

**Allendale Town Council
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 09, 2020**

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

Council Members: Councilman James L. Cohen
 Councilman James H. Grant
 Council Lady Lottie Lewis
 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

Department Heads: Chief Robert Sullivan, Police Department
 Lonzo Badger, Street Superintendent

Absent: **Council Members:** None

Department Heads: Alan Stanley, Water & Sewer Superintendent

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jackson at 5:48 pm. Mayor Jackson asked for a motion to convene into Executive Session. Councilman Grant made a motion to convene into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. 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.

ROLL CALL

Belinda R. Owens, Town Clerk did roll call of Mayor and all Council Members. All Council Present.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Cohen made a motion to approve the minutes of May 12, 2020, regular Council Meeting as written, with any corrections, if there be any. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Fitts. Council approved.

Council Lady Fitts made a motion to approve the minutes of June 01, 2020, from the Special Called Meeting as written, with any corrections, if there be any. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cohen. Council Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Verizon Contract

Councilman Cohen made a motion to add the Verizon Contract to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Fitts. Council Approved.

Councilman Cohen made a motion for a second reading on the Verizon Contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grant. Council Approved..

NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing Notice

Mr. Youmans announcing the Public Hearing that will take place on June 24, 2020 @ Noon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - Councilman Smith gave the report.

Police Departments – Chief Sullivan reported that have increased patrol. Court will be on June 16th. Also that they are taking applications.

Personnel/Mechanics

Per Council Lady Harney, 2 officers are needed for the police department.

Water and Sewer Department

Val Tarter, Assistant Public Works Supervisor informed Council that they are trying to repair all the leaks that are in the town. They are reading meters and running the board daily.

Sanitation Mr. Badger stated that they are still picking up limbs and trees. Mr. Badger stated that when they first started picking them up, they were supposed to be a certain size. Councilman Grant stated that he has been getting some complaints about some over grown lots in the Kennedy Park area.

Community Development

Council Lady Lewis reported that they have had a Food Giveaway at the Emma's House for the Town of Allendale. Next food giveaway will be start on Monday, June 15th that will start the Summer Program, the Smart Box in Fairfax will be in Partnership. They will also be giving out face mask. The ARTS Team will be honoring the Hometown Hero's. The Low Country Health Care System will provide Drive –Thru Testing on June 11th starting at 4:30pm. Council Lady Lewis is asking to put together a task force community to combine the Town and County to address some issues going on. The Re-branding of the Town is coming along very well. Council Lady Lewis stated that she has applied for a Grant to repair the Historic Buildings in town. Happy Home Baptist church will be celebrating 125 years of service. The Community Relations Council will have a banner made to celebrate the life of George Floyd. The banner will travel to different locations in the county and something will also be on the electronic board.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mrs. Myrdal 1st – What is the Verizon Project?

2nd – What are the plans for the upgrade of the city sewer and water lines/infrastructure and is funding available.

3rd – What are the plans for Better Communication for Residents?

Ida Frazier Morris – Lights out in the parking lot, between the Judge/Mayor parking spot and also the employee spot. Back Door appears unsafe. Have you all check to see if the putting up the 5G Tower is safe for our community?

ANNOUNCEMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

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