

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

July 2, 2007

A regular meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, July 2, 2007, at 7:00pm, in the Town of Sharpsburg at the Bridges Recreation Center.

Present were the following: Wendell Staley, Mayor; Clay Cole, Council Member; Stan Parten, Council Member; and Donna Camp, Town Clerk. Council Members McElwaney and Hyde were absent.

Also present were: Beryl Budd, Polly Garlington and Gwen Lyons.

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on May 7, 2006 were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Beryl Budd of the Georgia Forestry Commission addressed the Mayor and Council about the Town becoming a member of Tree City USA. To apply for a designation of Tree City USA the Town must comply with four standards which are: Establish a tree board, develop a tree ordinance, annually spend at least \$2 per capita for its annual community forestry program and have an Arbor Day Observance. Ms. Garlington stated that she has already contacted several people about serving on the Tree Board and would get a list to the office to be placed on the next council meeting agenda for approval.

Mayor Staley called for first reading of the Council Meeting Procedures Ordinance. The ordinance would allow the public to use a sign in sheet to request addressing the Council. Council Member Cole motioned to accept first reading, Council Member Parten seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Mayor Staley called for second reading and adoption of the charter amendment ordinance for Ad Valorem Tax Levies which would change the adoption process from an ordinance to a resolution. Council Member Parten motioned to accept second reading and adoption, Council Member Cole seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Mayor Staley called for second reading and adoption of the charter amendment ordinance for the Oaths of Office which would update the oath. Council Member Cole motioned to accept second reading and adoption, Council Member Parten seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Mayor Staley called for second reading and adoption of the charter amendment ordinance for the Mayor's compensation. The ordinance would take effect in January 2008 after the November election. The Mayor position would receive \$100 (one hundred dollars) per month for travel and expenses. Council Member Parten motioned to accept second reading and adoption, Council Member Cole seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Mayor Staley called for second reading and adoption of the charter amendment ordinance for the Terms of Office which would stagger the elections for the 2007 elections. Currently the Mayor and Council serve four year terms on the same years. For the 2007 elections, Post #2 & #4 will be for a one-time 2 year term. The Mayor's, Post #1 & #3 will be for four year terms. Council Member Cole motioned to accept second reading and adoption, Council Member Parten seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Mayor Staley polled the Council for comments - There were none.

Mayor's Minutes - There were none.

Clerk's Comments -

- The office will be closed on Monday, July 9 and Tuesday, July 10. The clerk will be attending Election Training.
- Council Meeting will be scheduled for the 3rd week in July to set the Millage Rate.

Public Comments -

Polly Garlington -

- Getting the Garden Club back in the Town Library Building
- The Council addressing questions posed to them in e-mail

Herb Bridges (absent - asked by Polly)

- Sidewalks - Discussed earlier
- Budget Amendment - As stated at the June council meeting the budget amendment will be put on hold for 60-90 days
- Council Meeting Procedures Ordinance - Currently under consideration for changes

Polly Garlington -

- Budget - Preparation of the 2008 budget will begin in August or September.
- Ad Valorem tax - apposed

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

Donna M. Camp
Town Clerk