

# TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

WORK SESSION MEETING  
A & O Bridges Community Center  
105 Main Street, Sharpsburg GA  
October 16, 2023

## MINUTES

**6:00PM**

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

**Establish Quorum:** Town Administrator Jones stated a Quorum was present.

**Presentations:** None

### **New Business:**

- 1. Children's Library** – Update given by Council Member Tom Teagle. Presented handout to Mayor, Council, Town Attorney and Staff. Council Member Edge asked for a spreadsheet. Council Member Teagle said he would provide. Town Administrator Jones would like to have said spreadsheet for budgeting purposes which is working on. He also mentioned ADA issues. Town Attorney Sears stated that unless major renovations are done to the facility, ADA does not have to be done with exceptions. Handicapped parking, restrooms, benches, and other furniture, electrical, computers, and printers were discussed. Some of these items needs to be addressed at Town Hall and the Community Center.
- 2. LMIG- Grant Opportunity** – Mayor Cole notified Council that there is an annual grant to improve road structure. We have received between \$6500-\$7500 per grant period. We have gotten the last 2 years and wanted to know if the council wants to apply for it for next year. Town Administrator Jones advised there is a shelf-life of 3 years. Mayor Cole said that we are spending it on small projects instead of large projects. Something to think about. Discussion about spending, timing, right of way, sidewalks, etc. Mayor Cole is to get the application.
- 3. Kudzu / Nuisance Ordinance** - Mayor Cole has identified several spots in town that have Kudzu growing and asked Town Attorney Sears if Kudzu can be declared a nuisance. It can be if the kudzu harbors vermin and/or insects. Attorney Sears stated no, not unless it is included in the landscape ordinance.
- 4. Town Hall** – Mayor Cole advised Council that the conceptual drawing he asked an engineering company to do has been put on hold.
- 5. Playground / Mural / Fencing** – Deputy Town Administrator Stroud provided handouts on playground guidelines for the State of Georgia outlining safety information for playgrounds. Discussion around buying the playground addition from Swings, etc. in Newnan. The council decided that plans should be put on hold. Mayor Cole talked about murals for fence near playground that Kay Stanley the art instructor who does classes at the Community Center is going to do. Mayor Cole has plywood and paint to complete the project. The council decided that the project should be put on hold. The fencing job needs to be revisited with the fencing company due to misunderstanding of measurements.

### **Old Business:**

- 1. Tables and Chairs** – Coweta County/Tray Baggardy and an individual have come forward to take tables and chairs. After a brief discussion it was decided to give them to Coweta County as they have been helpful in assisting the town with a lot of issues.
- 2. Williams Circle** – A "Watch Out for Children" sign was asked for from the County. We expect it to be approved at their next meeting.
- 3. Water** – There has been a complaint by a homeowner that water at their home runs black. Discussion was held about the Town of Turin's water quality. Some issues need to be investigated further.

**Polling of Council:**

**Administrator's Report:** Administrator Jones informed council that the next meeting is Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, due to elections on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The County must set up machines on Monday, November 6, 2023. Three weeks of early voting starts today. Also, November and December Work Session Meetings will not happen in November and December. Pine straw has been updated around the property. He advised all that he has been called to Jury Duty on Tuesday, 11/28/2023. The first reading of the 2024 Budget will be at the December 4<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. The Martin birdhouses need to be put back up and he had no luck in finding someone to do that job. Council Member Teagle has someone to do the job.

**Mayor's Updates:** An arborist came out to look at two old oak trees on Main Street across from Town Hall. He gave an estimate of \$5,000 to remove the trees that are damaged, however, they do not pose immediate danger of falling. Parking lot lights that were taken down during parking lot construction need to be raised.

**Executive Session: N/A**

**Adjournment:** Mayor Cole closed the meeting at 7:20 PM with all agenda items covered.

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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 13th day of November, 2023.

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**Julie Stroud, Deputy Town Administrator**

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**Blue Cole, Mayor**