

- A. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by J. Harris, Mayor, with Council Members P. Axson, L. Brown, J. Young and D. Miller present;
- B. Confirmation of Proper Notice of Meeting – Meeting notices posted at City Hall and the local post office by Utility Clerk, Lynne Stevens;
- C. Invocation – Council Member D. Miller;
- D. Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member P. Axson to adopt Regular Meeting Minutes and Special Call Meeting Minutes; Pass 4 yeas; 0 nays;

Old Business:

- 1. P.C. Simonton, Engineer - Updates – Roads – trying to get contract closed out; no grass on Dogwood Street on the shoulders; withhold monies for liquidated damages; will work with the Mayor;

Issues with sewer system – blockage in the force main; Southern Civil Contractor came in; will meet with Dean on tomorrow to investigate the issues;

Council Member J. Young – Question – Shell Road – guide rails have come loose; getting a bigger jetter?

- 2. Community Development, Council Member Pearlie Axson – Update – First Friday scheduled for August 6, 2021 – expecting several vendors;

Saturday, August 7, 2021 – Triple J sponsoring Sheriff Meet & Greet next to City Hall;

New Business:

- 1. Public Participation via Facebook Live/In person – Jamal McIver – addressed issues/concerns;

John D. McIver – Thanked all for participating in the Town Hall meeting; citizens really appreciated the information; complaint for property where Stefan McIver lives on Hwy. 17 – flooding issues; Advised Mayor and Council to contact DOT and ask for assistance in cleaning out the ditch; please give him some relief;

Catherine Spencer – flooding issues – Levan Hargrove, Daniel Mobley who live on E.B. Cooper Hwy.; DOT is responsible for these issues; spoke about trash ending up in the ditches which stops up the ditches;

Council Member Louise Brown spoke with Ambrose Alvin who referred her to Shawn, DOT worker; as soon as he can get a crew together, they will come and clean the ditches;

Huey Young said he's done what he could do on E.B. Cooper today; suggest that they get with the County;

Dorothy Rhodes – put pictures back on the wall here in City Hall – pictures of former Mayors and others;

Ralph Ward – asked the question at the town hall meeting – Hwy. 17 city limits about grass cutting; alarm signal for Hurricane season;

Council Member J. Young said there is a lot of rain; it's hard on everybody;

2. Customer Complaints – Not any other than H. William Lane that's ongoing;
3. Liberty County Chamber of Commerce, Leah Poole – Presentation – Ricefest – helped in 2019; provide services at no cost; 501(6) – gave handout for informational purposes;
4. Coastal Georgia Minority Chamber, Sabrina Newby – Presentation – CEO Coastal Georgia Chamber, Executive Director of Geechee Kunda; doing renovations; 1<sup>st</sup> Store; 1<sup>st</sup> Restaurant by next month;
5. HAMPO Transportation Committee – Appointment – Emmanuel Joyner – Motion Council Member J. Young, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member P. Axson to approve appointment; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
6. RFP – Auditor, David Miller – Award – Motion Council Member L. Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member D. Miller to go with Henderson & Godbee Accounting Firm; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Question of CARES ACT Funds – Council Member J. Young – can some of the funds be used to pay delinquent water bills?

7. Financial Statement, Month of July, 2021 – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member P. Axson to adopt said statement; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

GMA Convention to take place in Savannah;

August 10, 2021 – Town Hall Meeting for Mayor Harris at 6:00 p.m.;

ISO Rating for Fire Dept. – Council Member J. Young – Long, McIntosh County Mutual Aide Agreement needs the Mayor's signature;

Mavis Howard – growth comes with a lot of criminal activity;

8. Adjournment – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member L. Brown to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

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City Clerk

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Mayor