

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

May 3, 2004

A regular meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, May 3, 2004, at 7:00pm, in the Town of Sharpsburg at the Bridges Recreation Center.

Present were the following: Wendell Staley, Mayor; Derrick McElwaney, Mayor Pro-Tem; Stan Parten, Council Member; Clay Cole, Council Member; Larry Hyde; Council Member; Robin Spradlin, Town Clerk; Donna Camp, Asst. Town Clerk; David Winkle, Town Attorney.

Also in attendance were: Please see attached sign-in sheets.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the Council Meeting on April 5, 2004 were reviewed and approved as written by unanimous vote, and were filed in the minute book of the Town.

Blue Cole addressed the Council about collecting donations at the local merchant's shops to have the Coca-Cola mural on the side of Sharpsburg Antiques building repainted. Blue is investigating to see if Coca-Cola will have the mural restored.

Paul Muldawer presented the Council with the Master Town Plan. The plan follows new urbanism concepts - a dense, historical town center that radiates outward in increasingly less dense patterns. There are plans for apartments, townhouses and single-family homes in walking distance of offices, shops and recreation.

Perry Hiott of Georgia Cities Foundation gave a short PowerPoint presentation on the organizations Revolving Loan Program that provides low interest loans to municipalities and local business owners.

Council Member Cole motioned to approve the resolution to continue the Moratorium of Rezoning and Building Permit Applications thru August 3, 2004. Council Member Parten seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Council Member McElwaney motioned to turn over the application for a building permit from Keith Rhodes to construct an accessory building to Code Enforcement Officer for further consideration. Council Member Parten seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Council Member Parten motioned to approve the resolution to call for a second Alcohol Beverage Referendum Election. Council Member Hyde seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Town Attorney David Winkle administered the oath of Municipal Registrar to Town Clerk Robin Spradlin.

Council Member Hyde motioned to approve the DOT contracts to resurface Church and Cole Streets and to request assistance from Coweta County and to comply with their stipulations. Council Member McElwaney seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Council Member Hyde motioned to accept the awarded Transportation Enhancement Grant and to comply with all necessary requirements. Council Member Parten seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Council Member Cole motioned to accept the Environmental Code ordinance for first reading. Second reading is scheduled for June 7, 2004. Council Member Parten seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Review and comments on Environmental Code were as follows:

- Possibly remove the fire ordinance.
- Improve lot definition
- Possibly change the 12 inches in height from the ground for fields so many feet from the setbacks of the structure.

Town Attorney Winkle updated the Mayor and Council on House Bill 709. House Bill 709 effects the Town of Sharpsburg by amending the procedures required of the Town when the Town desires to zone or rezone annexed property. The intent of the Bill's amendment for the land use procedures is to provide a mechanism to resolve disputes over land use arising out of the rezoning of property to a more intense land use in conjunction with or subsequent to an annexation. Further the amendment strives to coordinate planning between counties and municipalities particularly in respect to areas contiguous to municipal boundaries.

The Mayor asked the citizens to complete a Bicycling/Pedestrian survey card from Chattahoochee-Flint Regional Development Center.

Mayor Staley polled the Council/Public for comments:

- Council Member McElwaney asked what was to be done about the new signs popping up in the Town limits. The Mayor stated that he is already talking with the owner of the signs and the owner is supposed to contact Town Hall.

The Mayor offered thanks to all the citizens who have been involved in the meetings for the Master Town Plan and encouraged them to continue their support.

There being no further business coming before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Robin L. Spradlin
Town Clerk