



**CITY OF JOHNSONVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JOHNSONVILLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
111 W BROADWAY ST
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020 6:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hanna

The invocation was given by Council Member Haselden

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag

Council present: Mayor Johnny Hanna, Frankie Poston, Doolittle Stone, Gary Arthurs, Jamie Altman, and Marie Haselden

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

Guest present: Warren Newcomb, Barbara Black, James Campbell, Rev. John Wilcher, and Jessie Vicks

The City clerk reported that the agenda was posted at City Hall on Friday October 9, 2020 at 3:00pm, and at the U.S. post Office at 3:30pm

Motion was made by Mayor Hanna to amend the agenda for CCI Service Agreement to be discussed by council. Council Member Arthurs second to approve the agenda with the amendment **Motion carried unanimously**

Motion was made by Council Member Altman and seconded by Council Member Haselden to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2020 meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Barbara Black with Lydia's Bowels of Mercy appeared before council stating that her partner had a meeting with the City Administrator, Jim Smith and Tripp Carmichael VP of Wellman, where it was discussed that The City, the Chamber, Wellman and Lydia's Bowels were to give away Turkeys this year. We wanted to give away the Turkeys at the new City Hall, but it's not finished yet, Wellman will donate 100 turkeys and we ask that the city and Chamber give 100 (50 each). Lydia's will buy box of food so there will be a whole meal. The giveaway will be November 16, 2020, and the giveaway will be to residents who are active Medicaid members only. We do want this to be represented by the City, we want to push council out there and let the people see that you do care about the city, you support the city, and sometimes all you hear is negative and we want some positive stuff to go on in Johnsonville.

OLD BUSINESS

CCI Services to provide Building/Code enforcement services for the City of Johnsonville upon approval of the revised building/code enforcement ordinance by City Council.

Motion was made by Council Member Arthurs and seconded by Council Member Altman to hire CCI to enforce Building/Code Enforcement. **Motion carried unanimously**

City Administrator Jim Smith stated we have talked about this at several different meetings, as I have mentioned to the council, we have three bids on this Maple Street ditch project, and the low qualifying bid is \$29,000. We do have the money in the budget to do this project and I would like to get a formal vote on this to go forward if that is what council chooses to do.

Mayor Hanna asked we do have money in the budget to do this project, and Council member Arthurs asked what section of the budget will this come out of.

Mr. Smith stated that it would come under the expense budget, and the line item would be repair and maintenance, we have around \$35,000 or \$40,000 in that line item for repair and maintenance. We haven't spent a lot of money up to this point with the new year and money is available under that expense account.

Council member Arthurs asked we don't anticipate any expenses, Mr. Smith stated there could be other expenses down the road but we have other places to withdraw money to cover those expenses.

Motion was made by Council Member Poston and seconded by Council Member Arthurs to repair ditch problem on Maple Street. **Motion carried unanimously**

David Mace (Downtown Development) presented council with five requests for the Faced Grant reimbursement program. The five who applied are The Johnsonville Rescue Squad, Lydia Bowels, Redmond Tax Service and two other store fronts owned by Tom Redmond, the total for approval to issue these grants is \$9,274. **Motion** was Council Member Arthurs and seconded by Council Member Haselden to approve these grants. **Motion carried unanimously**

Mr. Smith stated that the City has put down a deposit on land for the transfer station and at this point it is in limbo awaiting the penny sales tax for that location. The question that I am asking is how would you like to proceed, do we want to look at other properties, Council member Arthurs stated to look at other properties, we still have time before the penny sales tax is in place. Council will look at two other properties, the Weaver and Bishop properties.

Chief Ron Douglas spoke to council on the Ordinance 2020-3 concerning Golf Carts, he advised council that he researched the State Laws and Federal Motor Code of laws for the operation of various vehicles on the public roadway, and according to SCDMV, they will issue a Golf cart permit for anyone who submits an application showing that they have liability insurance on their particular vehicle. With the permit decal affixed the owner can operate the vehicle on secondary roadways with certain restrictions but cannot operate any of these vehicles on SC Primary Roads such as Broadway Street or Georgetown Hwy but can cross over those streets. While there are exceptions for Fire Dept., Rescue Squads, Farm Vehicles, Construction Vehicles and US Government Vehicles, there is no exception to allow municipal governments to operate such vehicles on Primary Roads. SCDMV takes the position that they issue the permits and law enforcement has to determine how strict local enforcement will be. I have touched base with Joey Miles who says it is much more cost effective and convenient for the City employees to use the City gator and I'm ok with that with your approval, however to avoid a double standard I would recommend that if we strictly enforce the technical rules for our citizens, we should consider discontinuing the use of the City gator since it is primarily used on the SC Primary roads and prohibited by the Golf Cart law.

City Administrator Jim Smith reported on (1) he will be placing City Hall on the Gov Deals web site for auction and asked council what was a good starting price for opening bid, and to remember that the

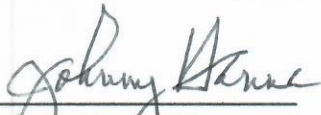
funds from the sale of the building will go toward new building for equipment storage. **Motion** was made by Council Member Arthurs and seconded by Council Member Poston to start bids at minimum of \$30,000.00. (2) the work has been done on the ordinances, the attorneys have completed their part on code enforcement, the second side of this is that we weren't satisfied with Florence County on how they handled our code enforcement. We have found out that the City had a contract with Florence County signed back in 1997, revised in 2014 and is up for renewal in December 2020, we will take back the code enforcement side of the contract and Florence County will still handle all other listed in contract.

Mayor Hanna reported that David and the staff has worked on choosing a plaque for the new City Hall, one on Building and one for Council Chambers. Council chambers plaque will be dedicated to Steve Dukes for his years of service to the City. **Motion** was made by Council Member Arthurs and seconded by Council Member Stone to accept plaques as presented. **Motion carried unanimously**

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

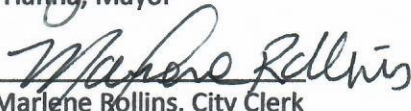
ADJOURN: 8:00pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council on this 3rd day of November, 2020.



Johnny Hanna, Mayor

Attest:



Marlene Rollins, City Clerk

