

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
A & O Bridges Community Center
105 Main Street, Sharpsburg GA
July 10, 2023

MINUTES

6:00PM

Call Council Meeting to Order: Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 5:59PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Cole led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Establish Quorum: Town Administrator Jones stated that a quorum of Council was present.

Those Present: Blue Cole- Mayor; Tom Teagle- Post3; and Elizabeth Good- Post 4.

Those Not Present: Standley D. Parten- Post 1; and Alexander Edge- Post 2

Guests: Polly Garlington, Town Resident; April Yarbrough, Town Business Owner; Shep Harris, Town Business Owner; Joe Bridges, Town Property Owner, Kristen Webb, Executive Director Coweta Community Foundation; Kevin & Denise Moeggenberg, Town Business Owners; Attorney Carson Sears.

Presentations: None

Review/Approval of Minutes:

1. **June 5, 2023 Minutes** – Council Member Elizabeth Good moved to approve the June 5, 2023 Minutes and Council Member Teagle seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-2.

New Business:

1. **Hometown Novel Writer's Association** - Mike Brown of the Hometown Novel Writer's Association 501(c)(3) spoke about and gave details for the upcoming 2nd Annual Book Fair on August 25-26th, 2023 to be held at the library and the community center. Several events will happen over the 2-day fair beginning with a Friday night dinner and all-day Saturday: authors, special guests, children's programs, food, raffles, presence of NTH, Coweta Magazine, and Coweta First, and entertainment. Monies from the event will be donated to First Readers. They are based out of Madison Georgia that give out free books monthly to families with children from crib to pre-school. Last year \$250 was raised for them from this event. The goal this year is \$1,000. Fifty-three authors are registered, an increase over last year. Every author sold books last year, which is unusual. Mike signed a rental agreement to pay \$250 for the use of the property. He requested the rental fee to be donated back to the event. Mike asked for the rental fee of \$250 for the venue to be donated back to the event because a writing contest with (3) monetary prizes will begin on August 1, 2023. The Town of Sharpsburg is receiving notoriety from the community and the writer's community which is great exposure. Mayor Cole asked the Council to consider the donation. The Council did not act or vote on this matter but decided to move a vote to the next Council meeting.

2. **Review June 2023 Budget** – Town Administrator Jones gave an update on the budget, doing. We paid for the new copier. Street signs have been ordered. Some higher expenses, one being the rental printer until the new copier was received. Another increase is legal fees – DDA, GFL. Gas billing is higher due to dual billing in one period. Forty-three percent of our expenses to date. Nothing alarming – the overall picture is good. Mayor gave kudos to staff for keeping spending down.
3. **Ordinance: Stream Buffers - First Reading** – the buffers are currently at 25 to 50 feet. The new ordinance will increase them to seventy-five feet. This is due in part to Sharpsburg being in the drinking water recharge area for Senoia. Then we go to the southeast from here and flow into Merrimac and Line Creeks and other places. This benefits us in that we will be eligible for future federal and state funding and updates the town to current standards. It keeps us in compliance with EPA. This new ordinance was issued by the Metropolitan Water Planning District. Senoia has been designated as a reservoir and as a protected small water supply. Council chose not to act on this matter until other Council Members were present.
4. **Ordinance: Animal Control - First Reading** – Council chose not to act on the matter until other Council Members were present.
5. **Surplus Material: Tank Lot / Tables and Chairs** – Mayor Cole asked for authority to dispose of debris, scrap, metal, etc. on back lot property over to the tank property which would include throw away, sell, surplus it, donate, and/or recycle. Council Member Elizabeth Good made a motion to do so and Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Unanimous. **Motion passed 3-0-2.**
6. **Community Center tables and chairs:** a discussion was held with a smaller town once concerning new costs and concerning purchases that have been approved by Council.
7. **Maintenance: Sink Pump; Lighting; Library** – Town Administrator Jones gave an update that the lighting in the community center has been fixed and updated. The sink in kitchen has backed up three times in the last couple of months. A plumbing company is working up a quote for a remedy. He will get back to the Council with that information. April Yarbrough gave an update on the ideas for converting our Library to a children's library. She will give a more formal update at the work session on July 24, 2023. Council did not act or vote on this matter.

Old Business:

1. **Annexation Update** – First Reading - more information to come – Council did not act or vote on this matter.
2. **Downtown Development Authority** – First Reading - Council did not act or vote on this matter.

Public Comments: Polly Garlington asked an election question.

Polling of Council: Council Member Teagle asked if the DDA members were already chosen. Answer: Yes they have been.

Administrator's Report: Information was presented about the current millage rate.

Mayor's Updates: None

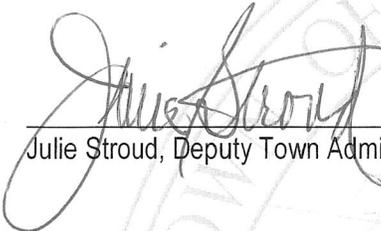
Executive Session: Mayor Cole asked for a motion for the Council to go into an Executive Session concerning litigation. A motion was made by Council Member Elizabeth Good and was seconded by Council Member Tom Teagle. 3-0-2, all in favor. The council moved into Executive Session.

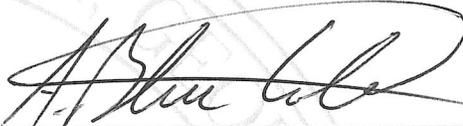
The Council moved out of Executive Session and back into General Session and the Mayor asked for a motion to resume the General Session. A motion was made to move back into the General Session by Council Member Elizabeth Good and seconded by Council Member Tom Teagle. 3-0-2, all in favor.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the Executive Session Affidavit regarding pending litigation. Council Member Elizabeth Good made the motion and Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-2, all in favor.

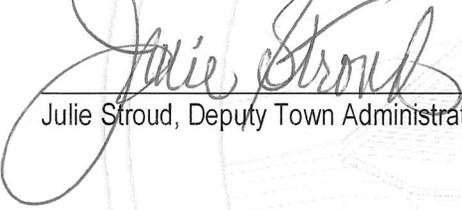
Adjournment: Council Member Tom Teagle moved to adjourn the July 10th, 2023 Council Meeting. Council Member Elizabeth Good seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-2, all in favor.

The July 10th, 2023, Council Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.


Julie Stroud, Deputy Town Administrator


Blue Cole, Mayor

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council, in Sharpsburg, Georgia on the 7th day of August, 2023.


Julie Stroud, Deputy Town Administrator

