

**CITY OF JOHNSONVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JOHNSONVILLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
111 W BROADWAY ST  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 6:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dukes at 6:30 PM.

The invocation was given by Council Member Haselden

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag

Council members present: Johnny Hanna, Mayor Pro-Tem, Doolittle Stone, Gary Arthurs, Mona Dukes, Jamie Altman and Marie Haselden

Other City personnel present: Steve Dukes, Mayor, Marlene Rollins, City Clerk, David Mace, Downtown Development, Jim Smith, City Administrator, Chief Ron Douglas, and Officer Steven Knight

Guest present: Rev. John Wilcher, Pearlie Wilcher, Willa Vicks, Jessie Vicks, Dennis Bailey, Erma Altman, Rev. Raye Nelson, Sherman Carmichael, Robert nettles, Ned Nettles, Nellie Howell, Frankie Poston, Joan Lentz, Buddy Stone, Roda Nesmith, Alethia Davis, Joyce Hatchel, Dave Fennel, Albert Godwin, Sandy Godwin

The City Clerk reported that the Media was notified by email and the agenda was posted at City Hall and the U.S. Post Office on Friday September 6, 2019.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Hanna and seconded by Council Member Dukes to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Dukes and seconded by Council Member Arthurs to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**The Mayor read the rules for Public Forum which is written on the Public Forum sign in sheet.**

Mrs. Joyce Hatchell voiced her concern about too much roundup being used on City streets, the curbing is not cleaned on her street, and she has been in the City for over 50 years and never has heard of a flat rate. If the flat rates were not there her bill would be what it should be.

Mrs. Pearlie Wilcher stated in her house hold is two senior citizens and they don't use a lot of water, don't wash cars, so why is her bill so high. Concern about water bill will put a strain on senior citizens.

Mr. Dave Fennell concerned if bills go up every year no one will be able to afford the water bill and he heard from a liable source you can't quit, but he has a letter stating he can after two years.

Rev. Raye Nelson stated we hear yal are having a meeting tonight, to hear from us, why can't we hear from you, we come to voice our concerns. I was at last meeting when company came in said bill going down, yal go up, where is the money going, to pay yal for sitting on seat, and not telling us bills going up, what about sewer situation, what about garbage yal own that property, making decisions behind our backs without our approval, How much money is in treasure? Mayor. Also concerned about Dixie and Diamond Branch Streets with the ditches, where is the concern he has called DOT with no response, Troy

who works for the City comes out and answers his questions. He hopes City will look into what state is not doing and what Johnsonville can do.

Willa Vicks, concern about water bill, will see Mr. Smith about bill. Hopes someone will help her out with \$106.00 water bill, not sure why bill is so high.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Bid opening for the New Municipal Complex was canceled and rescheduled for September 19, 2019. Construction should begin in October and be complete in 2020.

2018 MASC, Insurance Trust Workers Comp cost \$23,454.00 our rating was good, we had one claim in 2018, we saved of \$2000.00 to \$3000.00 from moving from State Insurance to MASC.

David Mace, Downtown Development presented council with two new applications submitted for the Façade Grant. **Motion** was made by Council Member Dukes and seconded by Council Member Arthurs to approve applicants request. Motion carried unanimously.

**The City Administrator reported the following:** (1) The new auditors for the City will be Mauldin and Jenkins, and the audit will begin September, 30. (2) We had very little to no damage from Hurricane Dorian.

**Mayor** reported (1) he was very appreciative of the City Workers, First Responders, and Citizens. (2) He had the opportunity to see Police Department in action during a drug raid in the City, everyone was very professional, they had no mishaps, and arrest were made and Thanks the police for their help. Also, the City has hired a new police officer.

Council Member Dukes reported (1) the Chamber will hold a Business Expo on September 21, 2019 at the High School gym, (2) the annual Fall lamp post decorating contest will begin October 11, (3) and Trunk or Treat will be held at the High school parking lot again on October 31, 2019 from 6pm to 8pm.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Arthurs and seconded by Council Member Altman to enter into executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Stone and seconded by Council Member Haselden to enter back into open session. Motion carried unanimously.


#### **POSSIBLE ACTION TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No action was taken from executive session

**Motion** was made by Council Member Haselden and seconded by Council Member Stone to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:** 8:00pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes approved by City Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

  
Marlene Rollins, City Clerk

