

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Harpersville Community Center**  
**November 2, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

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:** November 2, 2020  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Harpersville Community Center

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Town Clerk/ Treasurer Jonathan Seale called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor-elect Perkins led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember-elect Carter.

**SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**

Theoangelo Perkins was sworn in as Mayor of the Town of Harpersville, Alabama. Municipal Judge Morris “Bo” Shaw administered the Oath of Office. Mayor Perkins was accompanied by his mother, Francis Perkins.

Beverly O. Johnson was sworn in as Councilmember – District 1, Place 1 of the Town of Harpersville, Alabama. Municipal Judge Morris “Bo” Shaw administered the Oath of Office. Councilmember Johnson was accompanied by her daughter, Adria Johnson.

Martin Dates was sworn in as Councilmember – District 1, Place 2 of the Town of Harpersville, Alabama. Municipal Judge Morris “Bo” Shaw administered the Oath of Office. Councilmember Dates was accompanied by his brother-in-law, Rev. Clarence Carter.

Sheila K. Rich was sworn in as Councilmember – District 2, Place 1 of the Town of Harpersville, Alabama. Municipal Judge Morris “Bo” Shaw administered the Oath of Office. Councilmember Rich was accompanied by her mother, Bernice Kidd.

William Carter was sworn in as Councilmember – District 2, Place 2 of the Town of Harpersville, Alabama. Municipal Judge Morris “Bo” Shaw administered the Oath of Office. Councilmember Carter was accompanied by his wife, Mary Carter.

Janet Gill was sworn in as Councilmember – District 2, Place 3 of the Town of Harpersville, Alabama. Municipal Judge Morris “Bo” Shaw administered the Oath of Office. Councilmember Gill was accompanied by her mother, French Ell Lansford.

## 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.

## ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Town Clerk/Treasurer Jonathan Seale asked for nominations for the Office of Mayor Pro Tempore.

Councilmember Rich nominated Councilmember Gill.

There being no other nominations, a motion to close the nominations for the Office of Mayor Pro Tempore was made by Councilmember Rich and was seconded by Councilmember Carter. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote of those members present.

The roll call vote to elect Councilmember Gill as Mayor Pro Tempore was recorded as follows:

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>Yes</u>

Town Clerk/Treasurer Jonathan Seale announced the election of Councilmember Gill to the Office of Mayor Pro Tempore of the Harpersville Town Council passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members of the council present.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Jonathan Seale passed the gavel to Mayor Perkins.

## APPROVAL OF TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

Councilmember Gill made a motion to approve the town council agenda for November 2, 2020. Councilmember Johnson 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 October 19, 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.

## APPROVAL OF INVOICE REPORT

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

## DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Police Department:

Police Chief Jimmy Macon said he would have a full written report for the town council at the next meeting. He said Hurricane Zeta caused significant damage in the Harpersville area. He added most residents should have their electrical service restored by the end of the week if not already. Chief Macon reported electrical crews from 19 states and Canada were in the Southeast helping restore service. He said downed power lines should immediately be reported. Chief Macon concluded saying the investigation at the Harpersville Motel is still ongoing.

### Fire Department:

Fire Chief Heath Confer congratulated the town council on their new term. He said on November 1st the burn ban on organic materials was lifted. 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. A ceremony for the new fire truck will be scheduled later this month.

## 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 2020-11-02-01** for consideration to ratify the use of current depositories for the Town of Harpersville and its municipal funds was introduced by Mayor Perkins.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-11-02-01 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>Yes</u>

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-11-02-01 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

2. **Resolution 2020-11-02-02** for consideration to designate certain town officials who will have the authority to execute financial documents on behalf of the Town of Harpersville was introduced by Mayor Perkins.

Mayor Perkins noted the resolution would authorize himself, Mayor Pro Tempore Janet Gill, and Town Clerk/Treasurer Jonathan Seale to execute financial documents.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-11-02-02 and Councilmember Rich 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>Yes</u>

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-11-02-02 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

3. **Resolution 2020-11-02-03** for consideration and providing that all administrative officers and employees of the Town of Harpersville shall continue temporarily in their respective duties and at the current salaries until such time all affected appointments/assignments are made permanent was introduced by Mayor Perkins.

Councilmember Gill moved to adopt Resolution 2020-11-02-03 and Councilmember Johnson 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>Yes</u>

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-11-02-03 passed by a unanimous roll call vote of those members present and the mayor declared the same passed.

4. **Ordinance 2020-05** for consideration to adopt council rules of order and procedure (First Reading)

Mayor Perkins called on Town Clerk/Treasurer Jonathan Seale to read a summary of Ordinance 2020-05 due to its length. Mr. Seale said a draft copy of Ordinance 2020-05 is available for review at Town Hall during normal business hours. This Ordinance will likely be considered by the town council at a future council meeting.

COUNCIL AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Perkins said he is grateful for the opportunity to serve as mayor. He noted having been around Harpersville a long time. He recalled working in the sanitation and water departments when he was younger. He added he is glad to be serving the citizens of Harpersville and looks forward to pushing the town forward.

Councilmember Rich said she really appreciates the opportunity to serve another four years. She said whatever the council could do for the citizens of Harpersville, please let her know.

Councilmember Dates thanked the Lord for being here tonight and for blessing the community. He said it is an honor to serve and be a member of the town council. He promised to do his best and be a voice for every citizen of Harpersville. He said please call on the council if there is anything that needs to be done. He added if the council does not know about something, they cannot address it.

Councilmember Johnson said she feels honored to serve another four years on the town council. She said please contact her or a member of the council if there is anything they can do. She reiterated Councilmember Dates' comments and added if the council does not know about an issue, they cannot help.

Councilmember Carter said he is thankful for the opportunity to serve on the town council. He said he will do the best he can to be fair and honest.

Councilmember Gill said she is excited to serve another four years and go to work for the citizens of Harpersville. She said she wants to help so please call. She added she wants to serve honestly, do things the correct way and grow the town.

## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The mayor and town council encourages all citizens to vote tomorrow in the General Election.
2. Harpersville town offices will be closed Wednesday, November 11, 2020 in observance of Veterans Day.
3. Harpersville town offices will be closed Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holidays.

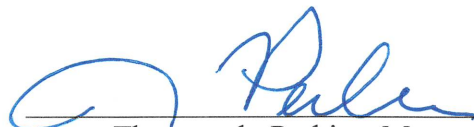
## ADJOURNMENT

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 council meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of November 2020,



Jonathan Seale, Town Clerk/Treasurer



Theangelo Perkins, Mayor

