

MINUTES

ON APRIL 5, 2021 THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL HELD THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING VIA CONFERENCE CALL TO PHONE # 1-978-990-5457 AND USING CODE: 6976820. PRESIDING OVER THE MEETING WAS MAYOR WILLIAM JOHNSON. ALSO PRESENT FOR THE MEETING WERE COUNCILPERSONS LEANNE TROUTMAN, CYNTHIA FULLER (VIA PHONE), DAVID BARBER (VIA PHONE), AND GEORGE SUMMERSON. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR JOHNSON. THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY MAYOR JOHNSON. MAYOR JOHNSON THEN READ THE ITEMS ON THE PROPOSED AGENDA. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS READ. COUNCILPERSON SUMMERSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 1, 2021 MEETING. COUNCILPERSON SUMMERSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

MAYOR JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THE FAMILY HEALTH CENTER IS STILL CONDUCTING COVID TESTS IN FRONT OF THE TOWN HALL EACH MONDAY. THE SCDHEC OFFICE WILL BE ADMINISTERING THE COVID VACCINE ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY THIS WEEK. ON TUESDAY THEY WILL BE ISSUING FIRST ROUND VACCINES AND THURSDAY WILL BE SECOND ROUND VACCINES. MAYOR JOHNSON STATED THE NUMBERS SEEM TO DROPPING AS MORE PEOPLE ARE GETTING VACCINATED. MAYOR ASKED EVERYONE TO PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THE VACCINATIONS STATING THE

MORE PEOPLE THAT RECEIVE THE VACCINE THE LESS CHANCE OF THE VIRUS CONTINUING TO SPREAD. MAYOR JOHNSON THEN ANNOUNCED THE TOWN HALL WILL BE OPENING BACK UP TO THE PUBLIC ON APRIL 6, 2021 AND WILL BE OPERATING ON THE REGULAR SCHEDULE OF 8:00AM - 4:00PM MONDAY THRU FRIDAY. MAYOR JOHNSON ANNOUNCED THERE WAS SMOKE TESTING DONE TODAY FOR THE SEWER INFILTRATION PROJECT. THEY ARE CONTINUING TO WORK ON TROUBLE SPOTS AS THEY ARE BEING LOCATED. THE COST OF THESE REPAIRS COULD GET HIGH. ONCE WE DETERMINE THE COST, THE TOWN WILL LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF FUNDING THROUGH GRANTS, PENNY TAX, OR INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS. MAYOR JOHNSON THEN ANNOUNCED THE TOWN HAS STILL BEEN RECEIVING SEVERAL REQUESTS IN REGARDS TO ZONING AND WE ARE STRUGGLING TO THE REQUESTS HANDLED IN A TIMELY MANNER. MRS. DIANE BERGIN IS WORKING WITH TOWN CLERK, PAM HYMAN, TO ASSIST IN RESPONDING TO SOME OF THESE REQUESTS. MAYOR JOHNSON STATED THE TOWN THOUGHT THE GARDNER BOULEVARD PROJECT IS STILL UNSAFE TO BEGIN WORK DUE TO THE UNSAFE CONDITIONS OF THE BUILDING ON THE CORNER OF GARDNER AND OLD STATE ROAD. THE OWNER OF THE BUILDING IS CURRENTLY LOOKING INTO THE REPAIRS AND THE COST OF THE REPAIRS. MAYOR JOHNSON STATED WE ARE HOPING TO FIND OUT SOMETHING ON IT THIS WEEK. MAYOR JOHNSON THEN STATED THAT LITTER CONTROL CONTINUES TO BE AN ISSUE. MAYOR JOHNSON REQUESTED THAT SGT. POWELL PROVIDE THE MAYOR

AND COUNCIL WITH A SPREADSHEET OF THE ONGOING LITTER CONTROL CASES.

IN NEW BUSINESS, MAYOR JOHNSON STATED THE OLD TOWN HALL BUILDING IS STILL CURRENTLY BEING USED FOR STORAGE. HE STATED THE TOWN NEEDS TO CLEAN EVERYTHING OUT OF IT AND SEEK QUOTES FOR SHREDDING THE OLD DOCUMENTS THAT ARE IN THERE AND NO LONGER NEEDED OR LEGIBLE. MAYOR JOHNSON STATED THE TOWN IS STILL NOT SURE OF THE FUTURE OF THE BUILDING AS FAR AS KEEPING OR SELLING BUT, IF THE TOWN CHOOSES TO KEEP IT, REPAIRS WILL BE NEEDED. MAYOR JOHNSON THEN ADDRESSED THE POSSIBILITY OF OPENING THE PARKS TO THE PUBLIC. MAYOR JOHNSON STATED CDC GUIDELINES WOULD HAVE TO BE ADHERED TO AND THE TOWN WOULD EXPECT THE PUBLIC TO ASSIST IN MAKING SURE THE RULES WERE BEING FOLLOWED. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN MADE A MOTION TO REOPEN THE PARKS TO THE PUBLIC ON THURSDAY WITH CDC GUIDELINES REMAINING MANDATORY. COUNCILPERSON BARBER SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. AS A RESULT OF THE VOTE, THE PARKS WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK BUT THE RENTAL BUILDINGS WILL REMAIN CLOSED AT THIS TIME. MAYOR JOHNSON STATED HE AND THE COUNCIL MAY MAKE A DECISION ON OPENING THE RENTAL BUILDINGS AT THE MAY COUNCIL MEETING. MAYOR JOHNSON THEN ADVISED THAT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING ON REPLACING SOME NON-WORKING WATER MAIN

VALVES. HE STATED OUT OF 9 VALVES THAT WERE SHUT OFF, 4 OR 5 OF THEM WERE NOT OPERATING CORRECTLY. MAYOR JOHNSON STATED THE TOWN SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS OR PENNY TAX FUNDS TO COVER THE COST OF REPLACING THEM.

IN THE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT, TOWN CLERK HYMAN ADVISED THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL THAT SHE IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON UPDATING THE FIGURES OF THE CURRENT BUDGET AND IS HOPING TO HAVE THE UPDATED STATUS BY THURSDAY.

IN PARKS AND RECREATION, COUNCILPERSON FULLER SUGGESTED THE TOWN LOOK INTO PLACING HAND SANITIZER AT THE PARKS SINCE THEY ARE BEING REOPENED. MAYOR JOHNSON STATED HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE COST AND AVAILABILITY OF DISPENSERS, MAYOR JOHNSON THEN STATED IT IS GETTING TIME FOR BASEBALL AGAIN BUT THE FIELD REMAINS CLOSED AT THIS TIME.

IN THE AIRPORT DEPARTMENT, COUNCILPERSON BARBER STATED THE GROUNDS UPKEEP AND THE RECENT HANGAR MAINTENANCE LOOKS REALLY NICE. HE THEN ANNOUNCED THE NEXT FLY-IN IS SCHEDULED FOR THIS COMING SUNDAY.

IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF DETTER SHARED THE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT WITH THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE. CHIEF DETTER ADVISED THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL THAT ALL OF THE TOWN'S INFORMATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR THE USDA POLICE CAR GRANT AND WE ARE JUST WAITING FOR AN UPDATE.

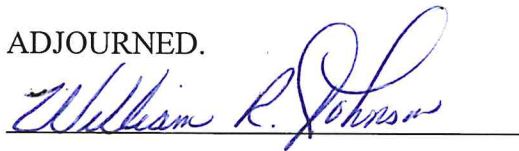
COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN BROUGHT UP TO THE CHIEF THE CONTINUING ISSUE OF LOUD RADIO NOISE IN THE RESIDENTIAL AREAS. MAYOR JOHNSON ASKED THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE TO PLEASE SPEAK TO THEIR YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT PLAYING LOUD MUSIC THROUGH RESIDENTIAL AREAS. COUNCILPERSON BARBER ASKED CHIEF DETTER TO LOOK INTO GETTING MORE NOISE ORDINANCE SIGNS PLACED AROUND THE TOWN.

IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, FRANK BROWN REPORTED THE NEW HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE RAMP HAS BEEN INSTALLED AT GILMORE PARK. MR. BROWN STATED THAT THINGS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ARE RUNNING AS THEY SHOULD AT THIS TIME.

BEING NOTHING FUTHER ON THE AGENDA, THE FLOOR WAS OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

THERE WAS NO EXECUTIVE SESSION SCHEDULED FOR THIS MEETING.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, COUNCILPERSON FULLER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCILPERSON TROUTMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "William R. Johnson", is written over a horizontal line.

MAYOR