

Town of Sharpsburg
Organizational Meeting of
Downtown Development Authority
Sharpsburg Community Center
105 Main Street
Sharpsburg, GA
August 18, 2023

MINUTES

8:45AM

Call Council Meeting to Order:

Brad Sears, Town Attorney called meeting to order at 8:55am.

Establish Quorum:

Town Attorney Brad Sears stated a quorum of council was present. Councilmembers April Yarbrough, George Harris, Elizabeth Good, Frank Wren and Tony Brown were present. Councilmembers Sherri Woods and Mike Barrett were absent.

Proclamations:

There were no Proclamations.

Review/Approval of Minutes:

No Previous Meeting Minutes

Public Hearing:

1. Swearing in of Councilmembers

Town Attorney Brad Sears swore in the attending Councilmembers.

2. Review Establishing Resolution

Focus on downtown economic area – Sharpsburg.

3. Review and Consider Adoption of By-Laws

Councilmembers discussed the By-Laws for the Sharpsburg Downtown Development Authority.

Councilmember April Yarbrough moved to approve the acceptance of the By-Laws.
Councilmember Tony Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-2 with Authority
Members Woods and Barrett being absent.

4. Elect Officers

Town Attorney Brad Sears briefed the Council on the Officers being Elected.

Chairman – April Yarbrough

Councilmember Frank Wren moved to nominate Councilmember April Yarbrough. Councilmember Elizabeth Good seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-2 with Authority Members Woods and Barrett being absent.

Vice-Chairman – Elizabeth Good

Councilmember George Harris moved to nominate Councilmember Elizabeth Good. Councilmember Frank Wren seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-2 with Authority Members Woods and Barrett being absent.

Secretary-Treasurer – Sherri Woods

Councilmember April Yarbrough moved to nominate Councilmember Sherri Woods. Councilmember Frank Wren seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-2 with Authority Members Woods and Barrett absent.

Recording Secretary – April Jones

Councilmember April Yarbrough moved to nominate April Jones. Councilmember George Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-2 with Authority Members Woods and Barrett absent.

5. Donations

Councilmember April Yarbrough moved to allow the Downtown Development Authority to send out donation requests as needed. Councilmember Elizabeth Good seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-2 with Authority Members Woods and Barrett being absent.

6. Media Presence

Councilmember April Yarbrough moved to post information regarding the Downtown Development Authority's meetings on the Town of Sharpsburg's website. Councilmember Elizabeth Good seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-2 with Authority Members Woods and Barrett being absent.

7. Donated Parcels

General discussion regarding what is done with parcels donated to the Downtown Development Authority that are outside the town.

New Business:

1. Review State DDA statute

All members to review the philosophy and legal aspects of the Downtown Development Authority.

2. Review Open Meetings Acts and Open Records Acts

Any action taken must be in a public meeting.

3. Review State Ethics Acts

Discussed Code of Ethics the members of the Downtown Development Authority must uphold.

4. Set Meeting Place

Councilmember April Yarbrough moved to hold meetings at the Sharpsburg Community Center (105 Main Street Sharpsburg, GA). Councilmember Elizabeth Good seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-2 with Authority Members Woods and Barrett being absent.

5. Set Meeting Date and Time

Councilmember April Yarbrough moved to hold meetings on the 1st Monday of the month at 9AM. Councilmember Elizabeth Good seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-2 with Authority Members Woods and Barrett being absent.

Old Business:

No previous business.

Executive Session:

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment: Councilmember Elizabeth Good moved to adjourn the August 18, 2023 Meeting. Councilmember Frank Wren seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-2 with Authority Members Woods and Barrett being absent.

The August 18, 2023 DDA Meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

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 11th day of September 2023.

April Jones, Recording Secretary