



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
117 E. BROADWAY STREET
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021 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, Scott Wells, Jamie Altman and Marie Haselden

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

Guest present: Jessie Vicks, John Wilcher, Tony Hucks, April Collins, Russell Wall, Warren Newcomb, Don Strickland, Gary Hartong, Ann Eaddy, Edward Gagliano,

The city clerk reported that the agenda was posted on Monday May 31, at 4:45pm at City Hall and at 5:00pm at the U. S. Post Office

Mayor Hanna asked that the agenda be amended to add Gary Hartong with the Wooten Company to present the rate study findings for the utility rates.

Motion was made by Council Member Arthurs and received a second by Council Member Haselden to approve the agenda with the amendment adding Gary Hartong with the Wooten Company. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion was made by Council Member Stone and received a second by Council Member Poston to approve the minutes from the May 4 and May 19, 2021 meetings. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Ed Gagliano appeared before council with concerns of the Revitalization of the Wellman Golf Course. Mr. Gagliano, has concerns with his home being on the 9th hole states he still finds golf balls in his yard, he has had broken windows in his truck, house has a been hit several times and now he has solar panels on the roof, his concern is who will be responsible for damage to his home and anyone who may get hurt while in his back yard in the swimming pool, he assumes there will be liability coverage but who will he need to contact. This is his concern as a home owner, His concern as a tax payer is how are the ins and out of this is going to happen, that is for council to figure out. He stated he voted on the penny sales tax because we need the things listed on the ballot, he would not have voted for it if the golf course was on it. He does not know who is responsible for Mr. Poston's 4.3 million that was allocated to Johnsonville before the golf course, who is going to monitor that and will they get it done in a timely

fashion, and the annual cost is another ballgame. A lot of people he talked with didn't know that the golf course was tied into the penny sales tax. There will be a first and second reading on how you are going to draw up a lease with the county. He feels that the golf course should be turned into a park. He thanked council for listening to his concerns.

Mayor Hanna thanked Mr. Gagliano for his concern and for his appearance before council.

Gary Hartong with The Wooten Company presented Council with the findings of the rate study which is a carryover from the study from 2019. With his finding he recommended a rate increase of 4% water, 3.5% sewer, 5% sanitation

Motion was made by Council Member Wells and received a second by Council Member Arthurs to accept 2nd READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE XIII OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSONVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, BEING THE CITY OF JOHNSONVILLE PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR MORE MODERN AND FLEXIBLE PROCUREMENT PRACTICES CONSISTENT WITH THOSE USED BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL BODIES IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. **Motion carried unanimously**

Don Strickland with the PDRTA came back to council with the bus route around town and to Florence will have a public hearing and have several businesses interested in sponsoring the route, we are 70% there. **Motion** was made by Council Member Arthurs and received a second by Council Member Wells to donate \$5,000 to the PDRTA for bus route. **Motion carried unanimously**

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

Motion was made by Council Member Arthurs and received a second by Council Member Wells to enter back into open session. **Motion carried unanimously**

Action taken from Executive

Motion was made by Council Member Arthurs and received a second by Council Member Altman to give employees a Cost-of-Living annual increase of 2.5 percent effective July 1, 2021.

Administrator Jim Smith recapped the budget from the budget workshop on May 19, 2021, adding the rate increase for utilities at 4% water, 3.5% sewer and 5% for sanitation, and the cost-of-living at 2.5% increase for employee salaries. Mr. Smith asked if there were any other things that needed to be added, Council Member Arthurs stated Council Member Poston told him that the Christmas decorations were ordered today, Mr. Smith stated that there were \$18,000.00 in budget for current fiscal year and \$38,000 for next fiscal year for. Council Member Wells asked Mr. Smith if there was anything they missed or new of that needed to be added, Mayor Hanna asked if the tractor and utility shed was in budget, Mr. Smith replied no, we talked about buying with funds outside budget process.

Motion was made by Council Member Arthurs and received a second by Council Member Altman to increase utility rates as recommended by the Wooten company. **Motion carried unanimously**

Motion was made by Council Member Stone and received a second by Council Member Haselden to accept 1st READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF CITY FACILITIES: **Motion carried unanimously**

Motion was made by Council Member Arthurs and received a second by Council Member Stone to accept 1st READING OF TO APPROVE THE CITY'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022. **Motion carried unanimously**

Administrator reported: (1) the chief and I have spoken on the issue of golf carts, the individuals have been spoken to and the parents, the activity will now cease. Council Member Wells asked the Police Chief if we wanted to eliminate all golf carts the chief stated we are moving in the right direction with have them permitted and insured (2) We need to come up with a date for the golf committee to meet, we have several things to discuss (3) the county is moving forward with the lease (4) The RFP is finalized, I will be looking at it tomorrow, several signs will be going up to let people know the golf course project is moving forward (5) we need a date for the 2nd reading of the budget, council decided 6/29/2021


Council Member Arthurs stated the administrative committee needs to meet


Matt Christian from the SCNOW asked what was the Cost-of-Living increase for the employees. Mayor Hanna responded with 2.5 percent Cost of Living.

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

ADJOURNMENT: 8:07pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council on this 29th day of June, 2021.


Johnny Hanna, Mayor

Attest: 
Marlene Rollins, City Clerk

