

# TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
A & O Bridges Community Center  
105 Main Street, Sharpsburg GA  
August 7, 2023

## MINUTES

### 6:00PM

**Call Council Meeting to Order:** Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

**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; Standley D. Parten – Council Member - Post 1; Alexander Edge – Post 2; Tom Teagle – Post #3; Elizabeth Good – Post #4; Brad Sears – Town Attorney

**Those Absent:** None

**Guests:** Polly Garlington – Town Resident; April Yarbrough – Town Business Owner; Shep Harris – Town Business Owner; Kevin and Denise Moeggenberg – Town Business Owners; Don Simmons – White Oak Golden Kiwanis Club; Maxwell Britton – Coweta County Resident; Mike Brown – Hometown Writer's Association

\*\*\*Mayor Cole asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add a resolution for a special election to fill Post 4. Council Member Stan Parten moved to approve the motion and Council Member Alex Edge seconded it. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0-0. Mayor asked that this be added as the last item under new business.

**Presentations:** N/A

### **Review/Approval of Minutes:**

1. **July 10, 2023 Minutes**
2. **July 24, 2023 Work Session Minutes**

Council Member Elizabeth Good moved to approve the July 10, 2023, and the July 24, 2023 Minutes and Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

### **Public Hearing:**

1. **2023 Millage Rates** – Mayor Cole opened the meeting for public hearing. Council Member Good moved to approve the 2023 Millage Rates with a full rollback of 1.846% with Town receiving \$111.00 and Teagle seconded it. Motion passed 5-0-0. Council Member Parten moved to exit the public hearing and Teagle seconded it. Motion passed 5-0-0.

### **New Business:**

1. **Review July 2023 Budget** – Town Administrator Jones reported that spending continues to be below budget and is doing well overall. Legal fees are higher, and utilities are higher due to a rate increase. Other than that, nothing outstanding. Mayor Cole noted that we are at 64% of income received for the year and are at 49% budget paid of expenses. Staff continue to do a good job in monitoring expenses.

2. **Beckom House Demolition** – Updated proposal to demolish the Beckom house. Mayor Cole said this proposal is piggybacked off a service that Newnan uses. Answers to questions made by Council are still outstanding – will house be leveled to a grassy lot? Will they move the propane tank in the shed, haul off and are dump fees included? Council Member Teagle posed a few more questions about extermination, lead and asbestos testing, and other bids. Council Member Good asked if there was any comeback on Newnan's service and not getting three bids. Town Attorney Sears answered, no.
3. **Amended Agenda item:** Special Election for filling Council seat #4, currently occupied by Council Member Elizabeth Good. She resigned her unexpired term because she is seeking the seat of Mayor of the Town of Sharpsburg. The mayor asked for a resolution to have a Special Election. Council Member Stan Parten moved to approve this motion and Council Member Tom Teagle seconded it. Motion approved 5-0-0. Qualifying will be Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> through We

#### Old Business:

1. Ordinance 23-02: Stream Buffers- Second Reading – Council Member Elizabeth Good moved to approve the Second Reading and Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.
2. **Ordinance 23-03: Animal Control- Second Reading** – Council Member Stan Parten moved to approve the Second Reading and Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0-0.
3. **Ordinance 23-04: Post-Construction Stormwater Management- First Reading** Council Member Elizabeth Good moved to approve the First Reading and Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.
4. **Resolution: Surplus Materials / Tables and Chairs** – Council Member Elizabeth Good moved to approve the resolution and Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. The resolution was approved 5-0-0.
5. **Ratification: Emergency Purchase of Sink Pump** – in the last month, the kitchen pump leaked three more times, which caused emergency calls to Council about replacing the pump sooner than this meeting. Council Member Elizabeth Good moved to ratify the contingency expense of \$3,060.00. and Council Member Stan Parten seconded the ratification of the expense. The contingency expense was approved 5-0-0.
6. **Downtown Development Authority** – Informational update: The first meeting of the newly formed DDA will be Monday, August 18, 2023, at 8:45AM in the Community Center. And will meet the first Monday thereafter providing that the rentals will no interference with Community Center Rentals.
7. **Discussion on Sharpsburg Library / Book Fair** – Regarding Book Fair - a motion was made to waive the \$250.00 rental fee for the Book Fair event by Council Member Stan Parten and seconded by Alexander Edge. The motion passed 3-2-0. Council Members Teagle and Good in opposition. Regarding the Library – A motion was made to transition from a general service library to a children's library. Council Member Elizabeth Good moved to approve this motion and was seconded by Tom Teagle. The motion passed 4-0-1, with Council Member Parten being absent from the vote, as he left the meeting at 7:00PM.
8. **Council Post 4** – Council Member Elizabeth Good resigned her council seat as she will be running for Mayor. A motion was made to accept the resignation of Good. Parten moved to approve the motion and Teagle seconded it. Motion was passed 5-0-0.

**Public Comments:** No one spoke.

**Polling of Council:** Council Member Alex Edge commented that this was an efficient meeting. No other comments.

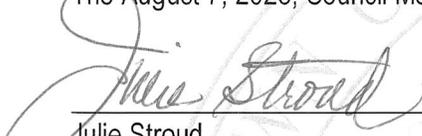
**Administrator's Report:** Discussion on tables and chairs and the library.

**Mayor's Updates:** Discussed new signage, and the cutting right of way. He announced that he will not seek re-election as Mayor but will run for Council.

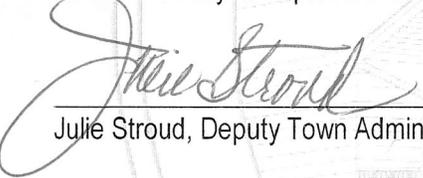
**Executive Session:** At 7:05 PM Mayor Cole asked for a motion for the Council to go into Executive Session concerning litigation. Council Member Alexander Edge moved to approve the motion and Council Member Elizabeth Good seconded it. Motion passed 5-0-0. The Council moved into Executive Session. The Council moved out of Executive Session at 7:22PM and into the General Session. A motion was made to move back into General Session and to approve the Executive Session Affidavit by Council Member Edge moved to approve the motion and seconded by Council Member Good. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Parten being absent.

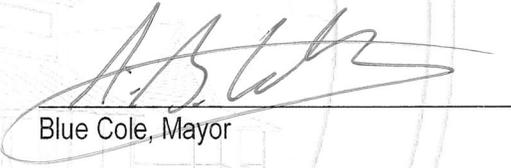
**Adjournment:** With all business topics covered Mayor Cole asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Alexander Edge moved to adjourn the August 7, 2023, Council Meeting and Council Member Elizabeth Good seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Parten being absent.

The August 7, 2023, Council Meeting adjourned at 7:23PM.

  
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Julie Stroud  
Deputy Town Administrator

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council, in Sharpsburg, Georgia on the 11th day of September 2023.

  
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Julie Stroud, Deputy Town Administrator

  
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Blue Cole, Mayor