

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

September 14, 2020

A rescheduled meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, September 14, 2020, at 6:15 pm, at the A & O Bridges Community Center immediately following the Public Hearing for a variance request from Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Woods, owners of the Frigid Frog and the Toasty Toad located at 6612 Hwy 54 Sharpsburg, Ga.

Present were the following: Mayor Blue Cole; Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike; Council Member Tom Teagle; Council Member Elizabeth Good; Town Attorney Brad Sears; Town Clerk Deannia Roberson.

Absent: Council Member Stan Parten.

Public Attendees: Alan Nolan, Jeff Woods, Sherri Woods, Chris Davis, Shelby & Polly Garlington, and Angela Tinsley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the August 10, 2020 Town Council Meeting were reviewed. Mayor Blue asked for a date to be changed under New Business where it states signs will be put up saying as of September 1, 2020 should say September 15, 2020. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike made a motion to accept the minutes with that date change. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business -

Mayor Cole asked for a motion for the consideration of the variance request from Jeff & Sherri Woods. Council Member Tom Teagle made a motion, seconded by Council Member Elizabeth Good. Attorney Brad Sears suggested that a motion to approve the variances be conditional to the use as Toasty Toad/Frigid Frog and any other use must come back before Council and asked for an amended motion. Council Member Elizabeth Good made a motion to approve the variances under the use of the Toasty Toad and the Frigid Frog and that any other use must come back before Council for approval. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the amended motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole discussed the Resolution to Authorize the Execution of the Coronavirus Relief Fund. He asked Town Clerk Deannia Roberson for some details of what she was doing with the Relief Fund. Ms. Roberson stated that this Resolution authorizes the execution, delivery and performance of the coronavirus relief fund and accepts payments, provides required information to the OPB, federal and state government and ensured that legal counsel has read and approved the agreement. She has been working closely with DCA and the Mayor to establish the strict requirements and recordkeeping they have in place. Ms. Roberson stated that The Town of Sharpsburg was awarded \$18,898 and was just notified before this meeting that all the grant entries had been accepted. The first 30% of \$5559.25 was deposited into the General Fund in July 2020. The other 70% was approved for legal fees, salaries, and benefits as well as materials and

supplies. The materials and supplies list request was returned of \$757.60, awaiting more documentation. Ms. Roberson stated that Attorney Brad Sears prepared the Resolution and asked him if he had anything he would like to add. Attorney Sears confirmed the tough restrictions that were in place and that the Town of Sharpsburg were very lucky to have received the full amount allotted us. A lot of places were not able to use all their allotted grant monies simply because of documentation. You had to go back from the beginning of the coronavirus and have all documentation within a short period of time. Also, other places, small towns, different agencies etc. should have gotten money that did not. For Sharpsburg to get all \$18,000 is amazing. Mayor Cole thanked Ms. Roberson and staff for all they have done. Council Member Elizabeth Good made a motion to accept the Resolution to Authorize the Execution of the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole discussed the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town of Sharpsburg, Coweta County, and the Tax Commissioner regarding property tax collections. This agreement provides proficient tax collection procedures to insure fair and accurate taxation for all citizens and property in the Town. The Agreement begins October 1, 2020 and terminates September 30th, 2021 and will be automatically renewed on the first day of October of each succeeding year unless terminated. Council Member Elizabeth Good made a motion to accept the IGA as presented. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business -

Mayor Cole discussed the 2nd Reading of the Vehicle Size Restriction Ordinance Amendment. The first reading was approved on August 10th, 2020. He asked the public and Council if anyone wanted to discuss the amendments. Resident Polly Garlington asked how the Town plans to enforce the ordinance. Mayor Cole stated that he sent an email to the Sheriff about an hourly wage and details of enforcement. He would bring that back to the table once he finds out and Attorney Brad Sears suggested checking the Charter on fine amounts, talk to Magistrate/State Court and the Sheriff. Council Member Elizabeth Good made a motion to approve the 2nd Reading of the Vehicle Size Restriction Ordinance Amendment as presented. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comments -

Polling of the Council -

Elizabeth Good - N/A

Stan Parten - Absent

Cynthia Puckett-Pike - Stated that a resident talked to her about the drainage on the second entrance to Williams Circle. Mayor Cole stated that he has been working with the County on this and they say this is in the DOT right of way. He has already sent notification to them to discuss repair of this drainage issue. Will keep us posted.

Tom Teagle - N/A

Clerk's Minutes -

Town Clerk, Deannia Roberson had some news to share. She announced that she and Rick were getting married in October. She does plan to have a small reception here and another one in Brunswick to keep people from traveling during the COVID-19 Pandemic. So many weddings have been cancelled here and have watched brides and mothers of the brides having melt downs

because of capacity and safety measures put in place by the Governor. We will just plan a small reception in the future.

Mayor's Updates -

Mayor Cole has a few updates for everyone. First, he talked about the August 2020 budget numbers. As of August 31, 2020, the revenues are at 73% received and the expenditures are at 59%. We are planning to start working on the budget and have our discussion so we can present the 2021 budget in November. Everyone congratulated Town Clerk Deannia Roberson and staff for doing a great job on the budget. Ms. Roberson stated that these were just figures and would have the reports out at the end of the 3rd quarter.

Mayor Cole discussed the Main Street parking lot and the Aquatic Resource Findings report. He stated that since no jurisdictional waters occur on the project site, the need for USACE permitting or State stream buffer variances is not anticipated for this site development. He said this is great news and would save us a lot of money down the road. Mayor Cole introduced Chris Davis, with Integrated Science and Engineering. Mr. Davis approached Council with drawings of their work on the back-parking lot and opened the discussion about making the playground bigger and adding a walking path around the back-parking lot. He will go back and present the changes to his staff and bring back revised drawings on the October 5, 2020 Council meeting.

Mayor Cole discussed the comprehensive plan that is due October 2021. He would be working with a steering committee made up of the Mayor, Council Members, Business Owners, Property Owners, Residents and Professionals. We can have Public Meetings so all of Council Members can attend and we will not have to worry about open meeting laws. Three Rivers will help with the planning and procedural paperwork implementation on the comp plan. They will also be helping us with updating our zoning ordinance and site development regulations.

Our next Town Council Meeting will be Monday, October 5, 2020 at 6 p.m. We would like to have work sessions prior to council meetings so we can breeze thru the meeting using consent agenda's soon. Mayor Cole has talked with DOT about cleaning up Hwy 54 and Main Street entrance. Also, talked about several drainage issues throughout the town one being at Church Street and Hwy 16. The Library has scheduled a Book Sale for October 17th. Will send out more information later. The Newnan Art Association has completed the mural on the container. It looks great. We will have an article on this soon with Newnan Times Herald.

There being no further business coming before the Council, Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Elizabeth Good seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.



Deannia L. Roberson
Town Clerk

