

**TOWN OF SHARPSBURG
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

July 10, 2006

A called meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, July 10, 2006, at 7:00pm, in the Town of Sharpsburg at the Bridges Recreation Center.

Present were the following: Wendell Staley, Mayor; Stan Parten, Council Member; Derrick McElwaney, Council Member; Larry Hyde, Council Member; Clay Cole, Council Member; Robin Spradlin, Town Administrator and Donna Camp, Town Clerk.

Also in attendance: Marilyn Hall, Hall Consulting, Eric Richards, Millie Williams, Gwen Lyons, Polly Garlington, Herb Bridges, Alex McRae, Times-Herald.

Mayor Staley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on June 19, 2006 were reviewed and approved as written by unanimous vote, and were filed in the minute book of the Town.

Mayor Staley called for first reading of the Special Events Ordinance. Council Member Hyde motioned to accept 1st reading, Council Member Cole seconded. The Mayor asked for discussion on the ordinance and Council Member McElwaney motioned to postpone the Special Events Ordinance. Council Member McElwaney discussed meeting with the Sharpsburg Merchants Association about their concerns with the proposed ordinance and he thinks the postponement would be the best for the Town and the merchants until more discussions can be carried out. The Mayor asked if the makers of the motion to adopt 1st reading of the ordinance would like to resend their motions and Council Member Cole rescinded his 2nd and Council Member Hyde rescinded his motion. Council Member Cole seconded to postpone the Special Events Ordinance until further notice. Motion carried with a show of hand, unanimously.

Mayor Staley called for second reading on two ordinances:

- Conservation Subdivision/Open Space - Council Member McElwaney motioned, Council Member Parten seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.
- Amendment to the Environmental Ordinance - Council Member Hyde motioned, Council Member Cole seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Mayor Staley presented a resolution to submit the 2006-2026 Community Agenda of the Comprehensive Plan Update to Chatt-Flint RDC and Department of Community Affairs. Council Member Hyde motioned to approve the resolution. Council Member Parten seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Mayor Staley polled the Council for comments -

- Council Member McElwaney had a citizen contact him about the free Coweta Citizen newspapers that pile up in their driveways. The citizen has complained to the

newspaper about the unwanted papers and the paper said they would see about getting the deliveries stopped. They have told him this many times. Council Member McElwaney would like the staff to call and see if we could get the newspapers stopped.

- Mayor Staley had a citizen ask him what the future is for the town library and he told them that the Town is making efforts to expand the library and every effort to keep it open.

Mayor's Minutes - Mayor Staley, Council and staff would like to thank Gwen Lyons for her continued service in picking up trash on the Sharpsburg streets during her morning walks.

Public Comments -

- Eric Richards, President of the Sharpsburg Merchants Association presented the Mayor and Council with a prepared letter concerning the Special Events Ordinance and Fall Festival which he read aloud. Mr. Richards also stated that the ordinance was not the reason the festival would be happen this fall. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.
- Herb Bridges, Property Owner stated his disappointment in the Council for dooming the fall festival with the Special Events Ordinance.
- Ms. Garlington asked to make a comment; Council Member McElwaney motioned to allow Ms. Garlington to make a comment. Council Member Cole seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.
 - In the Community Agenda that was just discussed in a Public Hearing are a couple of references to festivals and the Town's desire to keep them

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

Donna M. Camp
Town Clerk