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, and April Collins

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

**Guest Present:** Joan Lentz, Sammy Jones, Phillip Johnson, D. Lawrence Eaddy, Sierra Ard, K. Darrell Ard

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

**Motion** was made by Council Member Poston and received a second by Council Member Arthurs to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2022 Council Meetings. **Motion carried unanimously.**

During Public forum Lawrence Eaddy, spoke to council concerning a proposed project pertaining to historical marker located adjacent to Venters Landing, the marker predates by decades all the wonderful work that the city did pertaining to Francis Marion at the landing, and the history of Johnsonville. The project is to get funding for the restoration and cleaning, I envision two possibilities of funding one is a grant through the South Carolina 250 grant, you have some information on the handout, individual can not apply for these grants, only governmental and nonprofits, he asked council to consider applying for this grant or to support the project by adding the funding to the next years physical budget. I hope you can make a decision on supporting or not by your next council meeting is my request.

Phillip Johnson attended a meeting in September asked to have the basketball goals put back up at the park, and that he would personally monitor the area, he asked council it a decision had been made on his request.
Mayor Hanna apologized for this falling through the cracks, and that Holly Swann the city Administrator would be in contact with him.

Sammy Jones, I don’t have a lot to say, I just haven’t heard anything from the last time I was here, want to know what you come up with anything,
Mayor Hanna responded, not that I’m aware of, we are waiting on funds. Mr. Jones stated you just borrowed $200,000 for the golf course, why cant you borrow money for this, seems like you can call me or something send me a letter to let me know what is going on.

Sierra Ard appeared before council to discuss the Christmas Parade, we have changed the time to 5:00pm and after the parade we will have hot cocoa and cookies, Santa will be there to meet the kids, we will have a Nativity Scene. Motions were made by Council Member Poston and a second by Council Member Arthurs to have the streets closed for the Christmas Parade and activities afterward. Motion carried unanimously

Motion was made by Councilmember Arthurs and received a second by Councilmember Collins for First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing and ratifying the entry by the city of Johnsonville into a lease agreement with Florence County with respect to real property comprising the Wellman Club Golf Course and other matters relating thereto. Motion carried unanimously

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT
City Administrator gave an update on the following: (1) We have advertised the bids for the 151 E Marion Street, bid opening will be November 15, at 2:00pm here in city council chambers (2) Project update with AECOM, they will do our annual tank inspections and water loss audit, (3) technical assistance startup for our CDBG grant for pump station #5 and water line on S Pine Street. (4) also entered into an agreement with the accounting firm to come do our close out, (5) I have also been in contact with a company called Data Max, it’s a company that has access to all businesses doing business in the city, they all should have a business license and we have just sent out late notices to all businesses that have not renewed the business license. I will have DATA Max come next month to discuss what they do.

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

Adjourned: 7:00pm

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved by City Council on this 6th day of December, 2022.

Johnny Hanna, Mayor

Attest: Marnie Rollins, City Clerk