

JOHNSONVILLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
117 E. BROADWAY STREET
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023 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, Frankie Poston, Doolittle Stone, Dipen Khambhaita, Gary Arthurs and Julie Rogers

City Personnel present: Holly Swann, Marlene Rollins, Ann Tanner

Guest Present: Mallory Feagin, Tamala Owens, Danny Tanner, Belinda Roberts, William Kelley, Randall Cox, and Bryce Swanson

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

Motion was made by Council Member Arthurs and received a second by Council Member Poston to approve the minutes from the June 6th Public Hearing, June 6th Council meeting and June 13th Special meeting. **Motion carried unanimously**

Mr. William Kelley appeared before council with concerns of the new manned convenience center being located at Prosser Field, he asked if anyone knew the status, he has three acres and he does want a trash dump in his back yard and he had the understanding that when the ball field was not in use any longer the land would go back to the Roberts family which would be Belinda and her kids. Belinda Roberts has been trying to find out with the deed and lawyers, which she had not heard back from. The whole town is under the impression that the land goes back to Belinda. Mr. Kelley stated he spoke with county councilman Roger Poston and he understands that the county owns it.

Mayor Hanna responded that he had spoken with county councilman Roger Poston, there had not been a lot of movement. He also stated that it was not going in Mr. Kelley's back yard. Council is facing the money is there everybody is ready to go, everybody wants a transfer station, nobody wants it close to them, we have worked hard and still looking at different places, but no there would have been a public notice, you would have been informed if we have even thought about considering that location, which we haven't.

Mr. Kelley stated that about a year or so ago he took councilman Roger Poston around town and showed him areas that would be okay and talked with Neron Langley, who owns the land where the dump is now, and he leased the land to the county, which they have about a year and half left on the lease and Neron said he's not crazy about it but he would lease it again. Now the county had one side and the city had the other side which is grown up and dilapidated. Since its already there that is the ideal spot, it's not bothering anyone.

Mayor Hanna stated if it's big enough that we can go in there and modernize it, but he doesn't know if it's big enough, he doesn't know the size of it.

Mr. Kelly stated double where it is now because the city owns half of it.

City Administrator Holly Swann stated the city never owned it, they lease that property, the city hasn't had its stuff out there since before 2013, the property is owned now by Mr. Langley but it was owned by the Ham family, they did want to sell just a small portion, they wanted to sell the whole part, so that is why they're are still looking.

Council member Frankie Poston asked who long has the dump been out there, and no one is upset with that spot, has anyone spoken the Neron Langley to see if he will sell that spot.

Ms. Swann replied he still wants to own it, and continue to lease it.

Councilmember Arthurs state the county has set aside one million dollars to build it in their budget, but for whatever reason they are leaving it up to us to find the property.

Ms. Swann stated that now the new county administrator is in, we have been talking a lot with Mr. Post and Mr.

Yokim, and Mr. Prosser, we have all been having discussions about it, we are just looking at different places right

now, but the county will take over the project. Before a formal decision is made everybody will know before it is done.

Mr. Bryce Swanson with Reece Jones Golf Course Architecture, was in town for the Golf Course Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday July 12, and Ms. Swann asked him to attend the council meeting, he stated that the course looks great, it was a tuff challenge getting the course opened with the weather, but it is opened, getting positive feed back from the director of golf and the superintendent, the grow in going great if everyone will give us a little more time with mother nature I think things will get better and better.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Swann stated to council last month I brought to you an amendment to the ordinance with Florence County for code enforcement, we only need to sign a resolution, to go back into business with them and the county will take it back to there next meeting and they will sign it and we will go back with them for code enforcement.

Motion was made by Council Member Stone and received a second by Council Member Rogers to approve **A resolution** authorizing the execution of a certain contract between Florence County as a provision of code enforcement. **Motion carried unanimously**

Ms. Swann stated that the Administration and Finance Committee meet at 5:30 today and they reviewed all the proposals for our new accounting firm for the year and they are recommending we stay with Richardson and Company, the resolution will be that we inter into a contract with Richardson and Company.

Mayor Hanna stated it's the opinion of council that we do as much local as possible.

Motion was made by Council Member Khambhaita and received a second by Council Member Poston to approve **A Resolution** authorizing the execution of a certain contract between Richardson and Company related to final services related to the City of Johnsonville. **Motion carried unanimously**

Motion was made by Council Member Arthurs and received a second by Council Member Stone to table the **Resolution** authorizing the execution of a certain contract between PDRTA and the City of Johnsonville for the City of Johnsonville to enter into a collaborative agreement with a subsidy of \$8,000 payable in two invoices each calendar year for a period of (3) three years. **Motion carried unanimously**

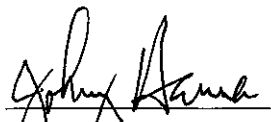
The city administrator reported (1) the manned convenience center is not going to the ballfield, there are a couple of other areas they are looking at, less populated areas, (2) the golf course is going really well, they were able to pay themselves this month. (3) golf course meeting tomorrow at noon and they are to give a financial update and they did pay the city a payment from money borrowed for sod.

Mayor Reported he doesn't have anything other than what was discussed, it does look like we are climbing back up getting more stable, a lot of good things are happening, we want to make sure the city as a whole is solid.


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

ADJOURNED: 6:58pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council on this _____ day of August, 2023.



Johnny Hanna, Mayor

Attest: 

Marlene Rollins, City Clerk