



COUNCIL MEETING
Harpersville Community Center
May 15, 2023 – 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: May 15, 2023
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Harpersville Community Center
Present: Mayor Theoangelo Perkins
Councilmember Janet Gill
Councilmember Martin Dates
Councilmember William Carter
Councilmember Shelia Rich
Councilmember Beverly Johnson

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Perkins called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Police Chief T.E. Smith led the invocation. Chief Smith led a moment of silence for the fallen officers of 2023 and past. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fire Chief Heath Confer.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The following elected officials were present:

Mayor Theoangelo Perkins
Councilmember Janet Gill
Councilmember Martin Dates
Councilmember William Carter
Councilmember Shelia Rich
Councilmember Beverly Johnson

Mayor Perkins stated 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 May 15, 2023. Councilmember Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Perkins declared motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Rich made a motion to approve the regular council meeting minutes from May 01, 2023. Councilmember Dates seconded the motion. Mayor Perkins declared motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

The Town Clerk/Treasurer presented the invoices ready to be paid. Councilmember Rich made a motion to approve all invoices as submitted. Councilmember Dates seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote with Councilmember Gill abstaining. Mayor Perkins declared motion passed

PUBLIC HEARING – None

PROCLAMATIONS BY THE MAYOR – None

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

1. Adam Salser to address the council as it pertains to Jake Breaks

Mayor Perkins informed the council Mr. Salser requested to address the council but called and stated he could not make the meeting. Mr. Salser requested the Council still discuss the issue with Jake Breaks on Highway 25. Councilmember Carter asked what the purpose was for larger trucks to use Jake breaks. Chief Smith and Chief Confer collectively answered that it allows the trucks to slow down faster and without wear and tear on their regular pedal break. Councilmember Carter asked if it was necessary. Chief Confer stated it was not necessary but in some cases can be safer. Chief Smith mentioned we put up signage in areas where Jake breaks would not be allowed. Councilmember Gill suggested to Town Clerk contact other cities about ordinances they have in place to prevent the use of Jake Breaks. Issue will remain a topic in upcoming Council Meetings.

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Library:

Marsha Moore presented the monthly report to the council. She also announced Summer Reading program will begin every Tuesday in June at the Community Center. She asked for the word to be spread and if anyone would like to volunteer to see her at any time.

Fire:

Chief Confer presented the monthly report to the council for review. He announced the burn bam for 2023 began on May 1 and will end on October 31.

Police:

Chief Smith presented the monthly report for the council. He explained the report and reviewed the numbers with the council. He also mentioned the camera system that was talked about in the special work session held in February and wanted to see what the council thought about getting that started. Councilmember Rich asked Chief Smith for an explanation on how the system worked. Chief Smith compared it to a toll bridge. He also reminded the council of the numbers the camera pulled during its trail period in the Town. Council will discuss further in upcoming meetings.

OLD BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS

1. Discuss documents from Police Chief Smith as it pertains to the purchase of vehicles and leasing.

Mayor Perkins said the topic would go before the fiancé and budget committee. After recommendations from those boards the council will readress and make a decision in upcoming council meetings.

2. To accept proclamation – 2023 Trafficking Free Zone

Councilmember Gill made a motion to adopted the Proclamation and declare Harpersville a Trafficking Free Zone. Council member Rich seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed unanimously. Mayor declared the same has passed.

NEW BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES / ORDERS and OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Resolution 2023-05-15-01** – to approve the purchase of new computers for the Harpersville Library.

Councilmember Gill made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 items from the top line item of the quote presented. 1 item from the second line and 3 items from the third. Councilmember Carter second the motion. By voice vote, motion unanimously. Mayor declared the same

2. **Resolution 051523** – Dorothy Rayfield

Councilmember Gill made a motion to accept Resolution 051523. Councilmember Dates seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed unanimously. Mayor declared the same has passed.

COUNCIL AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Update Council on the Alabama League of Municipalities Conference.

Due to time purposes Mayor tabled the topic until the next scheduled council Meeting.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The next meeting of the Harpersville Town Council will be held at The Harpersville Community Center with a Work Session on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 5:00pm., with the regular Council meeting to follow at 5:30 p.m.
2. The next meeting of the Harpersville Water Board will be held at the Harpersville Community Center with a Work Session on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 4:30 p.m., with a regular board meeting to follow at 5:00 p.m.
3. The next meeting of the Harpersville Planning and Zoning Board will be held at The Harpersville Community Center on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 6:00p.m.
4. Harpersville Police Department will hold a LEG of the Law Enforcement Torch Run on May 18 2023 at 8:00am. Run will begin at the Harpersville Community Center parking lot

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 members present and the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of May 2023,


Amber Gardner, Town Clerk/Treasurer


Theoangelo Perkins, Mayor

