

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
A & O Bridges Community Center
105 Main Street, Sharpsburg GA
August 12, 2024

POST AGENDA

6:00PM

Call Council Meeting to Order: Mayor Good called the meeting to order to order at 6:03PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Good led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

Establish Quorum: Mayor Good asked Town Administrator Jones if there was a quorum and he replied in the affirmative with Council Member Teagle being absent. He did, however, join the meeting at 6:16PM.

Presentations: None.

Review/Approval of Minutes:

1. July 1, 2024 Minutes - Council Member Edge moved to approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting on July 1, 2024 as written and Council Member Teagle seconded the motion. All in favor 4/0/1 with Council Member Teagle being absent.

Public Hearing:

1. Consideration and Adoption of 2024 Millage Rates – Mayor Good opened the Public Hearing. Town Administrator Jones explained a full rollback of 1.726 mills. He referred to the cost of trash collection and the five-year history of the Town's Tax Digest information contained in the agenda packet. No comments were made. Council Member Edge moved to approve the 2024 Millage Rate and Council Member Teagle seconded it. All in favor 5/0/0.

New Business:

1. Consideration of request for a Special Use Permit- Sharpsburg Baptist Church – Pastor Wallace voiced his appreciation for everything that the Town has given the. He explained that the event on September 7, 2024 is an outdoor concert with food and kids' activities. They expect about 100-150 people from 5-9PM. Council Member Polly Garlington moved to approve the issue of a Special Use permit and Council Member Edge seconded it. All in favor 5/0/0.
2. Consideration of a Variance Request for a Sign Permit- BP Gas Station at 6592 Highway 54 – Administrator Jones explained there is no change to existing sign in size, it is an addition of a rooftop island. He views it as an improvement. Council Member Pike moved to approve the sign and Council Member Polly Garlington seconded it. All in favor 5/0/0.
3. Consideration of a Human Resources Consultation Agreement with the Georgia Municipal Association – Administrator Jones gave background and reasons. Monies for this service will come from the Town's contingency fund. Council Member Pike moved to approve the agreement with funds coming from the Town's contingency fund and Council Member Teagle seconded it. All in favor 5/0/0.
4. Review and Discussion of Town Budget – Administrator Jones gave an update to the Town's budget. No vote or action taken.

Old Business:

1. Discussion of received quotes for Solar-Powered Signs – Administrator Jones gave a review of Radar Signs Quotes received and a review of the old battery-operated sign. Council Member Teagle said that the old sign did what we needed at the time; he is not interested in that no radar sign will slow people down. As far as he is concerned this is a dead issue. Council Member Garlington said she brought up the subject, but she is not for buying new equipment. The old sign, which is in storage, could be offered for sale to another municipality. No vote or action taken.

Public Comments: April Yarbrough of the DDA gave an update on the Town's Motto contest. She will ask for Historical Concepts to give a presentation to the Council at a future meeting. She gave an update on Christmas Market plans. She invited anyone who would like to attend the DDA's meeting on the 1st Monday of each month at 9AM. She mentioned that a new business in Town, The Modern Woodman of America, which is a fraternal investment company, has expressed interest in our Library. They have books and financial gifts that they donate to local communities and may be able to help our Library.

Polling of Council: None.

Administrator's Report: Allen Nolan will no longer be our videos of our meetings. We reached out to a few videographers for quotes and the lowest we received was \$225/meeting. A suggestion was made to reach out to our local schools and find out if they through one of their programs to have students do it. That will be investigated. Regarding the front doors of the Community Center, we asked for 3 quotes to replace them, none have come back. New computers – VC3 was asked for a quote to replace our existing computers – have not delivered that yet. Arbor Valley, our tenant, has boarded up a bathroom inside the warehouse due to a broken sewer pipe. They are asking to convert the bathroom into a storage room. In the meantime, they have a port-a-potty on the premises. The council advised that the port-a-potty isn't allowed and it must be removed. It can set a precedent among other business owners in the area. Permission was given for Arbor Valley to use our outside bathroom building when needed. Administrator Jones will put things in order with Arbor Valley.

Mayor's Updates: None.

Executive Session: N/A.

Adjournment: With all business being covered, Mayor Good asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Teagle moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Edge seconded it. All in favor. 5/0/0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Julie Stroud, Deputy Town Administrator