

**Allendale Town Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, January 12, 2021  
5:45 PM**

**Present:**

**Mayor:** The Honorable Larry Cohen

**Council Members:** Councilman Dawan Smith  
Council Lady Lee Harley-Fitts  
Council Lady Lottie Lewis  
Councilman Earl Morell, Jr.  
Council Lady Hattie Jackson

**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  
Lonzado Badger, Street Superintendent

**Absent:**

**Council Members:** None

**Department Heads:** None

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Cohen at 5:45 pm.

Mayor Cohen asked for a roll call of the council to insure that there was a quorum.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Mayor Cohen asked for a motion to convene into Executive Session, for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and receiving legal advice. Council Lady Jackson made a motion to enter Executive Session. The motion was second by Councilman Morell. Council Approved.

Council Lady Fitts made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Morell. Council approved. Council approved.

**Action on Executive Session Items, if Any.**

Council Lady Jackson made a motion to change to the Resolution to an Ordinance stating that if the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month falls on a weekend the late fee will not be applied until that following Tuesday. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Fitts. Council approved.

Council Lady Jackson made a motion to that council accept this as the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Ordinance stating that if the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month falls on a weekend the late fee will not be applied until that following Tuesday. The motion was seconded by Council Lady Fitts. Council approved.

## **PRAYER**

Everyone stood while a prayer was offered by the Town Administrator, Henry B. Youmans, Jr., and remained standing to salute the flag and recite the "Pledge of Allegiance."

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

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council Lady Fitts made a motion to approve the minutes of Council Meeting on **December 08, 2020**. The motion was seconded by Councilman Morell. Council approved.

Council Lady Fitts made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Called Council Meeting on **December 22, 2020**. The motion was seconded by Councilman Morell. Council approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### A. Planning Commission Chairman – James White, Jr.

Mr. White came before the council and citizens to give a brief understanding of the planning and zoning board. Also the documents that are needed to be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Committee for approval.

Mr. White informed the citizens that this information will also be posted on the Town of Allendale's website, along with social media pages. This will also include posting of the minutes from each meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance** – Mr. Youmans, stated that as of the end of December we have exhausted 50% of our budget. The Town is operating in the black since 2019.

**Police Departments** – Chief Sullivan stated that they have increased patrol as much as they can. They also have had more check points as possible. Chief Sullivan also introduced our new Officer Marcus Broadnax that has joined the department. Mr. Youmans also stated that Officer Broadnax qualified as an expert on his firing requirements.

Chief Sullivan also introduced the Community Relations Officer/Recruiter as Officer D. Badger. She will be keeping the Police Department Web Page updated as well as, communicating with the citizens.

Chief Sullivan also went over the stats report that he has prepared for council.

**Personnel/Mechanics** – None