



COUNCIL MEETING

Conference Call via Zoom

April 20, 2020 – 5:00 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: April 20, 2020
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Call via Zoom
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 5:05 p.m. Councilmember Rayfield led the invocation. Mayor Greene respectfully asked for those in attendance on tonight's conference call to recite the Pledge of Allegiance in their hearts.

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 Johnson made a motion to approve the town council agenda for April 20, 2020. Councilmember Rayfield seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously by those members of the council present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Gill made a motion to approve and dispense with the reading of the regular council meeting minutes from April 6, 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 Johnson 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

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Heath Confer stated two applications were received for a full-time position on C Shift. Chief Confer discussed procedures to setup an interview with the candidates while adhering to all social distancing orders. Mayor Greene encouraged the interview to take place in person as opposed to a conference call. Councilmember Gill asked how the storm shelter operated during the recent stretch of severe weather. Chief Confer said unless a warning is issued, he allows citizens to congregate in the large open area of the Community Center. The fire department has been distributing masks and gloves at the door.

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 2020-04-20-01** for consideration to approve a service agreement with Scott Burridge Construction for exterior improvements at Harpersville Town Hall was introduced by Mayor Greene.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-04-20-01 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>No</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 2020-04-20-01 passed by a majority roll call vote of those members present, with Councilmember Dates dissenting. The mayor declared the same passed.

COUNCIL AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Greene reported on the following items:

1. The town received the annual capital improvement fund check from the State of Alabama. He noted this fund is restricted and can only be used for capital expenditures.
2. The town concluded an online auction hosted by Pearce & Associates including surplus vehicles and pistols. He said the town will net almost \$9,000.
3. The Town of Harpersville only has a 49.3% participation rate in Census 2020. He encouraged all citizens to get involved. Councilmember Dates added the Census 2020 questionnaire could be completed online, by phone, or by mail.
4. Eddie Swain, a town employee of 25 years, will retire effective June 1, 2020. A retirement party will be held in Mr. Swain's honor while maintaining proper social distancing practices. A job announcement will be posted in the coming days.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The 2020 Census is happening now. You can respond online, by phone, or by mail.
2. Alabama Department of Transportation will begin resurfacing a portion of U.S. Highway 280 beginning on April 22, 2020; please exercise caution.

ADJOURNMENT

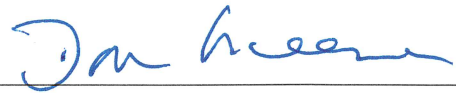
It was the consensus of those members of the council present to continue holding council meetings via conference call so long as government regulations encourage social distancing.

With no other business before the council, Councilmember Gill moved to adjourn the conference call and Councilmember Rich seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously by those members present and the conference call was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of April 2020,



Jonathan Seale, Town Clerk/Treasurer



Don Greene, Mayor

