



COUNCIL MEETING
117 E. BROADWAY STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022 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: Frankie Poston, Gary Arthurs, Jamie Altman, Dipen Khambhaita and Mayor Hanna

City personnel present: Nickolas Ammons, Marlene Rollins, Police Chief Ron Douglas, Wade Eaddy, Stephen Knight, Donnie Howell, Jacob Howard, Kem Poston, Denny Feagin, Jacob Spencer, and Troy Gaskins

Guest Present: Jared McDonald, Tamala Owens, Sammy Jones, Barbra Black, Mallory Feagin, Lori E Feagin, Macy Feagin, Rachel Hanna, Troy Hanna II, MR. Phillip Johnson, Renee E Harrell, Jackie Palmer, Pat Freeman, Henry Humphries, Jason Lyerly, Tony Hucks, Ervin Richards, Mel Rogers, Julie Rogers, Allen Wall, Dennis Altman, Dwayne Lyerly, Brenda Dennis, Sierra Fisher, Melinda Howard, Mark Howard, Timothy Baxley, Eric Coker, Edie Cain, Patricia Harrelson, Constance McCall-Baxley, Jody Hardee, Shonda Poston, Lovie Poston, Sup Chandler, Dustin A Cribb, Robin Morris, Randall Brough, Rhonda Stone, Caleb Boyd, Shanda Boyd, Tyler Nicholson, Andrew Gaster, April Collins

Motion was made by Mayor Hanna to have executive session moved before public comments and to add the purchase of flow meter to new business. **Motion carried unanimously**

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

Motion was made by Council Member Altman and received a second by Council Member Poston to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2022 Council Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Motion was made by Council member Poston and received a second by Council member Khambhaita to enter back into open session. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Action taken from executive session: No Action

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Sammy Jones, 263 E Marion Street, commented on his drainage system behind his home. He was told by the previous administrator it would be taken care of, there was a grant to fix, had engineers look at it, it was a city problem and he would like to know when it was going to be fixed. The city didn't have a problem fixing the \$40,000 ditch on Maple Street, what is the difference.

Renee Harrell 447 Pine Street representing 237 E Marion Street, concerned about the litter, she stated if you ride through the city it looks like a trash dump. Can you do anything to make the property owners clean up the area.

Edie Cain, 208 W Broadway Street, commented if you have an issue with someone go to that person, not everyone else and talk about them.

City Administrator Nick Ammons requested from council the approval to purchase a new electromagnetic flow meter to replace the current one at the waste water treatment plant which was installed back in 1960's. The cost would be approximately \$7,900.00. Council member Arthurs made the **Motion** and council member Poston gave a second to approve the purchase. **Motion carried unanimously**

City Administrator Nick Ammons presented to council the grant match funds for approval from the ARP funds. The Oak Hill water tank rehabilitation funding will be a Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) grant in the amount of \$500,000, the engineering cost estimated at \$65,000, city match \$125,000 (25% of construction) The RIA grant can only be used for construction cost. The applications are due by March 15, 2022 and awards are typically made in June/July. Project should be completed by March 15, 2023.

The pump station #5 rehabilitation and Spring Hill Community water line improvements funding will come from the Community Development block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$750,000, engineering cost \$110,000, city match is \$110,000, limitations on funds must be used in Low to moderate income areas. The pre-application is due by March 15th full application is due by April 15, awards are typically made in June/July. The project would be designed and constructed within 18 months.

These funds combined would be approximately \$300,000 which we are requesting to spend from ARP funds **Motion** was made by Council member Arthurs and received a second by Council member Khambhaita to approve use of the ARP funds for said projects. **Motion carried unanimously**

Council member Poston spoke on litter in the city, that when he was first elected, he and a few others picked up 52 bags of trash off of some streets, we have a real trash problem and we need to help keep the streets clean. We need to encourage people not to litter. Ask every citizen to help keep the town clean there's no reason for the city to look so trashy.

Motion was made by Council member Arthurs and received a second by Council member Poston for second reading of an ordinance calling for referendum at the next general election to determine whether the South Carolina Department of Revenue may issue temporary permits for the Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption in the City of Johnsonville. **Motion carried with a 3 to 1 vote. Council member Altman voting no, Council Member Khambhaita recusing himself, conflict of interest.**

Administrators Report:

Water Department

- 4 new water taps this month
- New hire has made significant progress; seems to be working very well.

Wastewater

- Switch Gear update
 - Total job completion is at approx. 60% including buildings and electrical.
 - All power distribution materials have been received and we are awaiting PLC controls and programming completion
 - There have been some changes to remote capabilities and we are working thru those.
 - Completion – Start running with new equipment - 5/06/22
- 1 vacancy currently

Streets & Sanitation

- All new hires have made significant progress thus far.
- We have had some delays with the route service; however, we are ensuring that everyone's trash is being dumped in a timely manner as best we can
 - Delays are largely in part to trying to acclimate the new employees with route running as well as operating the equipment

Police

- Officers issued 50 traffic citations for violations

Other/Administration

- HR/Personnel Policy Update is ongoing; hopefully in the final prepping stages for possible adoption
- Hampton Street Park Bench Rehab
 - Combined Effort from several guys in public works
 - Painted base poles green to match accent colors
 - New wood boards with fresh stain

Committee Reports:

Golf Course committee: Council member Arthurs reported the golf course is two weeks ahead of schedule, should be finished by October 1st, or sooner.

Parks Committee: Council member Poston reported park benches have been repaired and we have money left in a PARD grant that we will be spending to fix up park in the next few weeks.

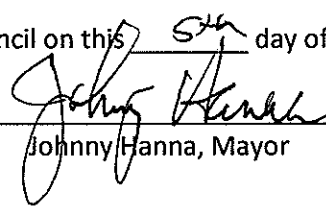
Motion was made by Council Member Poston and received a second by Council Member Khambhaita to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously**

Adjournment: 8:34pm

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved by City Council on this 5th day of April, 2022.

Attest:


Marlene Rollins, City Clerk


Johnny Hanna, Mayor