

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

WORK SESSION MEETING
A & O Bridges Community Center
105 Main Street, Sharpsburg GA
August 21, 2023

MINUTES

6:00PM

Call Council Meeting to Order: Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 6:01PM.

Establish Quorum: Town Administrator Floyd Jones established that there was a quorum present.

Those in attendance: Blue Cole – Mayor; Tom Teagle – Post 3; Alex Edge – Post 4; Brad Sears – Town Attorney; April Yarbrough, Business Owner; John Tansey – Swings & Billiards, etc.; Polly Garlington, Town Resident; Cameron Hyde, Town Resident; Russ Martin – VCIO Strategies

Absent: Standley Parten – Post 1; *Vacant – Post 4

Presentations:

1. **VCIO Strategies** – Presentation by Co-Founder of VCIO, Russell Martin, who spoke on the benefits of his company for providing the town with upgraded IT and phone services vs. our current vendor VC3. Detailed questions and discussion. Town Administrator Jones highlighted what he liked about upgrading the needs of the office at Town Hall and the Library. Follow-up to consider this further, work with Town Attorney Brad Sears for contractual guidance. Mayor Cole asked for the update to be given back to Council by October meeting.
2. **Playground** – Presentation by John Tansey with Swings and Billiards etc., a 26+ year company in Newnan, GA to update our current playground equipment with an additional set. The set is made of cedar and is chemical free. However, maintenance with stain every year is required. The set retails for \$11,000. is offering set for \$10,000 including set up. Reconfiguration is needed. Details given on dimensions and what is included in the set, and colors can be chosen. The set is at the store if you want to see it. Mayor Cole asked if this topic could be revisited at the September meeting.

New Business: None

Old Business:

1. **Children's Library**- Update given by Council Member Tom Teagle with additional information by April Yarbrough. Tom outlined where they are going with the project. Most of the talked about books are disposed of with some topics held aside. Some books have been set aside. The children's books have been divided with subsets into age groups. April is doing a book drive at the restaurant for children's books. Check out, check-in policy, and aspects of subscription services are being looked at. Q&A by Mayor and Council, possibilities for outside, parking, courtyard, and discussion. At the next meeting, Council Member Teagle with bring some of the costs with him to present to the Council.
2. **Book Fair- Update** – parking issues resolved, general discussion.
3. **Downtown Development Authority**- Update given Floyd Jones and April Yarbrough, the new Chairperson of the town's DDA.

Polling of Council: Council Member Alex Edge asked a question about quotes being provided in the agenda packet and making a checklist for the maintenance items that need attention around the property. Mayor Cole also added that we have some options regarding planting and landscaping around the property. Council Member Teagle would like extra bookshelves added at the library.

Administrator's Report: This is Election Qualifying week for those of you running; please see him about ethics paperwork.

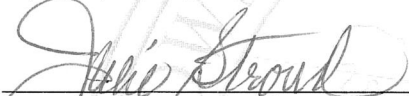
Mayor's Updates: Nothing right now.


Executive Session: N/A

Adjournment: Mayor Blue Cole closed the meeting at 7:27PM with all agenda items being covered.


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.


Julie Stroud, Deputy Town Administrator


Blue Cole, Mayor