

**Allendale Town Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, March 10, 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

**Administration:** Henry B. Youmans Jr., Town Administrator  
**Attorney:** Kenneth Davis, Esquire

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

**Absent:**

**Council Members:** Councilman Dawan Smith  
Council Lady Lee Harvey-Fitts

**Department Heads:** Lonzado Badger, Streets & Sanitation Superintendent

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jackson at 5:55 pm. Mayor Jackson asked for a motion to convene into Executive Session. Councilman Cohen made a motion to convene into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grant. Council approved.

Councilman Grant made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Lewis. 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 all Mayor and Council. Councilman Dawan Smith and Council Lady Lee Harvey-Fitts was absent.

**PRAYER**

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

Lawyer Davis was running late and ask for the Council to convey back to Executive Session, motion was made by Councilman Cohen to convey back to Executive Session for legal advice. Motion was seconded by Councilman Grant.

Council Lady Harney made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Grant. Council Approved. Mayor Jackson stated No Actions was taken.

### **APPROVAL OF TONIGHT'S AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Grant made a motion to approve the minutes of February 11, 2020, regular Council Meeting as written, with any corrections, if there be any. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Harney. Council approved.

Councilman Grant made a motion to approve the minutes of March 05, 2020, from the Special Called Meeting as written, with any corrections, if there be any. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Harney. Council Approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of Ordinance \$2.50 increase for Sewage Rate (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)  
Councilman Grant made a motion to approve the second reading of the approval of this ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Lewis. Council Approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Budget Revisions (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)  
Councilman Grant made a motion to approve the second reading of the approval of the Budget Revisions. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Lewis. Council Approved.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance** - Mr. Youmans gave the Finance Report, for the current fiscal year. Mr. Youmans stated that as of March we have exhausted 67% of our budget for fiscal year 2020.

**Police Departments** – Chief Sullivan reported that he has met with the Cooter Fest committee, and the department is getting prepared for that. Officer Badger will be going for her final entrance exam, before she goes to the academy. Also the department has been able to increase the patrol in the town area. Also our fines for this quarter has went up \$1600.00.

### **Personnel**

Per Council Lady Harney, 2 officers are needed for the police department. Per Mr. Youmans, the mechanics positions is still on hold. Also for the upcoming year's budget, Mr. Youmans and the Finance Director will make a recommendation for a salary and try to put it in the budget for next year.

### **Water and Sewer Department**

Alan Stanley, Public Works Supervisor informed Council that majority of the month has been spent on the sewer system with the amount of the rain that has come in. Per Mr. Youmans, we have discovered that one of our pump stations had a failing pump, in which that pump has since been replaced. This should help in the area of Allen Street. Mr. Youmans also told the citizens, if they have a sewer problem or know someone that has one, please call the Town Hall, so that we can send someone out there to take care of the problem.

### **Sanitation**

Alan Stanley, Public Works Supervisor, stated that Mr. Badger was on call and was out on a call, so he would be giving the report. Per Mr. Stanley, they are still picking bags of leaves and cutting the grass in areas over the town limits.

### **Community Development**

Council Lady Lewis reported that Dollar Tree is almost completed. She met with the Police Department, they will be working with the community closely, so that they will be able to share information, work together and help each other out. Dr. Gibbs she will be partnering with the police department.

The Medical Unit is now at Emma's House. They have been able to serve over a 100 citizens and have more than 100 on the waiting list.

There will be a meeting about the Coronavirus at the Court House on tomorrow @10:00 AM.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Nate Harley 1<sup>st</sup> – How many members of the board is needed to have a quorum?

2<sup>nd</sup> – Why doesn't the Council have a spokesperson to speak on the good things that are happening in our town...on the radio station that is.

Patricia Johnson – Topic: Ethics question

H. Matthews – Topic: Mobile Clinic and Neighborhood Clean-up

Comments/Concerns: Why change the location of the Mobil Clinic?  
Neighborhood Clean-up Program

### **ANNOUCEMENT**

Saturday, March 14, clean –up in the Neighborhoods. (Suggestion made – such announcement as this, to be put on the digital board)

Mr. Youmans, announced that on March 21, that it will be Bashaud Breeland's Day. The parade will start at 11:00am and they will have several events taking place during this day. The Breeland Committee will put out more information as it gets closet to the date.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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