

**CITY OF JOHNSONVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JOHNSONVILLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
111 W BROADWAY ST
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020 6:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hanna at 6:30 PM.

The invocation was given by Council Member Haselden

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag

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

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

Guest present: Steve Dukes, Warren Newcomb, Barbara Black, Dianne Owens (media), Tanesha Clements, Thursten Singletary, Charlie Ipock

The City Clerk reported that the Media was notified by email and the agenda was posted at City Hall and the U.S. Post Office.

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

Motion was made by Council Member Altman and seconded by Council Member Stone to approve the minutes from the February 4, 11, and 20, 2020 meetings. **Motion carried unanimously**

David Mace gave an update on the process of the New Municipal Complex. He met with the project manager and construction is on schedule, several of the office staff has met with the interior designer and has picked out the flooring and wall coloring. And the little red and white building beside the municipal property agreement should be signed in a few weeks.

The City Administrator reported the following: (1) he appreciated Council changing the meeting from March 3 to the 10th to accommodate his schedule, due to him being out of town. (2) We have put on the City webpage a link to the CDC for updates on the coronavirus. We here at City Hall are taking precautions, as we come in contact with a lot of people and handle money. (3) we have two major projects getting ready to start the 41/51 and along Azalea Street, water/sewer projects. You will be seeing more activity on the streets. (4) We will be starting our budget process in April with council, we will have a few workshops in April and May. (5) We are still in the process of reviewing the ordinances, it is a process and will take some time.

Council Reports: Council Member Poston reported that he and Council Member Bailey attended a meeting at Prosser field on Monday night to discuss improvements on the ballfields, and there was talk of interest in combining Johnsonville and Pamplico together with a new facility between the two cities.


Another meeting will be held in the next month or so and encouraged other council members to attend. Johnsonville will host the ball tournaments in July and August.

The Mayor Reported the following: (1) He hosted a Mayor's luncheon with the Mayors from Florence County and also invited the Mayors from Hemingway, Stuckey and Andrews. The purpose for the meeting was for representation for our cities in the Penny sales tax monies, and he hopes to have quarterly meeting similar to this one. (2) Council member Haselden recused herself from Mayor Hanna's Business startup session of the meeting. Mayor Hanna stated that Brett Haselden was awarded the position of running the Hut, and asked council if the City would help with start up of opening the business since the City using thee facility during the Heritage Festival. Mayor Hanna suggested a three-month rental payment. Council member Bailey stated we should not approach and asked what was the rental payment amount, Mayor Hanna stated \$700 a month. Council Member Arthurs asked if it would be repaid and Council member Stone stated that tis was the American Legion for veterans and used during thee Festival. Council member Arthurs asked if the City have the money available and where would it come from, Hospitality ta money. Council member Altman stated he didn't think we could use Hospitality money but only for tourism. Discussion was tabled un till later date.

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

ADJOURN: 7:26pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council this 28th day of April 2020.


Marlene Rollins, City Clerk

