

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

June 15, 2020

A rescheduled meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, June 15, 2020, at 6:07 pm, at the A & O Bridges Community Center via teleconference call due to the COVID-19 Virus State of Emergency. Mayor Blue Cole was at the Community Center along with Attorney Brad Sears and Dan Davis with Integrated Science & Engineering.

Present on the teleconference call were the following members: Mayor Blue Cole; Council Member Stan Parten; Council Member Tom Teagle; Council Member Elizabeth Good; Town Attorney Brad Sears; Town Clerk Deannia Roberson; and Deputy Town Clerk Julie Stroud. No other parties identified themselves on the teleconference call.

Absent: Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike and Librarian, Brandy Phelps.

The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the May 14, 2020 Town Council Meeting were reviewed. Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business -

Quotes for the pine straw and mulch were reviewed. Council Member Tom Teagle asked what type of mulch they were quoting on? Both quotes say chocolate mulch and he stated that the cypress brown mulch lasts longer, he preferred that over pine straw and the other chocolate mulch. The building maintenance budget will be used for the lawn maintenance quote. Town Clerk, Deannia Roberson stated that we have outside weddings starting back up this weekend and the grounds are in need of attention. She started working on these quotes in March and Town Hall closed due to the COVID-19 virus. The other companies have not submitted quotes nor have called back after several attempts to contact them. After much discussion, Council asked this item to be tabled until they get more information. Mayor Cole will reach out to them once information is received. No Action Taken.

Quotes for the security system were reviewed. Council Member Tom Teagle asked if we had money in the budget for additional cameras. Town Clerk, Deannia Roberson stated yes, that SPLOST 2013 would be used and in turn the invoices would be submitted to LGRMS for the Safety and Liability Grant along with the IT in a Box invoice. These receipts would be reimbursable through the grant. She stated that Deputy Clerk Julie Stroud has reached out to numerous companies and has yet to receive more than these quotes and we are still waiting on a formal quote from Fayette Security. Mayor and Council asked for this item to be tabled until next month. No Action Taken.

Mayor Cole discussed the quote from Coweta County on recommendations to repair Haines Trail. We have had complaints about the potholes in the road and the overgrowth from the trees

hanging over the road. After they came and inspected, they recommended 4 to 5 loads of rock to fill the holes and refresh the surface as well as trim some trees. The approximate cost is \$1,500.00. Mayor Cole stated that we had also receives complaints about some runoff issues on Stovall, Church and Main Streets. He requested overgrowth in the right of ways to be trimmed on town streets. Council Member Tom Teagle asked if any trees would be removed and Mayor Cole stated not that he was aware of. Council Member Teagle asked that the tree limbs not be trimmed on Main Street that he did not want box trucks to enter these streets and he wants to make sure whichever agency doesn't come in and cut everything down and he wants to know when they will be doing the work and what they will be cutting before he turns them loose. Mayor Cole stated that we would use the LMIG 2019 grant monies to cover the Haines Trail work and asked for a motion. Council Member Tom Teagle made a motion to approve the quote submitted by Coweta County to repair Haines Trail. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Teagle showed some concern about the deep ditches on Church Street. He said the ditch near the shoulder northwest of the railroad tracks is about four-foot-deep and suggested adding 2 to 3 more feet to the culvert and to put up a sign to notify people of the danger. He also suggested Church Street and Stovall Street be turned into a one-way street. Mayor Cole asked the Town Attorney Brad Sears for procedures to covert one-way streets. Mr. Sears stated that he would have to hire an engineer to get travel patterns and once they received the reports, they would have to notify everyone that lives on the street and have public input sessions. He also stated that the Town could ask Coweta County for a recommendation on the direction of travel as well as from the Sheriff/Fire Departments or Public Safety. Mayor Cole will reach out to DOT, the railroad, and the County to check on these requests and will notify everyone when he gets answers. No Action Taken.

Old Business -

Mayor Cole introduced Dan Davis with Integrated Science & Engineering. Mr. Davis stated they have prepared a work authorization to provide Civil Engineering Services to the Town of Sharpsburg for the design, permitting and construction phase services for the proposed parking expansion at Main Street Park. He stated that it was their understanding that this project was being funded by SPLOST and that site construction will be performed by the County's public works department. They had previously worked with the prior Council and Mayor and prepared a concept plan that was presented to the town. The following scope of work was developed to provide civil engineering services for each task:

Task 1 - Engineered Concept Plan and Ecological Assessment

Task 1a - Preliminary Cost Estimate

Task 2 - Stormwater Management Plan

Task 3 - Site Development Plan

Task 3a - Detailed cost estimate

Task 4 - Final Construction Documents

Task 5 - Permitting

Task 6 - Construction Phase Services

Mr. Davis stated that they have already prepared a landscaping plan. Mayor Cole asked Attorney Brad Sears if we could borrow cash from the General Fund to pay for the project and have SPLOST reimburse the general fund. Mr. Sears stated that we could repay the general fund with SPLOST, but make sure we coordinate with the accountant regarding paperwork and the accounting process. Council Member Stan Partin made a motion to approve the work

authorization in the amount of \$33,320 and all work be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions and additional efforts outside the scope of work detailed herein will be coordinated directly with the Town prior to proceeding. There will be a pause after each task for Council review. Council member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comments - N/A

Polling of the Council -

Stan Parten - discussed issues he was having with GFL Environmental picking up his recycle. He stated they have not picked up his recycle three times in a couple of months. He has reported this to Deannia to find out the Town was having the same issues. Deannia stated that they were having staffing issues during the COVID-19 pandemic and they were trying to resolve all the issues we were having. Mayor Cole stated that he gets copied of all the complaints to GFL, so he is aware as well. Stan stated we may need to look at something different if they cannot continue to offer good and consistent service.

Elizabeth Good - N/A

Tom Teagle - Stated that he and Mary have worked out a deal with Dixie Dogz to pay up front and create vouchers to handout to the local law enforcement he sees in town. Mayor Cole said that was a nice idea.

Clerk's Minutes -

Town Clerk, Deannia Roberson reviewed future Council meeting dates. She stated with the upcoming holidays and elections wanted everyone to look at these dates for future Council meetings. July 13th, August 3rd, September 14th, October 5th, November 9th, and December 7th, 2020.

Mayor's Updates -

The Town Clerk discussed the reopening plan and stated that Town Hall is now open regular hours, Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm. We are keeping customers coming in by appointment only. We are requiring them to wear a mask, use hand sanitizer and have their temperatures taken prior to any business is taken care of. Temperatures are taken on all employees every day. The employees are working within the guidelines of our waiver that we also have our renters sign. There is still a log in the foyer along with a hand sanitizer station. The Mayor asked about the instructors and where were we on rentals. The Clerk stated that the CPR instructor is teaching CPR to medical staff and having class no larger than 10 students. The quilters will be meeting tomorrow outside in the pavilion and the Clerk has not talked with the art instructor; however, the dancers are not ready to come back yet. Everyone is aware of the waiver they will need to sign with all the guidelines they have to follow to keep everyone safe. She also stated that the rentals are picking back up. We have a huge wedding outside this weekend and have already scheduled four more parties for June and are receiving lots of calls.

Mayor Cole stated that he is still working on the quote with Karen at Coweta Monument for the Beckham's plaque.

Mayor's Minutes -

Speed Tables - Mayor Cole discussed the speed tables and stated everyone seems to be happy with the results so far.

Mayor Cole is still working with Sandra Bolton about annexing both parcels and waving the annexation fees.

Sewer updates - Mayor Cole stated that nothing has changed with the County and the amounts are still the same. He has been talking with Senoia and they can offer sewer but at higher costs with no restrictions. Still looking at options and when he gets firmer numbers, he will bring back to Council. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good stated if we are going to get sewer, the least amount of restrictions is better for us in the long run. Access to sewer will allow us to annex properties and it is great to continue these conversations.

Comprehensive Plans/Surface Streets. Mayor Cole stated that every municipality must complete their comprehensive plan every five (5) years. The Town's comp plan is due October 2021. We must have one-year worth of planning and we are required to have resident input sessions to see what the public wants, it is a pretty big deal he said. We need to add surface streets, street network, infrastructure and so much more. A representative with Three Rivers will facilitate the meetings and will be here to help us. We need Council engagement for planning for the next few years.

Farmers Market - Mayor Cole stated that he had been talking with someone about having a Farmers Market here at Town Hall but nothing concrete. If you know of anyone, send them our way.

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



Deannia L. Roberson
Town Clerk

