

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

June 3, 2019

A regular meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, June 3, 2019, at 6:00 pm, at the Sharpsburg Recreation 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 May 6, 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 asked Council to amend the agenda to discuss a recommendation received by email Friday from Brennan Jones Engineering for the Survey of the rear parking lot. Council Member Tom Teagle made a motion to amend the agenda to add the Survey to the agenda. Council member Stan Parten seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole discussed that Brennen Jones received three quotes for the topographic survey for the rear parking lot. It also includes the property that Arbor Valley leases from the Town of Sharpsburg. Mr. Jones has recommended awarding the job to Christopher Brothers Land Surveying for \$4,000.00. All quotes are attached for review. After review and discussion of all documentation, Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to award Christopher Brothers Land Surveying to perform the topographic survey for the property as discussed using SPLOST funds. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole discussed the Resolution appointing Jane Scoggins Elections Superintendent for the upcoming election. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good made a motion to approve the Resolution appointing Jane Scoggins as the Town of Sharpsburg's Elections Superintendent. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole discussed the Resolution to Qualify the 2019 election. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good made a motion to approve the Resolution to Qualify the 2019 election. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole discussed the Safety and Seat Belt Policies as submitted. The Town of Sharpsburg will be working on some policies as these to qualify for the Safety and Liability Grant. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike made a motion to approve the Safety and Seat Belt policies as submitted. Council Member Stan Parten seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole discussed the quotes for the purchase of street signs and recommended using Custom Products Corporation. After review and discussion from Council, Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to accept the quote from Custom Products Corporation to purchase street signs in the amount of \$965.83 and to use SPLOST funds. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole discussed the Resolution to Amend the 2018 budget. There is \$10,357.71 that needs to be reappropriated in the General Fund. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good made a motion to approve the Resolution to Amend the 2018 budget as presented. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole discussed the Resolution to adopt the first reading for the new building permit fee schedule. After discussion and review, Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good made a motion to approve the first reading for the new building permit fee schedule. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comments –

Mayor Cole introduced Senator Matt Brass. Senator Brass thanked Council for letting him come out and meet everyone and thanked them for what they do in local government. Last year they passed the distracted driving bill and it has had an impact on single car accidents. Senator Brass would also like to see an impact on the SD167 bill. This bill gives foster parents more standing on the best interest of the child. This was Senator Brass' third session and they fairly have all new leaders. They have passed six new legislation and in a typical year, it maybe two or three. So, they are working hard. They looked at the voting machines and obviously they are out of date. They decided to go with the hybrid. It will give us a more reliable check and balance. We passed the Medicare/Medicaid waivers. Health care costs are rising. Was not able to get anything done with mental health but we are working with someone right now with great ideas. Another controversial bill was the heartbeat bill. New York has passed a bill allowing abortion up to when the child is born. States on the other end, Georgia was one of them. Essentially, unless rape, incest or to save the life of the mother, you won't be allowed to have an abortion after the heartbeat is detected. The State of Alabama has no exceptions except to save the life of a mother. It was a busy session, but a heartfelt one.

Charlotte Davis with Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) stated that she was a lobbyist and the lobbyist work with all 538 cities in the State of Georgia. We advocate the ability for local governments to do everything you all did in this room tonight, to control communities, set ordinances and regulations that fit the Town of Sharpsburg. We work during the session at the Capitol with General Assembly members. Legislation is only forty days but a very long forty days. The rest of the year we travel around to all the cities and try to get to know our City officials and see what they are doing. A lot of what we did this session is build new relationships. There are a lot of new power structures, new chairmen and a lot of fresh legislatures coming in and they've never held public office before and have no idea how local government works. She commended us on passing the revised fee schedule. It is very important to have these fee schedules in place; other cities don't have a relationship like we do with SafeBuilt and she applauded us for that. Mrs. Davis also thanked the Town of Sharpsburg for being a part of GMA.

Polly Garlington asked if we could add to the agenda the committee reports and project reports. Mayor Cole responded and stated he typically does that in the Mayor's minutes where he recaps the projects but will formalize the document to track who is doing what.

Bobby Vallencourt thanked Senator Brass and GMA coming

Clerks Comments – N/A

Polling of the Council –

- Tom Teagle – asked for a list of projects so we can work on prioritizing. Mayor Cole stated he had a list he would present in the Mayor's Minutes.
- Cynthia Puckett Pike – N/A
- Stan Parten – N/A
- Elizabeth Good – asked about the traffic study. Mayor Cole stated that it should be completed, and we should be receiving the recommendations in the next day or so.

Mayor's Minutes –

Mayor Cole submitted a list of projects to Council. After review and discussion, the list will be updated as worked on. We are still looking for a librarian and some programs for the library. I will be reaching out to the school system to find someone. We are currently working on beautification cleaning up businesses and homes. We just approved buying new street signs. New streetlights were installed at intersections thru town. The storage container needs to be emptied and the storage room needs some work. The 50th celebration of the town is coming up, so we want to continue with the history research. He is working with the local schools on entrance signs and high school students have been helping us as interns. I have sent an email to the sheriff to discuss police coverage. DOT is working on intersection improvements. Park Memorials were also discussed. There is also a Special Called town Council Meeting scheduled at the Coweta County Commission Chambers on June 12, 2019 at 6 p.m. We must have a quorum to approve the TSPLOST distribution and discuss the Intergovernmental Agreement with the County for the proposed single-county TSPLOST.

There being no further business coming before the Council, Council Member Tom Teagle made a motion to adjourn, Council Member Stan Parten seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.



Deannia L. Roberson, Town Clerk

