

**TOWN OF SHARPSBURG
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS
AND MEETING**

July 11, 2011

Public Hearings and the regular meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, July 11, 2011, at 7:00pm, in the Town of Sharpsburg at the Bridges Recreation Center.

Present were the following: Wendell Staley, Mayor; Celene Davenport, Council Member; Connie Turner, Council Member; Gordy Anderson, Council Member; Donna Camp, Town Clerk. Council Member Rhodes was absent.

Also in attendance were: Michael Bibler and Polly Garlington.

Mayor Staley called the public hearing to order. The public hearing was to take public comment on the zoning ordinance amendment which will add precious metals dealers and body piercing to the permitted uses. With no comments on the zoning ordinance amendment, Council Member Anderson motioned to close the public hearing. Council Member Davenport seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Staley called the public hearing to order. The public hearing was to take public comment on the precious metals dealer ordinance. Mayor Staley outlined the changes to the ordinance since 1st reading. With no comments on the precious metals dealer ordinance, Council Member Anderson motioned to close the public hearing. Council Member Davenport seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Staley called the public hearing to order. The public hearing was to take public comment on the body piercing ordinance. Mayor Staley outlined the changes to the ordinance since 1st reading. With no comments on the body piercing ordinance, Council Member Anderson motioned to close the public hearing. Council Member Davenport seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Staley called the July regular meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was delivered.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

Mayor Staley called for a motion to amend the agenda to add the 1st reading of the alcohol beverage ordinance amendment and the Garden Club request. Council Member Anderson motioned to amend the agenda. Council Member Davenport seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the June 13, 2011 Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written by unanimous vote, and were filed in the minute book of the Town.

Mayor Staley called for a motion to accept 1st reading of the alcohol beverage ordinance amendment. The amendment will strike the requirement that the licensee and license representative have to live in the town limits to apply for an alcohol beverage license. Council Member Davenport motioned to accept 1st reading, Council Member Anderson seconded. Motion carried by show of hands, unanimously.

Mayor Staley called for a motion to accept 2nd reading of the zoning ordinance amendment which will add precious metals dealers and body piercing to the permitted uses. Council Member Anderson motioned to accept and adopt 2nd reading, Council Member Turner seconded. Motion carried by show of hands, unanimously.

Mayor Staley called for a motion to accept 2nd reading of the body piercing ordinance. Council Member Anderson motioned to accept and adopt 2nd reading, Council Member Davenport seconded. Motion carried by show of hands, unanimously.

Mayor Staley called for a motion to accept 2nd reading of the precious metal dealer ordinance. Council Member Anderson motioned to accept and adopt 2nd reading, Council Member Davenport seconded. Motion carried by show of hands, unanimously.

The Garden Club has requested the use of the recreation center on the 1st Monday's of each month (Sept - May) to hold their meeting. Council Member Davenport motioned to allow the Garden Club to use the Rec. Center for their meetings, Council Member Anderson seconded. Motion carried by show of hands, unanimously.

Public Comments - Polly Garlington asked when the 2011 budget would be addressed and was informed that the 2010 budget was readopted in January, 2011. The condition of the buildings downtown are keeping people away and from renting them. The building need water and restrooms installed and the building inspector to come out and inspect for violations. Mayor Staley has talked with Joe Bridges about the prospect of sewer in the buildings. The Mayor also went to the trouble to get prices for the installation.

Council Member Davenport motioned to have the buildings inspected before any other business license are issued. Council Member Anderson motioned to have the issue tabled until a later meeting. The 2nd motion died for a lack of a second. The 1st motion died for a lack of a second.

Council Member Davenport motioned that the issue of having any and all commercial buildings pass an inspection and be issued a certificate of occupancy before a business license be issued and that this be re-addressed at the August 1st council meeting. Council Member Turner seconded. Council Member Anderson opposed to the motion. Motion carried with Council Member Anderson in opposition.

Polling of the Council -

- Gordy Anderson - Glad to see the Garden Club back in town.

- Connie Turner - Received an e-mail concerning the three buildings being used as storage and that the auction house has not had an auction in three months. There is concern that the building that houses the auction is also being used for storage.
- Celene Davenport -
 - Tree limb blocking view on Church Street when crossing Hwy. 16.
 - Brush on Church/Terrentine intersection at the stop sign
 - The house that is vacant on Terrentine Road, the front door is open, again.
 - The Sharpsburg sign on Terrentine Road in the triangle property is damaged

Clerks Comments - The next meeting will be on August 1st and another meeting will be held on August 22nd to adopt the millage rate.

Mayor's Minutes - An e-mail was address that had a concern about the requirement for fingerprint being taken in the precious metals dealer ordinance. This requirement was stricken from the ordinance.

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

Donna M. Camp
Town Clerk