

**CITY OF JOHNSONVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JOHNSONVILLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
111 W BROADWAY ST
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020 6:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hanna

The invocation was given by Council Member Bailey

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag

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

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

Guest present: April Collins (Johnsonville Rescue Squad), Jerome "Romie" Askins, Warren Newcomb, John Wilcher, James Campbell, and Donny Phipps, (CC&I Services)

The City Clerk reported that the Media was notified by email on Monday June 1, 2020 and the agenda was posted at City Hall on Friday May 29, 2020.

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 Bailey and seconded by Council Member Stone to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2020 meeting. **Motion carried unanimously**

PUBLIC COMMENT

April Collins with the Johnsonville Rescue Squad was touching base with the council to see if The City had budgeted funds for the Johnsonville Rescue Squad like in the years past. She stated the Rescue Squad was still here and not going anywhere and would like the support of the City.

Jerome Askins represents three of the Poston family that own the buildings on Broadway, the City had approached the family to purchase this property, the family is now willing to sale if the City will approach with an offer.

APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCI

Donny Phipps with CC&I Services appeared before council with information about Code enforcement, and Inspection Services. What our company can do for you is condemn abandon buildings, make code case due inspections follow code and ordinances, send out a 30-day letter with report of offences of property, complaint hearing, do title search find out who all the owners are. We do property, cars homes, lots. Our fee is \$75.00 hour. We are here to provide a service and to help the Citizens, if they got something that is broke, we need to fix it.

City Administrator Mr. Smith stated we know we have a problem in the City with code enforcement and building inspections due to staffing and due to the fact that we haven't had the best corporation from

the county when it comes to these issues that is why I sought out this company to handle these issues. We will work out the details and bring it back to council.

OLD BUSINESS

David Mace reported that the New Municipal Building is on schedule, a packet was passed out with pictures of construction progress and showed a video of the layout of building. The completion date should be October 1, 2020. Councilman Arthurs asked if the walls are hurricane rated and Councilman Stone asked if a generator will be in building, David answered yes.

David stated we would like to give a tour before next council meeting at 5:30 so all council can see the progress.

David Mace asked council if they would like to have brick pavers out front of the new Municipal Building walk way, maybe citizens could get involved to purchase these with a name as in memory or someone or something similar, and what price should we sell these. Council considered the amount and how many bricks.

Council tabled and will come back.

We have closed on the Broadway parcel, and now what do we want to do with the building on the property. Council agreed to sell building.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of A Continuing Resolution to Authorize expenditures for the City of Johnsonville until the Adoption of the 2020-2021 budget.

Motion was made by Council Arthurs and seconded by Council Member Stone to approve Resolution to authorize expenditures for the City of Johnsonville until the Adoption of the 2020-2021 budget. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The City Administrator reported the following: (1) reported the Covid situation latest update from Governor as of June 1, there are 41 confirmed deaths and 675 cases in Florence County, the situation is not getting better it is getting worse. I'm not comfortable opening City Hall at this time, due to close contact with staff and just a small staff, we will take it week by week. The drive through is open. (2) Notice to citizens (Mayor) to assure them we have their backs; we would rather be active then reactive. We have one of the finest police departments around. Let citizens know that we care and will do everything we can do and together we can make this work. We are all God's children and that is how we need to look at it. (3) Good news we have applied for and received \$243,000 grant for Kingsburg well. It is a loan forgiving grant. (4) Census 39.6% response rate. We need to figure out ways to get small towns to participate in the Census. (5) Municode working on Ordinances is a week behind schedule. This is a 3-6-month project, we will send out ordinance within next week for council to start looking over. (6) The budget vs. actual up to 4/30/220 is at 83% for year.

Committee Reports: none

The Mayor Reported the following: (1) He would like to come out with a statement from the City concerning current events happening in our country.

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

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


No action taken from executive session.

No press.

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

ADJOURN: 8:57pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council this 7th day of July, 2020.


Marlene Rollins, City Clerk