



**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**117 E. BROADWAY STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 6:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hanna

The invocation was given by Mayor Hanna

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag

**Council present:** Mayor Hanna, Gary Arthurs, Frankie Poston, Dipen Khambhaita  
Jamie Altman, Doolittle Stone and April Collins

**City personnel present:** Holly Swann, Marlene Rollins, Ron Douglas, Joey Miles, Kem Poston

**Guest Present:** Joan Lentz, Tamala Owens, Sierra Ard, Kim Marlow, Jackie Stasney, Julie Rogers, David Mace, Anita McKissick, Cheryl Powell, Edie Cain and Sheila Generette

Council Member Altman asked the mayor to speak, he then formally announced his resignation from City Council effective immediately, due to he will be moving out of city limits within the next two months.

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

**Motion** was made by Council Member Stone and received a second by Council Member Khambhaita to approve the minutes from the revised December 6, 2022 and January 3, 2023 Council Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

During Public Forum Ms. Jackie Stasney, 245 Stone Ave, Johnsonville, stated to clarify I heard one you say at the last meeting that the county would no longer pay the lease on the dump, that the city would have to start paying that and I don't understand why the city would be paying for a county dump we pay a waste fee to the city for our trash, now my city taxes are going to be paying for a county dump, and there is talk about looking for land, have yal even considered the Industrial Park sitting out there for years with nothing on it. Am I not being tripled taxed, cause Florence County charges me a waste fee, I pay the city to pick up my trash and I cannot opt out of it, and now you are going to pay the lease for the county dump out of my tax dollars?

Administrator Ms. Swann replied that the city has always leased that property, this is not new, it's just a new lease agreement, and its more than it was.,

Ms. Stasney stated she understood the city pays for the dump we used the little carts, but the city hasn't used that dump sent city went with Waste Management, and now you not using with your truck, then why is that money coming out of our tax dollars, I don't understand that, that's like I'm being tripled taxed for my trash. I've talked with Roger Poston he said he has money sitting there waiting to do

everything, we just don't have anywhere to put it, so what is wrong with the Industrial Park, it's been sitting out there for ten years with nothing. And that land is paid for.

Mayor Hanna stated we worked to get a spot, I still think that is the spot, they don't want to use it, the industrial park was a perfect spot, for some reason Mr. Rogers is against that.

Ms. Stasney, I still don't understand why you are using my tax dollars to pay for a county dump.

Mayor: we don't either, hopefully we can resolve this with the new transfer station.

Mrs. Sheila Generette, 1394 Allison Landing Road, Johnsonville, concern she had a water leak, and in the past, we have gotten waivers for the bill and was told you no longer give waivers for water leak.

Ms. Swann advised we are going to discuss the water ordinance later in the meeting.

**Motion** was made by Councilmember Arthurs and received a second by Councilmember Khambhaita for second reading of AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 44 – UTILITIES, ARTICLE II. - WATER SERVICE §44-26 WATER CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSONVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA. §44-26 WATER CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS, **Motion carried unanimously**

**Motion** was made by Councilmember Arthurs and received a second by Councilmember Poston for First Reading of an ordinance authorizing and ratifying the entry by the City of Johnsonville into a lease agreement with Roger N. Langley (lessor), with respect to real Property comprising the manned convenience center **Motion carried unanimously**

**Motion** was made by Councilmember Poston and received a second by Councilmember Arthurs to enter into executive session Carolina Code § 30-4-70(a)(1) for the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline or release of an employee; **Motion carried unanimously**

**Motion** was made by Councilmember Arthurs and received a second by Councilmember Stone to enter back into open session; **Motion carried unanimously**

Mayor Hanna stated no Action from executive session.

**Council voted unanimously** to approve the Resolution to enter into a contract with Shannon Prosser to represent the city as legal counsel.

**Motion** was made by Councilmember Arthurs and received a second by Councilmember Poston to Approve a Resolution to amend the bank account for administrator access. **Motion carried unanimously**

**Motion** was made by Councilmember Khambhaita and received a second by Councilmember Collins to approve a request by the Fire department to sell old city fire truck which will be sold for scrap. **Motion carried unanimously**

**Motion** was made by Councilmember Arthurs and received a second by Councilmember Stone to Approve rate schedule for the Periwinkle Banquet Hall, at \$1,500 per day, non-profit/employee rate \$800.00 **Motion carried unanimously**

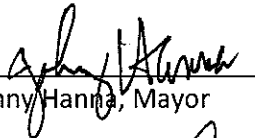
City Administrator reported, there will be a special election in May, filing begins February 17-February 27, 2023, early voting begins April 17<sup>th</sup>, we will need a workshop to redo our council committees and to vote on a Mayor Pro-Temp, we don't have to do that until May because MR. Altman is still on council until he is replaced. We also have submitted the grant for the Historical Marker for \$4800.00 to replace the Witherspoon Ferry Marker. And the Heritage Festival have started taking vendor and sponsor applications for that and the festival will be May 19th and 20<sup>th</sup>. The Chamber of Commerce annual meeting will be Monday, council and any business owners are invited to attend.

Mayor reported we have a good turn out tonight, we have some good back and forth with citizen input, we are not going to agree on everything, but even if we disagree but if it's brought out and talked about and come to a resolution it better than not talking about it at all. Thank everyone for coming and together we hopefully can make the best decisions for the city.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Arthurs and received a second by Council Member Collins to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously**

**Adjourned:** 7:13pm

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes approved by City Council on this   7   day of March, 2023

  
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Johnny Hanna, Mayor

Attest:   
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Marlene Rollins, City Clerk