/Treasurer position, there was no invoice report presented to the Council. An invoice report will be supplied to the Council at the next meeting.

## DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Department: -- None

Fire Department: -- The Fire Department reported that the Santa Run was a big hit. The new fire truck drove Santa around town. It was also reported that there would be a ceremony on Monday, December 12, 2020, to put the new fire truck in service. The Fire Chief invited the Town Council, Mayor, and former Mayor Don Greene to attend.

Library: -- None

Court: -- A court report was presented.

PROCLAMATIONS BY THE MAYOR – Proclamation for Human Trafficking Awareness Month – January 2021

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 2020-12-21-01** for consideration to approve or deny the Town of Harpersville to provide Tier 1 retirement benefits to its Tier 2 plan members was introduced by Mayor Perkins.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-12-21-01 and Councilmember Carter seconded the motion.

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-12-21-01 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members of the Council present, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

2. **Resolution 2020-12-21-02** for consideration to approve or deny the hiring of Linda Diane McCain as a part-time police officer for the Town of Harpersville Police Department was introduced by Mayor Perkins.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-12-21-02 and Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-12-21-02 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members of the Council present, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

3. **Resolution 2020-12-21-03** for consideration to approve or deny the Town of Harpersville adopting the Human Trafficking Awareness Month Proclamation, naming January 2021 as such awareness month, was introduced by Mayor Perkins.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-12-21-03 and Councilmember Dates seconded the motion.

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-12-21-03 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members of the Council present, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

4. **Resolution 2020-12-21-04** for consideration to approve or deny the hiring of Paula Head as Town Clerk / Treasurer was introduced by Mayor Perkins.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-12-21-04 and Councilmember Rich seconded the motion.

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-12-21-04 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members of the Council present, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

5. **Ordinance 2020-07** for consideration to approve or deny the Harpersville Police Department Rotation Wrecker System Ordinance was introduced by Mayor Perkins.

Councilmember Carter moved to adopt Ordinance 2020-07 and Councilmember Dates seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Perkins asked for a roll call vote:

Theoangelo Perkins, 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 Carter, Councilmember	<u>Yes</u>
Janet Gill, Councilmember	<u>Abstained</u>

The motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-07 passed by a roll call vote of those Council members present, with Councilmember Gill abstaining, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

6. The Harpersville App was introduced by Mayor Perkins.

Councilmember Gill made a motion to approve the purchase of the App as long as the expense is covered by or can be reimbursed by Covid19 funds. Councilmember Dates seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the purchase of the Harpersville App passed by a majority voice vote of those members of the Council present, and the Mayor declared the same passed.

7. Discussion regarding authorized signatures for Town of Harpersville checking accounts and financial documents.

The Town Council of Harpersville, Alabama designated certain Town officials to be authorized to execute financial documents on behalf of the Town. The Town Council of Harpersville, Alabama authorized Mayor Theoangelo Perkins, Mayor Pro Tempore Janet Gill, and Town Clerk/Treasurer Paula Head as Town officials authorized to sign checks, which shall require at all times two signatures, and any and all other financial documentation on behalf of the Town of Harpersville, Alabama. Further, the Harpersville Town Council authorized the Town Clerk/ Treasurer, with the advice and consent of the Mayor, to have the full authority to oversee all municipal funds to ensure monies are appropriately managed.

8. Discussion regarding a one-time pay increase for Town employees.

The Town Council of Harpersville, Alabama approved a one-time pay increase for Town employees. Mayor Perkins stated that it had been several years since the employees had received a one-time pay increase. The Council agreed that full-time employees should receive a one-time pay increase netting \$300.00, that part-time employees should receive a one-time pay increase netting \$175.00, and that employees who had been employed by the Town for six months or less should receive a one-time pay increase netting \$75.00.

COUNCIL AND PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Harpersville town offices will be closed Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Perkins wished all a Merry Christmas and prayed for all a safe season and for 2021 to be a better year.

With no other business before the Council, Councilmember Gill moved to adjourn the Council meeting and Councilmember Rich seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously by those members of the Council present, and the Council meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2020,



Paula Head, Town Clerk/Treasurer



Theoangelo Perkins, Mayor

