

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

A & O Bridges Community Center
105 Main Street, Sharpsburg GA

May 2, 2022

POST AGENDA

6:00PM

Call Council Meeting to Order

Mayor Cole called the May 2, 2022, Town Council meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Cole led all attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Establish Quorum

Town Clerk Floyd Jones stated a quorum was present.

Present were the following: Blue Cole- Mayor; Standley D. Parten- Post 1; Tom Teagle- Post 3

Absent were the following: Alexander Edge- Post 2 and Elizabeth Good- Post 4.

Staff Present: Floyd Jones- Town Clerk; Brad Sears- Town Attorney

Review/Approval of Minutes:

1. Council Meeting Minutes- April 4, 2022

Councilmember Teagle moved to approve the April 4, 2022, Minutes. Councilmember Parten seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Councilmembers Edge and Good being absent.

Public Hearing:

Niki Sewell: Clerk of Superior Court- Coweta County Niki Sewell introduced herself to those in attendance and reminded all that early voting has started. Mayor Cole stated that he and town staff had recently renewed their Notary Public licenses and that working with the staff at the Court had been a pleasure.

George Harris: Mr. George Harris stated that he had recently acquired Dixie Dawgz and in doing so had received his Alcohol License and Occupational Tax Certificate. He stated that he had recently entered a partnership and that Dixie Dawgz would be closed and repurposed into a pizza and beer restaurant. He stated that he would do a reapplication if needed to get the new licenses with the new purposes. Discussion followed in which the council decided that background

checks would have to be conducted for the partners pursuant to the Alcohol Ordinance. Further, all fees would be waived except for any administrative fees and any fees acquired for advertising in the newspaper. No formal vote was taken on this matter.

New Business:

1. Air BNB

Mayor Cole stated that both Peachtree City and Newnan have been working on ordinances on Air BNBs which are short-term rentals inside of private residences. He said the Town of Sharpsburg does not have an ordinance on this matter, but it may become an issue as the town continues to grow. Discussion followed.

Council did not vote or provide direction on this matter.

2. Sewer Grant / Design

Mayor Cole stated that he would be reaching out to design firms to get a cost estimate for a 30% design for sewer installation. He explained that this effort would provide a cost estimate that would be provided to Council stating how much it would take to obtain a professional rough sketch of when and where sewers could be installed in the town. He said he did not have the number yet but that he was still working on getting information on sewers. Discussion followed.

Council did not vote or provide direction on this matter.

3. Repairs- Community Center and Library

Councilmember Teagle stated he had someone look at both the exterior and interior of the Community Center and Library that that person has provided an estimate of what it would take to make repairs to the buildings. He said the estimated cost for making the repairs was \$24,000 to the buildings excluding supplies. It was estimated that paint and additional materials would be around another \$5,000. He stated that the work could be done within a month's time. Discussion followed.

Mayor Cole stated since this was a maintenance issue the budget would have to be considered with adjustments. He did not think the repairs could be made with SPLOST funds since this was maintenance.

Council did not vote or provide direction on this matter.

4. Repairs- Beckom House

Councilmember Teagle said the same person who looked at the Community Center and Library also looked at the Beckom House and that person estimated that the costs to renovate the house would be around \$60,000. The person also recommended that if the house was to be used for a governmental purpose it may be better to take the house down and rebuild it from the foundation. Discussion followed.

Mayor Cole said he would investigate the procurement process to see if other bids are required, and he said he wanted to have a look at the budget to see what funds could be used. Councilmember Teagle stated he would email the mayor with the estimated costs and work involved.

Council did not vote on this matter.

5. Noise Ordinance:

Mayor Cole stated that a Noise Ordinance needs to be considered due to complaints that have been received over the years due to excessive noise. Discussion followed.

Council agreed to authorize Attorney Sears to proceed with creating a proposed noise ordinance. Council did not take a formal vote on this matter.

6. April 2022 Budget Review

Mayor Cole reviewed the April 2022 Budget with Council. He stated that the town has received 53% of revenues received and that it has paid 23% of budget paid in expenses. Discussion followed.

Council did not vote on this matter.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

Public Comments:

Polly Garlington: Ms. Garlington stated she had read about the sewer projects discussed earlier and noted that it said landowners would contribute to the funding or expense of the sewer. Mayor Cole answered her questions and discussion followed.

Polling of Council:

Councilmember Parten: Councilmember Parten asked if the new computer was acquired for the Deputy Clerk position and if it worked. Town Clerk Floyd Jones said the laptop had been acquired and that it was working. Councilmember Parten added that he had more issues with GLF not picking up recycling and that it happens periodically throughout each year. He speculated it could be with GLF staffing or organization issues. He said his recycling was picked up last week.

Councilmember Teagle: Councilmember Teagle stated that the town was looking overgrown, and he asked if the grass was not being cut. Mayor Cole added that grass is being cut but it is not as consistent as in times past. He stated there are ongoing efforts to try to hire for the position of Public Works for the town. He added that losing the Public Works person earlier in the year coupled with the tight labor market made it hard to find anyone. He stated that work had already begun on Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to address the need. Discussion followed.

Clerks Minutes:

Update to the 2022 Calendar: Town Clerk Floyd Jones stated he was looking at the calendar of upcoming meetings and saw that the first meeting in September was scheduled to take place on Labor Day and he recommended changing the meeting to the second Monday in September. He also recommended that Council consider changing the meeting time for the Work Session in May to 6:00 p.m. instead of the scheduled 2:00 p.m. He reminded Council that it had voted and approved the 2022 calendar in December and asked if the Council was good with making the recommended changes. Council agreed to make the changes and have the changes posted on the Town's website

Council agreed to make the changes to the Public Meeting Calendar as recommended.

Personal Financial Disclosure Statements: Town Clerk Floyd Jones informed Council that he had provided printed copies of the State of Georgia's Personal Financial Disclosure Statement (PFDS) to each member along with their Agenda Packet. He reminded Council that the PFDS has a deadline of June 30, 2022 to be filed.

Mayor's Updates

Mayor for a Day: Mayor Cole stated that the town would "have a new mayor next month" since a student from Canongate Elementary School was its top fundraiser. He said that student was named "Mayor for the Day" and will be coming to the next Work Session held on May 16, 2022. He said the student will gavel the meeting in and will provide options for the playground renovation. He hoped this would be a continuing initiative to engage local elementary schools and engaging them in local governments since it benefits the school, benefits the student, and is a fantastic way to reach out to the community. It was mentioned that the parents give consent for the photographing or videoing of the "Mayor of the Day."

Door Locks: Mayor Cole stated that the door locks are repaired, and that the town was able to collaborate with an expert locksmith who was able to make the needed repairs. He said the doors are working now as designed.

Grass Cutting and Public Works: Mayor Cole stated that an RFP is being issued for grass cutting as was mentioned during the Polling of Council and he stated that the town was continuing to look for a person to hire for the Public Works position.

Back Parking Lot: Mayor Cole stated that the structures are in the back parking lot for its repair. He said the materials are starting to slowly come in and the date for the work is getting closer; however, there is no set date for the work to begin. There was discussion about having photos as the work begins with the Council breaking ground.

2021 Audit Report: Mayor Cole stated that the annual audit report had been received. He said there were not any major finds but there were two items that were noted but were not provided as exceptions. Discussion followed.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment

Councilmember Parten moved to adjourn the May 2, 2022 Council Meeting. Councilmember Teagle seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Councilmembers Edge and Good being absent.

The May 2, 2022 Council Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, Town Clerk

Blue Cole, Mayor

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council, in Sharpsburg, Georgia, on the sixth day of June 2022.

Floyd L. Jones, Town Clerk