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, Doolittle Stone, Gary Arthurs, 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: Steve Dukes, Warren Newcomb, James Campbell, John Wilcher, Rocki Wells, Orson Wells, Connie Wells, Linda Shapiro, Michael Fitzgerald, Judge John Kirven

The City clerk reported that the agenda was posted on Monday January 4, 2021 at City Hall, U.S. Post Office and on the City’s web page.

Motion was made by Council Member Arthurs and a second by Council Member Stone to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously

Motion was made by Council Member Stone and a second by Council Member Altman to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Judge John Kirven swore in Scott Wells as the newly elected City Council Member, Rocki Wells held the Bible for her husband during the swearing in ceremony. Council Member Wells took his seat as council member and meeting continued.

Linda Shapiro appeared before council seeking advice/help to obtain an USDA license, so the Food Bank at Cross Over Church will be able to get more variety of foods, (etc. dairy, meat), for disbursement.

OLD BUSINESS
David Mace brought back to council a rendering of the plaque to be placed on the statue of Francis Marion at Venters Landing with three options of aluminum ($5,826.00, granite ($6,875.00), or bronze ($6,615.00. Council chose to go with the granite and use the remaining funds used for the statue project.
Mr. Smith advised council of a bid in the amount of $43,000.00 for property at 111 W. Broadway Street (City Hall). He asked council for a decision on accepting bid. Council decided to wait till end of month before accepting or declining bid. Florence County may be interested in purchasing building, we will wait for their decision at their next council meeting. **Motion** was made by Council Member Arthurs and a second by Council Member Altman to table discussion until later date.

**NEW BUSINESS**
Mr. Smith talked about the water loss audit for 2020, American Water Works Association does a water loss audit every year, you are scored on how well you manage your water system, the investment into our water system has started to pay off.

**Motion** was made by Council Member Haselden and a second by Council Member Arthurs for 1st reading of an Ordinance to Amend the City’s Ordinance Book. **Motion carried unanimously**

**Motion** was made by Council Member Altman and a second by Council Member Stone for 1st reading of Ordinance Donation Policy. **Motion carried unanimously**

Council discussed the 20-21 calendar with the scheduled dates for the yearly council meetings and yearly events planned for the City.

City Administrator Jim Smith reported (1) the Financial audit is complete, and will be presented at February’s council meeting. (2) Duke energy will be upgrading the power supply to Johnsonville, over the next 6 months to a year. They will be back feeding the system from different directions so there will not be any outages for any length of time. Power can be restored at a faster time frame. (3) update on water/sewer projects, we just tied in to the first lift station, we will have two new lift stations, state of the art lift stations, they will also help with a problem at Country Club Drive with water runoff. They are working on the lifts station at Shady Rest and should be complete in two to three more weeks. Azalea and Liberty Streets, we are waiting on material, clearing land and placing water lines probably 67% done there. (4) new building interior of the building is complete, they are doing finishing touches, furniture was delivered, site work has been a little bit of a problem due to the weather, landscapers are there, asphalt is going down, should be complete in next couple of weeks. We will be in the new building for our next meeting.

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

**ADJOURN:** 7:22pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes approved by City Council on this ___day of February, 2021.

Johnny Harman, Mayor

Attest: Marlene Rollins, City Clerk