

City of Haralson
MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
February 20, 2023
7:00 pm

Mayor: John Greer
Council: Belinda Wilson, Jeremiah Neal, Scott Beaumont
Attorney: Not in Attendance
Clerk: Michelle Williams

- **Call Regular Meeting to Order**
- **Announcements, Reports, Awards and/or Special Recognition**
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Mayor's Report
 - A sinkhole was found on Magnolia at the curve in the road. Mayor Greer added gravel before the county came out to make repairs, just to make sure no animal got trapped. Coweta County has also come out to replace the pipe at the stop sign at Magnolia and Aaron Todd.
- **APPROVAL OF January 2023 Minutes**
 - A MOTION was made by Jeremiah Neal and all were in favor to accept January 2023 minutes. Passed Unanimously.
- **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS – January 2023 Financial Reports**
 - **January 2023 Financial Reports**
 - A MOTION was made by Belinda Wilson and Seconded by Jeremiah Neal to approve January 2023 financial reports. Passed Unanimously.
- **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - **Municode info –**
 - \$1,000 – Set-up fee and will include city charter and ordinances on the website
 - \$2,000/year (rough estimate, still waiting on official numbers) – this includes updates four times per year.
 - We can pre-pay as much as we would like.
 - Michelle will reach out to George (website designer) to have him quote us for a website.
- **New Business**
 - Rae Johnson – June 30, 2022 Audit information-
 - Mrs. Johnson said that the city of Haralson is in good shape and everything looks good. Pages 3-10 is just management discussions and just additional information. She discussed the ARPA funds will not show up as revenue until we spend the money. Several other items were discussed in detail.

- Susanna Alvarez to inquire about obtaining a liquor license -
 - Advised that this would have to be added to the ballot as a referendum and citizens of Haralson would need to vote on approval.
- Susanna Alvarez – moved pre-built building across parking lot, SafeBuilt needs approval from City Council before permits can be obtained.
 - Mrs. Alvarez explained that the first inspector that came out was very rude and did not explain anything to her. She then placed a call to Paul Hardy at SafeBuilt and shared this information. He came out and explained everything to her and determined that she would need council approval to move the building before she could obtain any further permits. Must also contact the health department for approval.
 - Council reminded her, going forward, to always bring items/issues to city council first.
 - A **motion** was made to approve moving the pre-built building from Jamie Thompson’s property across the parking lot to Susanna Alvarez’s property by **Scott Beaumont** and was **seconded** by **Belinda Wilson**.
 - Jamie Thompson asked about SafeBuilt inspecting more than what the permit was obtained for. Council explained that the entire building would need to meet code for inspection to pass. This could become a safety/liability issue. – She was advised to speak with the city attorney with further questions.
- Steve Westfall – 267 Bill Estes Road – questions about property tax-
 - Mr. Westfall was not present at the meeting.
- Proposal from Goodman Grading for city of Haralson –
 - Proposal is for making a city parking area for Haralson, 1st quote is for one entrance and 2nd quote is for two. Council agreed quote seems a little high, Mayor Greer will reach out to the company to see if they can negotiate prices and to a few other companies for more quotes.
 - City Clerk will reach out to L & S contracting to get a quote as well.
- Census map update review –
 - Clerk will submit current zoning map.
- Jamie Thompson – possible movie studio coming to Haralson
 - Mrs. Thompson has met with movie studios about purchasing 167 acres in the area 39 of those acres are in Haralson city limits. 27 acres are in Coweta, 12 in Meriwether County. She explained it would be something similar to what is in Senoia and not disturb the area. The company is Story Tellers and is owned by Hudson Studios. She explained she feels this would create a good revenue stream for the city.
 - She would like council to think about setting ordinances/permits for each production coming in.

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Not needed

- **ADJOURN**
 - A MOTION was made by Scott Beaumont and Seconded by Belinda Wilson to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Passed Unanimously.