

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG  
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

October 5, 2020

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, October 5, 2020, at 6:00 pm at the A & O Bridges Community Center.

Present were the following: Mayor Blue Cole, Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Good, Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike, Council Member Tom Teagle, Town Clerk Deannia Roberson, Deputy Town Clerk Julie Stroud. Chris Davis of Integrated Science & Engineering, Jeff Flavin and Lori Burnett of Team Hungry, Inc.

Absent were: Council Member Stan Parten and Attorney Brad Sears.

The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the September 14, 2020, Public hearing minutes were reviewed. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth good made a motion to approve. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The minutes of the September 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

Chris Davis of Integrated Science & Engineering brought us a new concept plan for the back-parking lot project. A 1-way concept was presented which would give us 47 additional parking spaces, sidewalks and a relocated playground. The cost estimate comes in a \$250,612 and some of this will drop because the County would do land clearing, grading, and asphalt, and electrical. Chris mentioned that they will try to save some of the big old trees in the project. Mayor Cole will approach the Beckman family whose property adjoins the town property to purchase an easement border to raise up the property for proper drainage, due to the creek and stream present on the property. Also, there are some sidewalks and brick work that needs repair and bollards need to be put up along the brick wall on the outside bathrooms to prevent any future damage. Next step would be, if the budget fits we would finish the erosion and draining plan then go onto engineering. After that we would go out for RFB. No Motion Taken.

The Mayor asked for an amendment to the agenda for a discussion on a septic capacity study for Town Hall/Community Center. Mayor Pro Tem Council Member Elizabeth Good made first motion. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole discussed Integrated Science and Engineering performing a septic capacity study for \$3,000. This will allow us to find out more on functionality and septic capacities so we can discuss setting up monthly charges for septic capabilities for businesses in town. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good made a motion to approve Integrated Science and Engineering to perform a septic capacity study for \$3,000. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Jeff Flavin introduced himself to the group. He has been a teacher for 38 years and he is the CEO of the non-profit "Team Hungry" whose mission is to help kids live out their potential. They are sponsoring The Sharpsburg Market here. So far, they have seventeen vendors and are capping this event on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 20 vendors. Team Hungry wants to bring new energy and traffic back to downtown Sharpsburg. We have three events planned, first being October 17, November 21, and December 11, 2020. They will be selling t-shirts with The Sharpsburg Market logo on it. He came before the Council to ask that the rental fees of \$400.00 for each event be waived for use of the Park, since they are a non-profit. All the money raised will go back into the Town of Sharpsburg. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good made a motion made to waive the \$400 rental fee for the three festivals. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Polly Garlington sent in an email that the new turn lane seems more effective than before. Thanks to Stan for bringing to the attention of Council.

#### POLLING OF COUNCIL

Tom Teagle noticed bicyclers and walkers in town!

Elizabeth Good - None

Cynthia Puckett-Pike asked for understanding to the Dollar General septic issue. Mayor Cole gave the following explanation: their pump breaks down or system gets clogged which causes the area/store to flood with raw sewage. The County's Department of Public Health, the Town of Sharpsburg and Dollar General are working for a long-range solution. Currently, there is a portable potty in the parking lot and the water is turned off. There is a legal remedy which is to pull their Occupational License, but the Mayor is not going to do that right now. It was mentioned that the parking lot was tacky looking with broken down boxes in the parking lot. The Mayor has had a couple of conversations with the manager, Tamika to make things better and he will follow-up again.

#### CLERK'S COMMENTS

Deannia Roberson - Council meeting date November 2<sup>nd</sup> changed to November 9<sup>th</sup> due to the National Election.

A September 30, 2020, budget will be presented and reviewed at November 2020 Council Meeting.

Julie Stroud - N/A

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

A dumpster will be outside in the parking lot to collect household debris for Georgia Cities Week. There was a nice article in the Newnan Times Herald about our upcoming book sale on October 17th and about our collecting book donations.

Container artwork on front is finished.

DOT provided updates on town road work for the turn signal on Church and Hwy 16.

Storm water - storm conveyance - One is out at Williams Circle and water overflowing is still an issue. All others are flowing great.

Chris Davis from Integrated Science & Engineering is working on a Septic Capacity Study quote.

Blue found some rope lights for the Gazebo to replace the old and burned out ones.

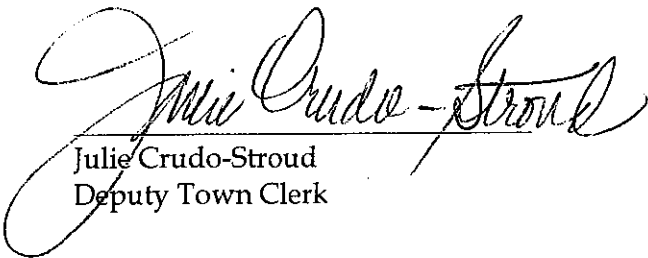
New Christmas flags for light poles in town.

We added a ring system to the office.

We have two new security cameras, one at front door, and one to show community center door.

Work on the Comprehensive Plan. The Steering Committee will consist of the Mayor, one Council Member, one property owner, one business owner, one husband and wife homeowner, and one other homeowner. The committee will meet four to six times for work sessions at Town Hall and the first meeting will be in the October/November timeframe. We have a year to work on the project.

Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.



Julie Crudo-Stroud  
Deputy Town Clerk

