



COUNCIL MEETING
117 E. BROADWAY STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY JANUARY 3, 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hanna

The invocation was given by Mayor Hanna

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag

Council present: Mayor Hanna, Gary Arthurs, Frankie Poston, Dipen Khambhaita
Jamie Altman, Doolittle Stone and April Collins

City personnel present: Holly Swann, Marlene Rollins, Ron Douglas, Joey Miles, Kem Poston

Guest Present: Joan Lentz, Mallory Feagin, Tamala Owens, Sierra Ard, Kim Marlow, Jackie Stasney, Jared McDonald, Julie Rogers, Ken Cribb, and Craig Cribb

Mayor Hanna asked for an amendment to the agenda to add a Proclamation to recognize the Johnsonville football team,

Motion was made by Council Member Arthurs and received a second by Council Member Khambhaita to approve the agenda with the amendment to add a Proclamation as first item under new business.

Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Member Arthurs stated a correction in the minutes Jimmy Owens should be Jimmy Powell

Motion was made by Council Member Stone and received a second by Council Member Arthurs to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2022 Council Meeting with the correction of name. **Motion carried unanimously.**

During Public Forum Ms. Jackie Stasney, 245 Stone Ave, Johnsonville, stated she had three things to comment on, and she knows council doesn't have to answer (1) we have one of the best police departments from anywhere she has ever lived, and is thankful we have them. (2) we have a lot of talk around town and she has talked with Gary about this ordinance charging vendors to come in and deliver, she believes it has been implemented in Bennettsville and was wondering if anyone had reached out to other business's there to see it cost them more and if the charges were passed on to the customer, because as tax payers we can't take much more and many businesses are concerned about going up on their rates. (3) the third thing she has had asked of her lately is our mayor still living here and I have ridden by that house in the last 3 months day and night all different times and seen no activity other than two trailers being loaded, I realize as a paralegal there still is just a 4% as legal residence, but just wondering if you actually are still living in Johnsonville. And like I said I know you don't have to answer me, but that is a question I wanted to ask. Thank you all and Happy New Year.

Mayor Hanna presented the 2022 Christmas Star Award to the Johnsonville Event Committee for their hard work organizing the Heritage Festival and the Christmas Parade held in the city.

Motion was made by Councilmember Arthurs and received a second by Councilmember Khambhaita for Second Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing Administrator and Clerk to execute a deed from the City of Johnsonville to for the purpose of generating tax revenue to the city. (151 E Marion Street) **Motion carried unanimously**

Motion was made by Councilmember Arthurs and received a second by Councilmember Stone for Second Reading of an Ordinance to declare 160 Deer Drive, Johnsonville, and shown more specifically on the Florence County Tax map 00432, block 5 parcel 207 consisting of approximately 1.83 acres and the SCDOT right-of-way that is contiguous to the city limits annexed and apart of the City of Johnsonville SC within the unincorporated portion of Florence County and unzone. **Motion carried unanimously**

Motion was made by Councilmember Stone and received a second by Councilmember Poston to authorize a Resolution to enter into a revised contract with Down to Earth with decreased monthly rates for management of the Golf Course until the course opens. Previous rates were \$66,000 to \$50,000 and then to \$40,000. **Motion carried unanimously**

Coach Ken Cribb accepted a Proclamation from Mayor Hanna for the Johnsonville Football team for their outstanding season, playing in the state championship game. Coach Cribb thanked everyone for their support, the team worked hard and maybe next year.

Ms. Swann presented to council an amendment to water ordinance concerning adjustments, after researching our ordinances, policies and procedures, she noticed that the current ordinance does states no adjustments, she recommends that council amend the ordinance to allow some adjustments.

Motion was made by Councilmember Arthurs and received a second by Councilmember Khambhaita for first reading of AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 44 – UTILITIES, ARTICLE II. - WATER SERVICE §44-26 WATER CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSONVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA. §44-26 WATER CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS, **Motion carried unanimously**

Motion was made by Councilmember Altman and received a second by Councilmember Collins to table the First Reading of an ordinance authorizing and ratifying the entry by the City of Johnsonville into a lease agreement with Roger N. Langley (lessor), with respect to real Property comprising the manned convenience center **Motion carried unanimously**

Motion was made by Councilmember Poston and received a second by Councilmember Arthurs to enter into executive session Carolina Code § 30-4-70(a)(1) for the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline or release of an employee; **Motion carried unanimously**

Motion was made by Councilmember Altman and received a second by Councilmember Arthurs to enter back into open session; **Motion carried unanimously**

Action from executive session council has asked Ms. Swann to begin search for new City Attorney.

Ms. Swann reported, the January workshop has been canceled until a later date, we will have a special election in April for one or more council seats, that will be determined after next month's council meeting.

Mayor Hanna reported he did have a lot to report, but he would like to apologize to Ms. Stasney if he seemed out of line. To answer everyone's question I'm not living in Johnsonville: I have personal reasons for that, my personal opinion it does not affect the job I do for the city, now would you be better off with a mayor that is more hands on, maybe retired and here every day, Yes you would but even so I work in Florence so I'm never here during the day,, but you can ask Holly or any council member if I'm called or asked to do something its done that day, I have served on council for 12 years and mayor 3 years, I have not made a lot of people happy I can apologize for that but I wont apologize for the job I have done. But to answer everybody question my wife lost her parents she was devastated, she inherited the house on the farm, my first priority her happiness, I will forgo anything and or any body for that happiness, I just wanted to clean the air and you can tell anybody you want to tell no Johnny is not living in the city.

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

Adjourned: 7:43pm

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved by City Council on this 17th day of February, 2023



Johnny Hanna, Mayor

Attest: 

Marlene Rollins, City Clerk