



**CITY OF JOHNSONVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JOHNSONVILLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
111 W BROADWAY ST
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 6:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hanna

The invocation was given by Council Member Altman

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag

Council present: Mayor Johnny Hanna, Frankie Poston, Doolittle Stone, Gary Arthurs, Jamie Altman, Rev. Dennis Bailey, and Marie Haselden entered meeting late.

City personnel present: Jim Smith (City Administrator), Ann Tanner (Asst. Clerk), David Mace (Economic Development), Ron Douglas (Police Chief)

Guest present: Warren Newcomb

The Assistant Clerk reported that the agenda was posted at City Hall on Monday, August 31, 2020 at 3:30 p.m., posted on the board and at the U.S. office on Monday, August 31, 2020 at 5:08 p. m., placed on the City web page, and emailed to council and to news@scnow.com on Monday, August 31, 2020

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

Motion was made by Council Member Arthurs and seconded by Council Member Altman to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2020 meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

David Mace reported to council that he met and Don Strickland, Executive Director (PDRTA) and with Melvin Bobo, concerning adding bus stops here in Johnsonville, there is currently one official stop at Piggly Wiggly for the Myrtle Beach route, we would like to add two more on Broadway Street and possibly one across from Wellman, the stops would include a bench and sign at no cost, if we wanted to add concrete slab and cover the cost is approximate \$15,000.00 for each stop, 80% of funding if available from the Federal Transit Administration, we talked about adding a trip to Florence the most feasible way to do that would be to partner with Pamplico, Mr. Strickland has already spoke with Pamplico Mayor, he is on board with that. To have 4-6 stops 3 times a day would cost the City around \$56,000.00 a year. We will do a feasibility study to gauge interest, we will place an ad on the back of the water bill with a phone number and then solicit stakeholders for their interest (Wellman, Piggly Wiggly, Hospitals in Florence, etc.) Mr. Smith states that he and David will talk more about this and if council is interested in moving forward with this concept, he is interested in trying to get all kinds of

transportation transit grants to try and cut down on cost, there are all kinds of grants out there through Dot and other federal agencies and state programs. Councilman Altman asked if people riding the bus now pay a fare, Councilman Stone asked where in Florence would the people be dropped off, and Councilman Bailey stated the signs at the bus stop has the route showing where the bus will stop. Councilman Stone stated we would love to have a place so people could go to Myrtle Beach and Florence to work, but we need money help because we don't have it in the budget Mrs. Smith stated this is net new so it's not in the budget, and Mr. Mace stated we can always start next budget year. Councilman Bailey stated we can still buy up benches and signs at no cost, right?

Motion was made by Council Member Bailey and seconded by Council Member Altman to move forward with feasibility study on bus stops. **Motion carried unanimously**

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Smith presented council with the yearend **quarterly report budget vs. actual**. Where water revenue was budgeted at \$902,500.00, we came in at \$919,552.84 which is 102% on the expense side we budgeted \$793,300 we finished at \$521,792.57, 66% under budget. We managed our expenses well in water. We ended up with a net profit cash basis \$400,000.00. we did not have the expenses we thought we would have with the Vox Project. The Vox Project is in place running and working well. The sewer side revenue was budgeted at \$1,104,000.00 came in at \$912,224.04 which is 83%, we over budgeted here, but it's like we have talked about with what's going on with Wellman it's been an up and down year. One thing we are doing is taking water out of the retention pond at Wellman and running it through our system this will give us \$50, to \$75 thousand in additional revenue. The expense side we are some what down we came in around 85%-year end. Between water/sewer we made about ½ million dollars on cash basis profit. The General fund side it's always misleading, we budgeted \$855,200.00 ended up at \$1,047,485.87. The expense side Street & Sanitation we are upside down. Revenue \$231,000.00, expense \$367,000.00 Police, budgeted \$568,000 came in at \$6000,000.00 106% of budget, profited about \$2,000 in the SOVA fund. The General fund is upside down \$265,000.00 but that's an improvement if we go back for the last several years. We made a couple of thousand in the SOVA fund. Hospitality Fund \$49,000.00 we spent \$23,000.00 it about \$25,000.00 net profit. The auditors will come in now and start the year end audit.

Sanitation Initiative Mr. Smith proposed to council the idea of going out of city limits to gain more sanitation customers. We have the chance of gaining 231 new sanitation customers who already have the water service by going on the connected roads to City limits. We will do survey to see how many people are interested and go from there.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bailey and seconded by Councilmember Poston for first reading of ordinance 2020-3 (Golf Cart regulations). **Motion carried unanimously.**

Maple Street Drainage: Council Member Poston states that there is a drainage problem on Maple Street and has been for years, several elected officials from the City and County have been over to look at the problem and no answer on how to fix it was ever given. Now water is backing in up in yards and is starting to have issues with houses and it is time for this to be fixed.

Administrator Smith states that he has gone out and looked at the issue, houses were built on or below the road level. The water has been running through a ditch and not a storm water drain. We have three quotes to fix the problem ranging from \$39,000 to \$59,000.

Council member asked where was the money coming from to fix the problem and if there were grants available. We need a storm water program to investigate possibilities. Council member Altman asked

who determines who is responsible, The Country Club has ditch issues at his drive. Mr. Smith said the Civil Engineers and Legal staff will determine.

Motion was made by Council Member Poston and seconded by Council Member Haselden to move forward on finding ways to fix the problem on Maple Street and other areas. **Motion carried unanimously**

Administrator reported (1) the banks accounts will be moved from Anderson Brothers Bank to The Citizens Bank within the next few weeks. (2) and Pee Dee Family Practice is moving to Lake City.

Mayor reported (1) Sam Tuten with Johnsonville High School needs IPADS until computers come in at end by late October or first of November. He has requested \$1,000.00 for 150 tablets.

Council Member Altman and Bailey stated that the State has already allocated funds for this. Council Member Arthurs and Haselden recommends that this request needs to come from Dr. Smiley.

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

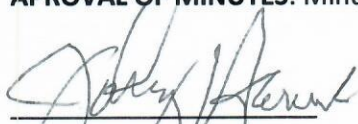
Motion was made by Council Member Poston and seconded by Council Member Altman to enter back into open session. **Motion carried unanimously**

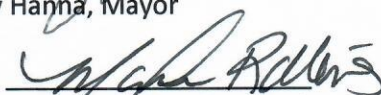
No Action taken from executive session

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

ADJOURN: 8:30

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council this 13th day of October, 2020.


Johnny Hanna, Mayor

Attest: 
Marlene Rollins, City Clerk

