

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

August 5, 2019

A regular meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, August 5, 2019, at 6:00 pm, at the Sharpsburg Community Center.

Present were the following members: Mayor Blue Cole, Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good, Council Member Tom Teagle, Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike, Council Member Stan Parten, Town Clerk Deannia Roberson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the July 1, 2019 Council Meeting were reviewed. Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole discussed setting the 2019 Millage Rate and adopting the Resolution. The millage rate for 2019 tax year is at 2.517 mills which is a rollover from last years tax rates. There is no increase in taxes. Council Member Tom Teagle made a motion to adopt the Resolution for setting the millage rate for 2019 at 2.517 mills. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole and Council discussed the budget as of June 30, 2019. He stated that the second quarter numbers are within the boundaries and is looking good. No action taken.

Mayor Cole discussed the Resolution to rename the A & O Bridges Recreation Center to A & O Bridges Community Center. After research was made, the recreation center is not eligible for grant money so renaming the center to a Community Center will benefit the Town. Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to adopt the Resolution renaming the Recreation Center to A & O Bridges Community Center. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole discussed the Resolution for the 1st reading for the Water Waste Ordinance. He stated that Engineer Brennan Jones has been working with Brad Sears, Town Attorney to amend the Environmental Control Ordinance to meet the requirements for the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Audit which is required every five years. This Water Waste Ordinance places restrictions on outdoor irrigation. Council Member Tom Teagle made a motion to approve the Resolution to amend the Environmental Control Ordinance by adopting the Water Waste Ordinance as the 1st reading. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole discussed the Resolution to adopt the first reading for the building permit fee schedule. Mayor Cole advised Council that after review of an invoice from the Engineer, he felt it crucial we update our plan review fees to \$150 an hour and to change the engineering studies to be announced after review from all agencies. After discussion and review, Council Member Tom Teagle made a motion to approve the Resolution to adopt the first reading for the revised building permit fee schedule. Council Member Stan Parten seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole discussed the Resolution from Georgia Municipal Association to become members of the Georgia Municipal Association Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Fund and he discussed the Resolution authorizing the elected officials of the Town of Sharpsburg to be covered under worker's compensation. After discussion of coverage, Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good made a motion to adopt a Resolution to become members of the Georgia Municipal Association of Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Fund and adopt a Resolution authorizing elected officials of the Town of Sharpsburg to be covered under worker's compensation. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole stated that we have a lot of weddings getting scheduled to use the gazebo and pavilion in the park and we need to put new pine straw down. He stated we need to make it look nicer for these events. After discussion, Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to approve Arbor Valley to install the pine straw for \$2,250.00. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole discussed the quotes for the gazebo getting pressure washed. We have received three quotes: Landeros Pressure Washing for \$100.00, Xtreme Pressure Washing for \$275.00 and Mahaney Clean for \$325.00. After discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good awarded Xtreme Pressure Washing the job to pressure wash the gazebo. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole discussed the invoices we've received from Brennan Jones Engineering. He stated after review, he had Mr. Jones break the invoices down by project. Mr. Jones has submitted an invoice for completing the MNGWPD Audit for \$4,430.40 paid out of the General Fund. We received another invoice for general consulting services to the Toasty Toad and with Attorney, Brad Sears concerning the Floodplain Ordinance for \$472.50 paid out of the General fund. We received another invoice for rear parking lot improvements for \$2,241.40 paid out of the SPLOST account. The last invoice was for the speedy study/traffic calming devices for Terrentine Road and Main Street for \$810.00 paid out of the SPLOST account. After much discussion, Council Member Stan Parten approves all four invoices to be paid as documented. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole discussed the invoice from Custom Products Corporation. He stated that Council had previously approved a quote for \$965.83. Mayor Cole had Council Member Tom Teagle go back and count the number of signs and he added a few signs that the Mayor missed. Along with the extra signs, brackets and shipping the invoices came in at \$1,610.20. After discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good made a motion to pay the invoice in the amount of \$1,610.20. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole discussed the quotes for the speed humps and speed tables that were received. Treetop Family of Sites has 6 speed humps for \$6,821.68. The Parking Place, Inc submitted a quote for 6 speed humps at 21' 1 1/2" for \$8,258.63 or 6 speed humps at 22' 9" for \$8,908.58. Traffic Logix submitted a quote for 6 speed cushions in the amount of \$9,412.00. Rubber Form Recycled Products submitted a quote for speed cushions in the amount of \$19,139.56. Florida Transcor Inc. submitted a quote for 6 speed tables in the amount of \$34,050.00. Traffic Supplies & Distribution LLC submitted a quote for 6 speed tables in the amount of \$58,268.52. After discussion of the various types of speed humps, speed cushions and speed tables Council decided to schedule a work session at the next Council Meeting to discuss this in depth. They decided to table this topic for discussion. No action taken.

Public Comments -

Jeff & Sherri Woods, owners of The Frigid Frog and The Toasty Toad approached Council in July's Council meeting about putting up a new drive thru coffee shop. Mrs. Woods advised Council that she has talked with the Town's Building Inspector and Engineer. Mrs. Woods has come back to Council to present her plans and discussed what she would need to do to get this business up and running. After a long discussion of what the Woods presented to Council, Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike made a motion to approve the plans contingent upon the advice from Town Attorney, Brad Sears and the requirements from the Town Building Inspector to conform to Town ordinances. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Bryan Storer, owner of Dixie Dogz Café approached Council to introduce himself. He will be opening the new restaurant where the old STO and locals were located on September 1st. He and his wife are focusing on opening one side of the restaurant while the other side is being renovated. He plans to have a variety of items on the menu and will include pizza, beer and wine when the other side of the building is ready. He also wants to start serving breakfast sandwiches and pastries and maybe have a full breakfast menu for the weekends as well as having ribs and other dinner options so families can go out and eat at reasonable prices. Council members welcomed Mr. Storer to the community and showed excitement for a new restaurant coming to town.

Clerks Comments -

Town Clerk Deannia Roberson announced to Council that she received the first check from Coweta County's Magistrate Court. Mr. Myron Lewandoski was charged with having an aggressive dog and had to pay a fine for \$340.00. The court costs were \$70, the add on and fees paid was \$82 and \$188 was sent to the Town of Sharpsburg to be deposited into the general fund. Ms. Roberson also reminded Council that the next scheduled Town Council Meeting is for September 2nd which is a holiday. September 3rd is a special election for the House of Representatives and Town Hall would be locked up with voter machines. She also stated she would be out September 8-10th attending GMA's Clerk Training in Athens. After discussion, Council decided to reschedule the Town Council Meeting to Monday, September 16th. They called for a work session to start at 6:00 pm and the Town Council Meeting to start at 7:00 pm.

Mayor's Minutes -

Mayor Cole introduced Brandy Phelps to the Council as the new part time librarian/administrative clerk. Mrs. Phelps was welcomed by Council and Town Clerk. Mayor Cole also talked about the Community Clean up Day and how the community came together for this event. I've got thank you letters that Council will need to sign.

Polling of the Council -

- o Cynthia Puckett-Pike welcomed Brandy Phelps to the Town.
- o Elizabeth Good - N/A
- o Stan Parten - N/A
- o Tom Teagle - N/A

Mayor Cole called for a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

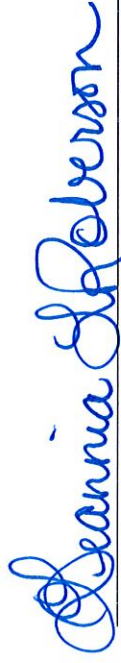
Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good made a motion to go into Executive Session. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole called for a motion to exit executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good motioned, Council Member Tom Teagle seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole called for a motion to go back into open session and to adopt the resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the affidavit certifying that the subject matter of the closed portion of the council meeting, personnel matters, discussed in closed session, were within the exceptions provided for in the Open Meetings Act. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good motioned; Council Member Tom Teagle seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole called for a motion to approve the health insurance premium increase for Town Clerk Deannia Roberson in the amount of \$109.00 per month not to exceed \$545.00 and to approve a cost of living adjustment of 2.8% effective next payroll as well as a 4% merit increase effective January 1, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good made a motion to approve the health insurance increase, the COLA adjustment as well as the merit increase as discussed. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There being no further business coming before the Council, Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to adjourn, Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.



Deannia L. Roberson, Town Clerk

