

# TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
A & O Bridges Community Center  
105 Main Street, Sharpsburg GA  
October 2, 2023

## MINUTES

6:00PM

Call Council Meeting to Order: Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 6:04PM.

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

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

Presentations: N/A

### Review/Approval of Minutes:

**September 11, 2023 Minutes** - Council Member Teagle requested a change be made to Page 3, under Public Comments, last sentence is to read: It was understood that Council Member Teagle asked Mayor Cole to write a letter to Governor Kemp and the Georgia General Assembly. Mayor Cole refused to do that. Council Member Teagle stated that he would write a letter to the Governor and the Georgia General Assembly entering his disagreement with Mayor Cole's signing of the letter without the knowledge or consent of Council.

Council Member Teagle wanted it noted here that he did write a letter to the Governor Kemp.

Council Member Edge moved to approve the minutes of September 11, 2023 with the above-noted correction. Council Member Teagle seconded the motion. Motion passed. 4/0/0.

Public Hearing: N/A

### New Business:

1. **Review- September 2023 Budget** – Mayor Cole reviewed the handout provided by Administrator Jones giving a brief explanation The Town is at 76% of Receivables and 63% of Expenses. Of the items indicated in red, those are getting close. Council Member Edge questioned why Legal Fees were 153% over budget. Mayor Cole answered that we had areas that needed legal advisement, in particular, the newly formed DDA, the GFL contract, and a few ordinances. Mayor Cole also explained that the items over budget would be remedied by moving monies over from the Town's Contingency Funds at the end of the year to balance the budget.
2. **Rachel Ferguson – Community Center** – Administrator Jones left the General Session to meet privately with Mrs. Ferguson and her party of four in the Town Hall office.
3. **Intergovernmental Agreement: Property Tax Collections** – Mayor Cole explained that this IGA is to give him permission for him to sign the agreement for Property Tax Collections. The agreement raises the flat rate fee from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per parcel. Council Member Parten moved to approve Mayor Cole's signing the agreement and Council Member Teagle seconded it. Motion passed 4/0/0.
4. **First Reading- Amendment to Animal Control Ordinance 23-03** – Mayor Cole explained that this the first reading of the Animal Control Ordinance. Item D-4 ordinance is being changed because Coweta County has changed their ordinance, and in suit, we mirror theirs. Council Member Teagle asked a question on Item #4 on the Ordinance – who

determines if an animal is dangerous or vicious. Town Attorney Brad Sears informed all that Coweta County has an Animal Control Board made up of veterinarians and other professionals who determine that on the activities and complaints about the animal. The County changed the insurance level to \$500K for a dangerous dog and \$1MM for a vicious dog. This is based on the activity of the dog.

5. **2024 Town Council Calendar** – 2 meeting calendars were presented to Council with and without Work sessions. Mayor expressed his opinion that he would like to have Work Session meetings as a good practice. Further discussion will take place at a later meeting.

**Old Business:**

1. **Playground / Fencing** - Lengthy discussion about adding additional playground / cleaning up old / moving existing to new location in future / benefits/ costs, etc. Comments from public and staff taken. Council Member Parten made a motion to approve spending \$10K to add an additional section to the playground. But, after reasons of why and why nots, he rescinded his motion until further information is gotten from the vendor and on safety.

2. **LMIG- Street Striping Update** – Mayor Cole checked in with Arbor Valley on scraping the roads and striping work. They gave a price of \$3K, which Mayor thinks is amount is a lot, and he stated that it needs to go out to bid. No further updates. The Mayor will report back in at a later meeting.

3. **Sharpsburg Library** – Lengthy update given by Council Member Teagle April Yarbrough of The Friends of the Library. Topics covered were: the floors are d, toilet reinstalled in the bathroom, obtaining quotes for lighting and furniture, plans to buy software, and other electronics relating to running the library. Dena Ray, Librarian, added that she has a wish list that was submitted to Town Administrator Jones for items such as hot water in bathroom, drinking water, concern over the drain in front of the front door doesn't drain properly and with new flooring in the library it should be addressed.

**Public Comments:**

Selene Davenport, town resident, wants it known that a patch made in the road on Sunset Dr. is coming apart. Council Member Teagle added that there is a deep hole in Williams Circle. Mayor Cole said he would visit both streets to see what is happening there.

April Yarbrough asked about a Special Event Permit for the DDA's Christmas Market on Main on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mayor Cole informed her that it is to be done 60 days before the event and must go before Council.

**Polling of Council:** No comments.

**Administrator's Report:** None.

**Mayor's Updates:** None.

**Executive Session:** N/A

**Adjournment:** With all business topics covered Mayor Cole asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Parten made a motion to adjourn the October 2, 2023 meeting and Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. The motion passed 4/0/0.

The October 2, 2023 meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM.

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**Julie Stroud, Deputy Town Administrator**