

COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers – Harpersville Town Hall
February 01, 2021 – 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: February 01, 2021
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 5:31 p.m. Librarian Marsha Moore led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sherry McGinnis, a member of the community.

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 February 01, 2021. 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 MINUTES

Councilmember Gill made a motion to approve and dispense with the reading of the regular Council meeting minutes from January 19, 2021. Councilmember Carter 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

The Town Clerk/Treasurer presented the invoice report. Councilmember Dates made a motion to approve the report as submitted. Councilmember Rich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members of the Council present, with Councilmember Gill abstaining, and Mayor Perkins declared the same passed.

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Department: The Chief of Police advised that due to this Council Meeting falling on the first day of the month there was not enough time to get his department's information together for a report, but advised he will have a report at the next meeting. The Chief noted the Police Department had a total of 322 calls in January 2021, a little down from last year. Speeding is still up, primarily younger people over 20 mph.

The Chief has been asked by a Farmingdale resident about water runoff from neighbor's property. The Mayor advised it is a civil matter.

A question was asked about passing a stopped school bus, and Chief Macon explained the penalty. Councilmembers asked if the Town could post signs reminding drivers to stop, and it was noted that the State will post signs. The Mayor said we should look into getting signs.

Fire Department: The Fire Chief spoke of an AFG opportunity. Chief Confer will host a FEMA grant with the Vincent Fire Department for new SCBA air packs. The Town of Harpersville currently has outdated packs which need maintenance. A proposal was made for the Town of Harpersville to participate in the cost-share grant at a share percentage of its choice of 5% to 10%. The cost of each unit is \$8,400.00, and the Fire Department has a need for 14 units.

Chief Confer advised the resignation of Firefighter John Hall. He noted the need to hire a full-time firefighter and a part-time, fill-in firefighter. He also advised of an employee status change from full-time to part-time.

Library: The Librarian submitted her reports for November 2020 and December 2020.

Court: A copy of the Court Clerk's report was included in the Council's packet. A Councilmember asked about FTA's (Failure To Appear). It was noted that an FTA gets notice first then if FTA again, a warrant is issued.

PROCLAMATIONS BY THE MAYOR: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REQUEST(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL: None

OLD BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS –

1. **Resolution 2021-02-01-01** for consideration to affirm the purchase of one new Welcome Sign through Owen Arts Studio, for either northbound or southbound traffic along Highway 25, in the amount of \$1,998.63.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2021-02-01-01 and Councilmember Dates seconded the motion.

The motion to adopt Resolution 2021-02-01-01 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members of the Council present, and Mayor Perkins declared the same passed.

NEW BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS –

1. **Resolution 2021-02-01-02** for consideration to affirm or deny extending COVID-19 pay through March 31, 2021, for sickness and/or quarantine due to Coronavirus, up to a total of 80 hours.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2021-02-01-02 and Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion to adopt Resolution 2021-02-01-02 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members of the Council present, and Mayor Perkins declared the same passed.

2. **Resolution 2021-02-01-03** for consideration to affirm or deny the hiring of Jasper E. English, Jr., APOST Certified, as a police officer.

Mr. English was introduced to the Councilmembers by Chief Macon.

Councilmember Dates moved to adopt Resolution 2021-02-01-03 and Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion to adopt Resolution 2021-02-01-03 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members of the Council present, and Mayor Perkins declared the same passed.

3. **Resolution 2021-02-01-04** for consideration to affirm or deny the request of the Harpersville Fire Department of a Cost-Share Grant in the amount of 10%.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2021-02-01-04 and Councilmember Dates seconded the motion.

It was noted that Harpersville's agreed percentage rate would revert to 5% if the City of Vincent should agree to only a 5% contribution.

The motion to adopt Resolution 2021-02-01-04 passed unanimously by voice vote of those members of the Council present, and Mayor Perkins declared the same passed.

COUNCIL AND PUBLIC COMMENTS –

The Town of Harpersville has volunteered its Community Center for EMA to use to administer COVID-19 vaccinations.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

With Town offices being closed on Monday, February 15, 2021, in observance of Presidents Day, the next meeting of the Harpersville Town Council will be at a Work Session held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., with the regular Council meeting to follow at 5:30 p.m., and the Planning & Zoning meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m.

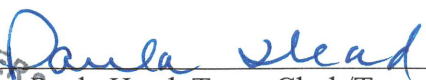
The Mayor received a message from Yoge Patel, owner of the Harpersville Motel, that the mattresses have been removed from the property.

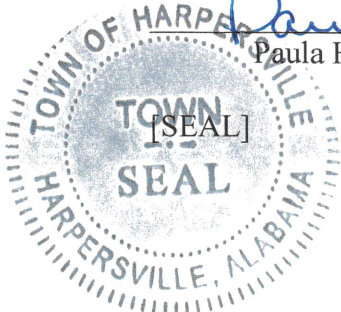
The Mayor thanked Water Board Chairman Cline Rhodes for being in attendance at this meeting of the Town Council.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Council, Councilmember Gill moved to adjourn the Council meeting and Councilmember Dates seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously by those Council members present, and the Council meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of February, 2021.


Paula Head, Town Clerk/Treasurer

The seal is circular with a double-lined border. The outer ring contains the text "TOWN OF HARPERVILLE" at the top and "HARPERSVILLE, ALABAMA" at the bottom. The inner circle contains the word "TOWN" at the top, "[SEAL]" in the center, and "SEAL" at the bottom.


Theoangelo Perkins, Mayor