

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

WORK SESSION MEETING

A & O Bridges Community Center

105 Main Street, Sharpsburg GA

July 24, 2023

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

6:00PM

Call Work Session Meeting to Order: Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Establish Quorum: Town Administrator Jones stated a quorum was present.

Attendees: Mayor Blue Cole; Tom Teagle – Post #3 and Elizabeth Good – Post #4; Brad Sears, Town Attorney

Absent: Standley Parten – Post #1 and Alexander Edge – Post #2

Guests: Polly Garlington, Town Resident; April Yarbrough, Town Business Owner; Shep Harris, Town Business Owner

Presentations: None

New Business:

1. **Zoning Commission** – Update: Council Person Tom Teagle & Brad Sears had a discussion of about 200 lots in town and their zoning classifications. Conclusion: when the time is right zoning for the town will be addressed for those lots. For the existing properties we can either change the existing zones. Wants there to be a single residential code. Leave R1 to R2 where they are and change the criteria for them. The problem is the smaller lots, change the classification. Process is the same. R2 is the biggest parcels. Mayor asked if Tom would like to work with college interns. He liked the idea but not at this time. He would like to sit down and go over the existing zonings. If someone wants a variance there could be an issue. Mayor Cole asked for the next step. Council Person Teagle said that they are reviewing the Comprehensive Plan and talking to Brad Sears, Town Attorney. The council needs to talk, do readings, posting etc. and make classifications more consistent.
2. **Children's Library** - April Yarbrough handed out a list of items that Council Member Tom Teagle and she met last week. Rough draft. Friends of the Library will remove DVDs, periodicals, and select books. Looking to get a mural on the blank walls with a children's theme. Replace flooring, getting 3 quotes by council next meeting. Move the food pantry to the Community Center area. Getting video camera quotes. Looking into online services sign up. Mayor suggested a piggyback to Coweta's services. Request permission to clean up garden, and café lights, paint on roadside. Convert the current storage room into a bathroom. Get books for the library from publishers give away. Reduce the number of bookcases. Garden side to have outside activities. The 3 big ones electrical, bathroom, and garden area. Town Administrator Jones' concern is what the approach will be. The question of fund raising was brought up. Mayor Cole wants to make sure that all the legalities are covered. He said that the town will always fund the library. Previous book sales were paid to the town. Attorney Brad Sears interjected that the town could accept donations. Letters can be issued providing we do not put a cash value on the donation. If a cash donation is made, again, a letter can be issued. Town resident, Polly Garlington suggested Amazon account be set up with book titles that the library wants and people can buy books for the library. Town Administrator Jones has a few concerns with the current library with the eliminate, dispose plan. The librarian is overwhelmed as to what to keep and what to dispose of. Would like further clarity on it. The proposal has very good ideas, but we have to look at the long-term consequences. It was suggested by Council Member Teagle and Good to put stickers on the ones to get rid of.

Old Business:

1. **Surplus Materials** – metals, silt fence concrete, posts, chain link fence – move to tank lot property. Town business owner, Shep Harris, is checking his schedule to help with that move. Question about moving the container that is on the Town Hall

property? Mayor Cole stated that it would tear up concrete and asphalt in doing so. Discussion about painting it and cleaning it would be more purposeful. Town Administrator Jones raised the question of getting rid of the tables and chairs we currently have in the community center. Staff have reached out to other towns, there is no interest. Any recommendations to get rid of the existing tables? We must agree to surplus. Town Attorney Sears suggested setting a value on them. Make a resolution at the next meeting to surplus and set a price to offset the costs of replacement tables and chairs.

2. **Kitchen Upgrade** – Floyd the kitchen pump went out several times. Fitzgerald Plumbing came out to look at the situation and gave recommendations. Cut concrete run pipes, plumbing outside building, or larger pump with a grinder inside. The cost of the pumps is \$3K. We need funding and council approval. Town Administrator Jones will add to the agenda for next meeting.
3. **Millage Rates** – Not a tax increase - it is a full roll back. 1.846 millage rate. All 3 indicated that there was no desire to have a tax increase. Resolution at next meeting for zero percent tax increase will be raised.

Polling of Council: N/A

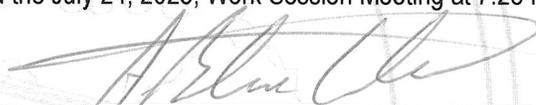
Administrator's Report: N/A

Mayor's Updates: Mayor Cole is focusing on beautification, finishing out the park, and the right of way. Put pine straw on the Agenda for August 7th, 2023.

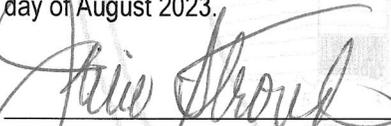
Executive Session: N/A

Adjournment: All discussions being concluded, Mayor Cole adjourned the July 24, 2023, Work Session Meeting at 7:28 P.M.


Julie Stroud, Deputy Town Administrator


Blue Cole, Mayor

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council, in Sharpsburg, Georgia on the 7th day of August 2023.


Julie Stroud, Deputy Town Administrator