

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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

December 2, 2024

MINUTES

6:00PM

Call Council Meeting to Order

Mayor Good called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Good led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Establish Quorum

Town Administrator Jones stated all were present and a quorum was established.

Review / Approval of Minutes:

1. **November 12, 2024 Minutes:** Council reviewed the November 12, 2024 Minutes. Council Member Pike moved to approve the minutes. Council Member Garlington seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Public Hearing:

1. **First Reading- Fiscal Year 2025 Budget:** The proposed budget was presented by Administrator Jones, noting that is for a first reading. No vote was taken. This is an opportunity for the public and Council to provide direction on the budget. The second reading and vote will be held on January 6, 2025. Administrator Jones highlighted what is presented as a 2% increase to the budget and he discussed the increases by relevant line items. He asked Council Members to make an appointment and to discuss the budget further.

New Business:

1. **Bank OZK- Security Agreement / Custodial Security Agreement:** Bank OZK has asked for a new Security Agreement for the town's bank account because the town is over collateralized. They are asking for a signed agreement that releases the excessive collateral. These agreements were signed in previous years, but current staff have not been authorized to sign said agreements. Staff request authorization to sign said agreements. Brief discussion followed. Council Member Teagle moved to authorize staff to sign said agreements and Council Member Edge seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.
2. **Ratification of Change Order- Concrete by Design:** Administrator Jones called each member of council and received unanimous authorization of a change order for the replacement of the flooring in the Community Center. While removing the old floor it was discovered there was an additional layer of old flooring that had to be removed, and the original quote did not reflect the additional cost for the extra layer. Staff requests the Council to ratify its decision to authorize the Change Order with Concrete by Design and to authorize staff to expend an additional \$3,250 from SPLOST 2019 funds. Council Member Teagle moved to ratify the change order and Council Member Garlington seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

3. **Consideration of a Work Session- January 2025:** A discussion about when to hold a work session was held. It was decided to hold it on at 4:30 p.m. on January 6, 2025, prior to the next Council meeting.

Old Business:

There were no items for Old Business.

Public Comments:

John Reidelbach of the Coweta County Board of Commissioners was in the audience and was introduced by Mayor Good. He dropped by to say hello to everyone.

Polling of Council:

Garlington: Council Member Garlington expressed her happiness with the work session being scheduled.

Teagle: Council Member Teagle announced the library will be open on December 3, 2024. The new hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. He will teach the volunteer staff how to operate Hoopla, the new application for the library. He added another bookcase will be delivered.

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Jones gave some early January 2025 highlights regarding the work at Town Hall with plans for the new flooring and furniture deliveries. He asked that four old floor fans be declared surplus. It was agreed that the fans could be removed and that a resolution would be presented in January regarding their removal. He also discussed HB518. Commissioner Reidelbach also discussed HB581.

Mayor's Updates.

Mayor Good will bring playground ideas to the January work session. The Downtown Development Authority will hold its second Winter Festival from December 20 – 22, 2024. It will include ice skating, vendors, and food trucks. Council Member Garlington stated the town needed to do something for its residents and added she thinks food trucks are a good idea for Sharpsburg, noting the popularity of food trucks in the Town of Turin. It sparked interest in the Council and the Town Administrator said it would be discussed at the January work session.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment

Council Member Edge moved to adjourn the December 2, 2024, Council Meeting. Council Member Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Julie Stroud, Deputy Town Administrator

Elizabeth Good, Mayor

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council, in Sharpsburg, Georgia, on the 6th day of January 2025.

Julie Stroud, Deputy Town Administrator

