

# TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

A & O Bridges Community Center

105 Main Street, Sharpsburg GA

August 9, 2021

### MINUTES

#### 6:00PM:

#### **Call Council Meeting to Order**

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Cole led all attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Public Hearing:**

- **Public Hearing on the 2021 Millage Rates**

Mayor Cole opened the Public Hearing on the 2021 Millage Rates.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposed Millage Rates.

Mayor Cole closed Public Hearing on the 2021 Millage Rates.

#### **Establish Quorum:**

Town Clerk Floyd Jones stated that a quorum of Council was present. It was noted that Council Members Tom Teagle and Elizabeth Good were not present for the meeting.

#### **Review/Approval of Minutes -**

##### **Council Meeting Minutes - August 2, 2021:**

Council Member Puckett-Pike moved to adopt the August 2, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Parten seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Council Members Teagle and Good being absent.

#### **New Business:**

##### **1. Resolution to adopt the 2021 Millage Rates**

Council Member Parten moved to approve the resolution adopting the 2021 Millage Rates. Council Member Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Council Members Teagle and Good being absent.

**2. Budget Review as of June 30, 2021**

Mayor Cole briefed the Council on the June 30, 2021 Budget. The Council took no action on this item.

**3. Approval of Request to spend an amount not to exceed \$1,000 of the Library's Fund for furniture and supplies.**

Mayor Cole asked for the Council to amend the Agenda to include the expenditure for Library, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for furniture and cleaning supplies.

Council Member Puckett-Pike moved to amend the Agenda to include the expenditure for the Library, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for furniture and cleaning supplies. Council Member Parten seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Council Members Teagle and Good being absent.

Mayor Cole asked the Council for authorization to spend an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the Library for general supplies and materials including benches and chairs.

Council Member Puckett-Pike moved to authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$1,000 for the Library for general supplies and materials including benches and chairs. Council Member Parten seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Council Members Teagle and Good being absent

**Old Business:**

There were no Old Business items on the Agenda.

**Public Comments:**

**Polly Garlington:** Ms. Garlington expressed concern about the speed of traffic in town and she made some suggestions on how to slow traffic down.

**Polling of Council**

Council Member Parten asked the Town Clerk to contact the garbage company and inquire about why his residential recycling was not picked up and to get a date when his recycling will be picked up.

**Clerks Minutes :**

**Reminder:** Town Clerk Jones reminded Council that based on its favorable vote of the 2021 Millage Resolution, he would need the Council Members to sign the Resolution before leaving after the meeting.

**Elections Reminder:** Town Clerk Jones reminded the Council that qualifying for Elections will be from Monday, August 16 through Wednesday, August 18, 2021. He stated those who are deciding to run for Sharpsburg's elected offices would have to do so at the Coweta County Elections and Voter Registration office.

## Mayor's Updates

1. **Parking Lot Update-** Parking bumped back to January 2022. Final plans will be brought back to Council when available. It is estimated the total cost will be around \$275,000.
2. **Business Out of Compliance-** Several businesses are out of compliance. Work will commence with the attorney and code enforcement to bring the businesses back into compliance.
3. **Code Enforcement (Business and Residential)-** A number of properties are potentially violating the zoning code. Looking into outreach opportunities to educate and bring those out of compliance into compliance before enforcing the ordinance.
4. **Utility Work Updates-** Mayor stated there are some utility companies doing work without notifying the town first.
5. **Council Retreat (Late 2021)-** Mayor considering a council retreat where the council and staff can create priorities that will advance into 2022.
6. **Town Hall Update (Schedule Training Staffing)-** Staff in coming online and will be working on getting ongoing training.
7. **Georgia Power-** Georgia Power is doing survey work to bury overhead powerlines. The work will begin in about a year or year and a half. There is no intention, at this point, for the work to go through town- but that may change.
8. **Sponsor a Teacher Breakfast-** No update on this matter.
9. **Replace Commercial Door at Arbor Valley Landscape-** The garage door at Arbor Valley Landscape has needed repair and replacement. A repair has been made. Furthermore, there are other repairs to be made, as part of regular maintenance, and quotes are being sought for those repairs. If the costs for repairs go beyond the established spending limit they will be brought to Council for consideration.

### Executive Session:

Mayor Cole announced that Executive Session is needed to discuss Real Estate.

Council Member Puckett-Pike moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate. Council Member Parten seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Council Members Teagle and Good being absent.

The Council recessed into Executive Session at 6:36 p.m. and returned to Official Session at 6:55 p.m.

Council Member Puckett-Pike moved to authorize the signing of an Executive Session Affidavit. Council Member Parten seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Council Members Teagle and Good being absent.

**Adjournment:**

Council Member Parten moved to adjourn the August 9, 2021 Council Meeting. Council Member Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Council Members Teagle and Good being absent.

The August 9, 2021 Town Council Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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Floyd L. Jones, Town Clerk

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Blue Cole, Mayor

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council, in Sharpsburg, Georgia, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

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Floyd L. Jones, Town Clerk

