

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

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

September 12, 2022

MINUTES

6:00PM

Call Council Meeting to Order

Mayor Cole called the September 12, 2022 meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Cole led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Establish Quorum:

Town Administrator Floyd Jones stated there was a Quorum present

Present were the following: Blue Cole- Mayor; Tom Teagle- Post 3 and Elizabeth Good- Post 4

Absent were the following: Standley D. Parten- Post 1 and Alexander Edge- Post 2

It is noted that Councilmember Elizabeth Good left the meeting at 6:30 p.m. thus losing the quorum. It is further noted that no votes or direction was taken or made once a quorum was no longer present.

Proclamations:

1. September 2022- Coweta Community Foundation

Mayor Cole introduced Board Chair Ms. Cynthia Bennett to speak on behalf of the Coweta Community Foundation. Ms. Bennett spoke about the foundation, its work, and its accomplishments throughout its 25 years.

Mayor Cole read a Proclamation declaring September 2022 Coweta Community Foundation Month.

2. September 2022- National Recovery Month

Mayor Cole introduced Executive Director and Founder of Coweta Force Mr. Hank Arnold to speak on behalf of National Recovery Month. Mr. Arnold recognized the mutual work for both Coweta FORCE and the Coweta Community Foundation before he spoke of the work of Coweta FORCE and National Recovery Month.

Mayor Cole read a Proclamation declaring September 2022 National Recovery Month.

Review/Approval of Minutes:

1. August 8, 2022 Minutes

Council reviewed the August 8, 2022 Minutes.

Councilmember Good moved to approve the August 8, 2022 Minutes. Councilmember Teagle seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Councilmembers Parten and Edge not present.

Public Hearing:

There was no Public Hearing.

New Business:

1. Back Parking Lot Update / Parking During Construction

Mayor Cole updated Council on the continuing construction of the back parking lot. He stated that concrete and curb work is scheduled for the week of September 19 at which time they will put in rock and will continue to work on grading, curbs, and walking trails. He stated once that work is done then the asphalt work will be done. He stated that the minutes reflected the understanding that the work would have been done by this point, but there are delays such as a week of a solid rain-out of the work and it is taking more time than anticipated. He understood the desire that the work would go faster, but he added this work would be worth it in the long run. Mayor Cole stated that while this work is ongoing, Mr. Joe Bridges has been kind enough to allow the town to use the parking lot at the old post office and on the grassy lot across from the town library, and he was thankful to Mr. Bridges for their help. Councilmember Teagle asked if anything had come up for consideration during the work, and Mayor Cole stated nothing had come up that would slow down or stop the construction. He stated the workers noticed the Pavilion has a crack that runs all the way through it and so they put in a compression joint to ease some of it. He stated there is a void forming and they are going to fill it in and repair it to keep it from sinking further. He stated that the County has been wonderful and have provided some ideas that have saved the town some additional costs.

Council did not vote or provide direction on this matter.

2. 39 Main Street- Home Inspection:

Mayor Cole stated that since the last Council meeting, two companies- Safebuilt and Home-Scan Home Inspections- have looked at the Beckom House at 39 Main Street. He stated that both agreed that there are several structural issues from the roof to the foundation, and that all the electrical and plumbing in the house would have to be replaced. The conclusion from both companies was that for the house to be useable the house would almost have to be completely replaced. Mayor Cole stated this leaves the options of either trying to repair the house at a higher-than-normal cost for limited usability or to remove the house or have it taken off sight and have something else to replace it. He said it was unfortunate that the house did not appear to be a useable structure. Mayor Cole stated that he was not seeking a decision on this matter until he had an opportunity to talk to the Beckom family about the findings and options and since he wanted all Councilmembers to be present to decide.

Council did not vote or provide direction on this matter.

3. August 2022 Budget Review:

Town Administrator Floyd Jones stated that the budget is in good shape and that it maintains its good status through its conservative practice of spending its funds. Mayor Cole added that the town is entering September and has yet to spend over 50% of its budget. He further added that the budget sheets are going to be enhanced in future meetings to show the designated funds.

Council did not vote or provide direction on this matter.

Old Business:

1. Pine Straw at Town Hall and Community Center

Town Administrator Floyd Jones reported that at the August 8, 2022 Council Meeting, Council had voted to have blown mulch installed at Town Hall, the Gazebo, and the Pavilion. In the days following the meeting, he was informed by the mulch company that they were no longer able to provide blown mulch based on a corporate decision for all its customers. He reported that he brought this issue back to Council during its Work Session Meeting and, based on feedback from Council, he went for additional quotes for pine straw. Mr. Jones stated that he had obtained an additional quote and recommended that the Council approve the low bidder, Precision Landscapes, in the amount of \$2,362.50.

Councilmember Good moved to approve Precision Landscapes, LLC. for the installation of pine straw at a cost of \$2,362.50. Councilmember Teagle seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Councilmembers Parten and Edge not present.

Public Comments:

Polly Garlington: Ms. Garlington asked about where the town stands with some of the developments in and around town. Mayor Cole stated there is the Twelve Parks Development coming and there are other areas of growth around town. He stated he wanted the town to be proactive in the growth, and that while the town only can control what's in its jurisdiction, it can make a case for the growth that is coming. He said the intent was not to stop the growth but to control the growth while working with other governments for the betterment of the town and the communities at large.

Hank Arnold: Mr. Arnold stated he is a Sharpsburg resident, and he appreciated the Council's approach with partnering with neighboring governments and community efforts. Mayor Cole thanked Mr. Arnold for his comments.

Polling of Council:

Tom Teagle: Councilmember Teagle stated that his wife would be bringing color samples for the renovation of the Community Center.

Clerks Minutes:

Potential Widening of Highway 154: Town Administrator Floyd Jones stated he received an email from a consultant with the Georgia Department of Transportation asking for comments and feedback about the potential widening of Highway 154 from State Road 29 in north Coweta County all the way to Highway 54 in the middle of Sharpsburg. He stated there was no deadline for providing the information at this time but wanted to inform Council should they want to provide input in the matter. There was further discussion that this inquiry was preliminary in nature and that it may be several years before the work may begin. Councilmember Good left the meeting during this discussion.

Work Session Meeting: Town Administrator Floyd Jones stated that the next Work Session Meeting would be on Monday, September 19, 2022, and it would be a first look at Master Planning for the town in preparation for its future. He added there would be a presentation from Georgia Power during the meeting.

Mayor's Updates:

Thanked Staff: Mayor Cole said he did not have any updates to provide, but he thanked staff for its good work.

Community Center Colors: Ms. Teagle came to the meeting and showed her selected colors to the mayor for the renovation of the Community Center.

Executive Session:

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment:

Since there was no quorum present at the end of the meeting, Mayor Cole adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

No vote was taken for the adjournment.

Floyd L. Jones, 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 fourteenth day of November 2022.

Floyd L. Jones, Town Administrator

