

Town of Sharpsburg
Downtown Development Authority Meeting
Sharpsburg Central Library
110 Terrentine Rd
Sharpsburg, GA 30277
August 5th, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

9:00AM

Call Meeting to Order

Chair Yarbrough called meeting to order at 9:08am.

Prayer

Authority Member Wren led all in attendance in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Yarbrough led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Establish a Quorum

Chair Yarbrough stated that there was a quorum present with Authority Members Good and Barrett absent.

Guests

Justin Halford, out-of-town resident; Susan Medina, representative for Modern Woodmen Financial Advisors in Sharpsburg.

Presentations

No presentations.

Review/Approval of Minutes

Authority Member Harris moved to approve the July 1st, 2024 meeting minutes. Authority Member Woods seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-2 with Members Good and Barrett absent.

New Business

1. Historical Concepts:

The final presentation of the internship plans was successful. Chair Yarbrough shared designs and briefed the members on the growth that this showed for the Town of Sharpsburg.

Chair Yarbrough stated that the next step would be to create a zoning moratorium within the district and then update the design guidelines. Doing so would provide an up-to-date guide for businesses that want to move into the area. Creating a design guideline also allows the aesthetic to be the same across the board as the growth occurs.

Old Business

1. Sharpsburg Winterfest:

Chair Yarbrough briefed the members on the market. Currently, the DDA is in the process of receiving quotes for the transportation of the Christmas Tree and ensuring the lighting is working properly.

Chair Yarbrough state that Georgia Power is interested in sponsoring the ice skating for the market. There are also return sponsors that want to help with the activities planned for the market.

2. Sharpsburg Camera Ready:

No vote for action taken.

3. Official Town Motto:

No vote or action taken.

Public Comments

Mr. Halford and Ms. Medina provided comments.

Polling of Authority Members

Chair Yarbrough, Authority Members Wren and Woods discussed the look and aesthetic the Historical Concepts plans could present to the Town of Sharpsburg. The Town is still very rural and would need a wide range of businesses within the district.

Financial Report:

Authority Member Woods briefed the Authority Members on the Year-to-Date Financial Report, January 2024-August 2024; Attachment 2.

Administrator's Report

Recording Secretary Jones briefed the Authority Members that the July 1st, 2024 Meeting Minutes needed to be corrected under Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes, New Business: Sharpsburg Camera Ready, and Adjournment. The correction was to be made to the voting numbers for the motions from 5-0-3 to 4-0-3 to reflect the 7 members of the Downtown Development Authority.

Chair Yarbrough moved to approve the July 1st, 2024 Meeting Minutes with the correction of 5-0-3 to 4-0-3 under Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes, New Business: Sharpsburg Camera Ready, and Adjournment. Authority Member Woods seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-2 with Authority Members Good and Barrett absent.

Chair's Updates

Chair Yarbrough briefed the members on ensuring member training is complete for all. There is also an addition of 2 hours of training for members each year. This will help keep the knowledge up to date for all members of the Downtown Development Authority.

Executive Session

No Executive Session.

Adjournment

Authority Member Brown moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:14am. Authority Member Wren seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-2 with Members Good and Barrett absent.

April Jones, Recording Secretary



April Yarbrough, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Sharpsburg Downtown Development Authority, in Sharpsburg, Georgia on the 9th day of September 2024.

April Jones, Recording Secretary