



**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**117 E. BROADWAY STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021 6:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hanna

The invocation was given by Council Member Poston

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag

Council present: Mayor Johnny Hanna, Frankie Poston, Doolittle Stone, Gary Arthurs, and Scott Wells

City personnel present: Jim Smith (City Administrator), Marlene Rollins (City Clerk), Ron Douglas (Police Chief) David Mace (Economic Development), Joey Miles (Sewer Supervisor)

Guest present: Steve Dukes, April Collins, Tony Hucks, Russell Wall, Allana Prosser, Jody Hardee, Kenneth E. Collins, and Donny Phipps, (CCI)

The city clerk reported that the agenda was posted on Monday July 12, at City Hall and the U. S. Post Office.

Mayor Hanna asked that the agenda be amended to add Tony Hucks with the Johnsonville EMS to appear before Council and for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance Authorizing the execution and delivery of documents relating to the provision of City Facilities;

**Motion** was made by Council Member Arthurs and received a second by Council Member Wells to approve the agenda with the amendments. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** was made by Council Member Poston and received a second by Council Member Stone to approve the minutes from the June 29, 2021 Public Hearing/Council Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Donny Phipps with CCI Services gave an update on 10 properties in the City that he is currently working on getting all the paper work in order to have them sold or cleaned up. Some of the properties are in estate process and or abandoned. The police chief will be tagging the abandoned vehicles on these properties and we will go through the process and can sell them.

Council Member Poston let council know that the Christmas decorations have been ordered by the Christmas sub-Committee, he presented pictures of what they will look like (see attached). We will need to add some electrical outlets on some of the electrical poles, and we will be ready for Christmas.

City Administrator Jim Smith, there has been some park issues with the youth, I will let Police Chief Douglas go over the plan with you.

Police Chief Douglas stated there are some unsupervised juveniles and some in their twenties that are littering at the basketball courts, we ask them to pick up their trash, a few will. The guys go out there every morning and clean up the trash, we have had this time trash cans turned over, picnic tables on their sides, signs torn down, trash on the ground, we have found a machete, fights break out, kids coming from nearby towns starting fights with our kids. The common factor in all this is the basketball goals, it is starting to get hotter, the tempers will get hotter, we feel like we need to take the goals down before something worse happens other than fist fights and someone gets hurt or worse.

Council Member Arthurs asked if an off-duty officer could stay at basketball court and monitor or if the lights could be cut off earlier.

Police Chief Douglas- it will take more than one officer to control a crowd

Council Member Stone asked if Florence County could assist, Chief Douglas responded with yes but not in a timely manner.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Arthurs and received a second by Council Member Poston to remove the basketball goals and back boards from the park until further notice. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Toilets at the Park has been tabled.

Administrator Jim Smith updated on the Penny Sales Tax funds, we have the Golf Course \$4 million, transfer station, road projects, EMS, Fire Station improvements totaling \$12 to \$15 million, everything is moving forward full speed. Golf Course- Removing of the asbestos buildings is about ¾ done, permitting is starting for construction of building

Chief Tony Hucks with the Johnsonville EMS, asked Council for support for the 2020-2021 funding of the Johnsonville EMS. He stated he is asking for the same as last year \$12,000.00 or at least \$10,000. He stated supply cost has increased due to COVID, they are having to buy more supplies due to packing of the supplies.

Council Member Stone asked how much does Florence County give them, Hucks replied \$260,000.00-year, Florence County isn't enough to cover payroll, our payroll is around \$300,000.00.

Council asked to see a copy of their financials and will get back to him next month at council meeting.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Wells and received a second by Council Member Stone to approve A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN LOAN ASSISTANCE MONIES FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATER QUALITY REVOLVING FUND AUTHORITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN LOAN ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JOHNSONVILLE AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATER QUALITY REVOLVING FUND AUTHORITY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. **Motion carried unanimously**

**Motion** was made by Council Member Poston and received a second by Council Member Stone to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. **Motion carried unanimously**

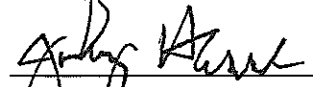
**Motion** was made by Council Member Arthurs and received a second by Council Member Wells to enter back into open session. **Motion carried unanimously**

**Action taken from Executive session:** City Council will meet with the candidate for the Administrator Position

**Motion** was made by Council Member Poston and a second by Council Member Stone to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously**

**ADJOURNED:** 8:36pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes approved by City Council on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

  
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Johnny Hanna, Mayor

Attest:   
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Marlene Rollins, City Clerk