

**Allendale Town Council
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2020**

Present: **Mayor:** The Honorable Ronnie Jackson

Council Members: Councilman James L. Cohen
 Councilman James H. Grant
 Council Lady Vernie Harney
 Councilman Dawan Smith
 Council Lady Lee Harley-Fitts
 Council Lady Lottie Lewis

Administration: Henry B. Youmans Jr., Town Administrator
 Belinda R. Owens, Town Clerk

Attorney: Kenneth Davis, Esquire

Department Heads: Chief Robert Sullivan, Police Department
 Alan Stanley, Water & Sewer Superintendent
 Lonzo Badger, Street Superintendent

Absent: **Council Members:** None

Department Heads: None

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jackson at 5:45 pm. Mayor Jackson asked for a motion to convene into Executive Session, for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and receiving legal advice regarding a pending contract. Council Lady Harney made a motion to convene into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Fitts. Council approved.

Council Lady Fitts made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Harney. Council approved. Mayor Jackson stated No Actions in Executive Sessions Information Only. Council approved.

Action on Executive Session Items, if Any.

Council Lady Harney made a motion for R.L. to return back to work with us as a part time employee. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Fitts. Council approved.

Council Lady Fitts made a motion for the Town of Allendale to continue their partnerships with Allendale County First Steps. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grant. Council approved.

ROLL CALL

Belinda R. Owens, Town Clerk did roll call of Mayor and all Council Members. Council Lady Lewis was absent.

PRAYER

Everyone stood while a prayer was offered by Councilman Smith and remained standing to salute the flag and recite the "Pledge of Allegiance."

APPROVAL OF TONIGHT'S AGENDA

Council Lady Fitts made a motion to approve tonight's agenda as outlined with the corrections if any. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Harney. Council approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Grant made a motion to approve the minutes of **July 14, 2020** regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Fitts Council approved.

Council Lady Fitts made the motion to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting for Contracts/Lease Agreements on **July 27, 2020**. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Harney. Council approved.

OLD BUSINESS

A. 2nd Reading of Ordinance to Increase Amount of Purchase

Council Lady Fitts made a motion for the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance to Increase the Amount of Purchase Authority for the Town Administrator. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. Council approved.

B. Extend Mask Resolution – Additional 60 Days

Council Lady Fitts made a motion to extend the Mask Resolution to December 31, 2020. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Lewis. Council approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Dr. Margaret Gilmore

Discussion of the plans for the upcoming school year 2020-2021 of Allendale County Schools.

B. Safebuilt

Company discussing the possibilities of doing business with our Town. Helping to do our Business License, Building Permits, Rental Inspections, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - Councilman Smith gave the report.

Police Departments – Chief Sullivan reported that we have an officer that is at the Criminal Justice Academy in their 2nd week and is doing well. Also trying to make contact with a potential new officer, to set up communication that the Personal and Police Committee may speak with him.

Personnel/Mechanics - Per Council Lady Harney, we have an employee that return and has requested to return as a part time person. Per Mr. Youmans, we had one of our new police vehicles that was damaged with a faulty hood latch. Also wanting to change the police department decals from red to blue.

Water and Sewer Department - Alan Stanley, Water & Sewer Superintendent, and the employees have started on the reading of the meters for the month. In 3 weeks' time, they have fixed 20 leaks throughout the Town. We were given 60 days to fix and repair every leak in the Town of Allendale and we are ahead of schedule.

Sanitation – Lonzo Badger, Streets Superintendent states that they are still cutting grass throughout the Town. Continuing to pick up limbs and bags of leaves throughout the Town. Mr. Badger let the citizens know that Republic the trash company for the Town, should be back on track. Also, there is a problem with citizens dumping trash into the dumpsters throughout the Town.

Community Development – Council Lady Lewis, advised that the ARTS team went around to the businesses in the Town and took pictures with them. They provided the businesses with cards that had health tips on the back of them. We have a “Thank You” statue that has been provided to the essential workers and will be moved throughout the town.

We will be using the “Code Red System” that Allendale County had to notify the citizens of things happening in the Town.

The Palmetto Palace will be doing COVID-19 testing on Monday, August 17, 2020 on Flat Street, in front of the Allendale Community Center. They have been able to service close to 400 people.

Looking to partnering with Southern Carolina Alliance to do some revalidation throughout the Town. Also working with them on the Rebranding of Allendale County. The design for Allendale County will be finalized on September 16th.

The ARTS team has a small video on Youtube pertaining to their visit to Tamaqua, PA.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Hattie Jackson – Are meetings such as the Special Called Meeting made public knowledge?

Where is the Ordinance on Fireworks Celebrations and? i.e. what it the days & hours allowed during the certain holidays?

Concern Citizen - Did not read due to, must have name, address, and phone number.

ANNOUCEMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council Lady Fitts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grant. Council Approved.

**Allendale Town Council
Special Called Council Meeting
Thursday, August 13, 2020**

Present: **Mayor:** The Honorable Ronnie Jackson

Council Members: Councilman James L. Cohen
 Councilman James H. Grant
 Council Lady Vernie Harney
 Councilman Dawan Smith
 Council Lady Lee Harley-Fitts

Administration: Henry B. Youmans Jr., Town Administrator
 Belinda R. Owens, Town Clerk

Attorney: Kenneth Davis, Esquire

Absent: **Council Members:** Council Lady Lottie Lewis

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Council Lady Fitts made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Harney. Council approved. Mayor Jackson stated No Actions in Executive Sessions Information Only. Council approved.

Action on Executive Session Items, if Any.

Councilman Grant made a motion to table the discussion for the Ordinance – Bonus Amounts. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Harney. Council approved.

Councilman Grant made a motion to table the discussion for the Ordinance – Town Administrator. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Harney. Council approved.

ROLL CALL

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PRAYER

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