

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
A & O Bridges Community Center
105 Main Street, Sharpsburg GA
April 3, 2023

MINUTES

6:00PM

Call Council Meeting to Order

Mayor Cole called the April 3, 2023 Council Meeting to order at 5:56 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Cole led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Establish Quorum

Town Administrator Jones stated a quorum of Council was present.

Those Present: Blue Cole- Mayor; Standley D. Parten- Post 1; Tom Teagle- Post 3 and Elizabeth Good- Post 4

Those Not Present: Alexander Edge- Post 2

Presentations:

There were no Presentations.

Review/Approval of Minutes:

1. March 6, 2023 Minutes

Councilmember Teagle moved to approve the March 6, 2023 Minutes. Councilmember Parten seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Councilmember Edge being absent.

New Business:

1. Review March 2023 Budget

Town Administrator Jones reviewed the March 2023 Budget with Council. Council did not act or vote on this matter.

2. Ordinance 23-01: Compensation for the Mayor and Council Persons

Mayor Cole discussed Ordinance 23-01 with Council. Attorney Sears stated that the ordinance also included the ability for council to receive reimbursement for town expenses they incur. Polly Garlington agreed that the mayor works extremely hard for the town but had concerns about the proposed payment for the mayor compared to other mayors in nearby jurisdictions.

Councilmember Parten moved to approve the forwarding of Ordinance 23-01 to the May 1, 2023 Council Meeting for a second reading and final adoption. Councilmember Good seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-1-1 with Councilmember Teagle voting in opposition and Councilmember Edge being absent.

Old Business:

1. 39 Main Street Demolition

Mayor Cole gave an update on the work to obtain quotes for demolishing 39 Main Street. Council Member Teagle mentioned obtaining a lead and asbestos inspection, the critter extermination, and removal of debris on property. Mayor Cole is working on those items and will report back to the council.

No vote was taken on this matter.

2. Update: Back Parking Lot / Fencing / Trees

Mayor Cole provided an update to the Back Parking Lot / Fencing / and Trees. It was decided that fencing and trees needed additional quotes for consideration.

No vote was taken on this matter.

3. LMIG: Main Street / Terrentine Road Striping

Mayor Cole provided an update on information he had learned about striping the roads. He stated he was looking to obtain additional information.

No vote was taken on this matter.

Public Comments

There was no Public Comment.

Polling of Council

Council did not provide any updates.

Administrator's Minutes

Personal Financial Disclosure Statements: Administrator Jones stated he had provided Personal Financial Disclosure Statements (PFDS) to each Councilmember and that the PFDS needed to be returned by June to be fine with Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission.

GFL: Administrator Jones reported that late last week, GFL had approached the town about raising its rates. He sought direction from Council on how they would like to proceed in the matter. It was decided that the attorney would look at the proposal from GFL and from that point the Administrator would enter negotiations.

Film Permit: Administrator Jones stated that at a previous meeting he mentioned the town has been approached about a film permit. He stated that information had been provided to the requestor, however, there has been no other communication with the requestor.

Mayor's Updates

SPLOST Referendum: Mayor Cole stated Coweta County has called for a meeting with its municipalities on Thursday, May 11, 2023, to discuss potential capital projects prior to calling for a referendum. Mayor Cole stated that traditionally a quorum of the Council and the Town Clerk attends these meetings as a Special Called Meeting where, at that time, quorum can be present for these discussions. He stated that he would call May 11, 2023 as a Special Called Meeting for the purpose described.

Mayor Cole further asked that the Council start considering what projects or needs should be considered for the referendum in preparation for the meeting. Currently they are cultural/historical, utilities, and roadways.

Councilmember Teagle suggested one project is the realigning of Terrentine Road to Highway 154.

No vote was taken on this matter.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment

Councilmember Parten moved to adjourn the April 3, 2023 Council Meeting. Councilmember Teagle seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Councilmember Edge being absent.

The April 3, 2023 Council Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Julie Stroud, Deputy Town Administrator

Blue Cole, Mayor

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Town of Sharpsburg, Georgia, on the 1st day of May, 2023.

