

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

A & O Bridges Community Center

105 Main Street, Sharpsburg GA

September 13, 2021

POST AGENDA

6:00PM

Work Session:

Mayor Cole called the Work Session to order at 6:06 P.M. It was noted the Council Members Good and Parten were not at the meeting.

Mayor Cole stated that Ms. Mandy Renova was in attendance to speak about New Business 1, and in respect to her time he asked that New Business 1 be addressed first. No one objected to the request.

1. Occupational Tax Update

Mayor Cole gave an update on occupational tax certificates.

Council did not act on this matter.

2. Downtown Septic Update

Mayor Cole recommended to make the septic plans as shovel ready as possible and then wait until a more opportune time when others are ready. He asked Integrated Science and Engineering to hold off on doing any more work. He said as more businesses are added, then it will generate questions about the use of restrooms in the downtown. Mayor said he was open to ideas on how to address the restrooms issues in downtown.

Council did not act on this matter.

3. Uptown Sewer Discussion

Mayor Cole briefed the Council about the ongoing sewer plans.

The council did not act on this item.

Call Council Meeting to Order

Mayor Cole called the Council meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Cole led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing

There was no Public Hearing.

Establish Quorum

Town Clerk Floyd Jones reported that a quorum of the Council was present. It was noted that Council Members Good and Parten were not present

Review/Approval of Minutes:

Town Clerk Floyd Jones asked a procedural question if the Council wanted to review Executive Session Minutes concurrently with the August 9, 2021, Council Meeting Minutes.

Attorney Sears advised that it was not necessary to review the Executive Session Minutes until the next time the Council needed to hold Executive Session.

Council Meeting Minutes - August 9, 2021

Council Member Teagle moved to approve the August 9, 2021, Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Council Members Good and Parten not present.

Executive Session Minutes- August 9, 2021

Mayor Cole and Council agreed to withhold the review of the August 9, 2021, Executive Session Minutes until a later date when the Council would go into Executive Session. No vote was taken on this matter.

New Business:

1. Discussion concerning GFL services.

Ms. Renova briefed the Council on issues regarding trash and recycling pickup.

It was agreed that the suggested portal would be placed on the town's website. It was noted that it would take several weeks to prepare the portal prior to being available on the website. GLF also agreed to provide an up-to-date calendar providing the dates when pickup for garbage and recycling are.

The Council did not vote on this matter or give direction.

2. Discussion concerning spending authorization.

Mayor Cole stated that he had spent some funds for t-shirts and Atlanta Braves tickets to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Town of Sharpsburg and he asked for the authority to spend no more than \$1,000 for these purposes.

Council Member Teagle moved to authorize the mayor to spend no more than \$1,000 for the purposes described. Council Member Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Council Members Good and Parten not present.

Old Business:

1. Continued discussion concerning Sharpsburg Project- Mainstreet Back Parking Lot

Mayor Cole briefly updated the Council on a subcontractor's cost estimate for the Mainstreet Back Parking Lot. He noted that the estimated cost was \$279,992 which was in the ballpark but higher than his own initial estimate of approximately \$257,000.

Council took no action on this matter.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

Polling of Council

Council Member Tom Teagle: Council Member Teagle stated he was looking into areas around Town Hall property, including the Back Parking Lot, to see how to utilize natural rainwater to water the property as opposed to relying on irrigation. He spoke about the amount of water that can be obtained from a good rainfall and suggested it would be a good alternative to the current and/or future irrigation needs.

Council Member Tom Teagle: After the Mayor's Updates were concluded, Council Member Teagle asked Attorney Sears to come up with proactive solutions on how to conduct investigations into problematic properties. Discussion followed.

Clerks Minutes

No Clerks Minutes were provided.

Mayor's Updates

Sharpsburg 150th Anniversary Update: Mayor Cole briefed Council concerning Sharpsburg's 150th Anniversary.

2022 Budget: Mayor Cole stated that work had begun on the 2022 budget, and he briefed the Council on some items to expect in the forthcoming budget.

Code Enforcement: Mayor Cole stated code enforcement has begun. Signs will not be allowed in the rights-of-way. Letters will be going to residents to enact code enforcement. It was noted that the town needs to clean up. It was also noted that the town needs to focus on what it can fix.

Downtown Parking: Mayor Cole stated that additional parking is needed in downtown. He was not suggesting purchasing property. He had spoken to several property owners in the area- some of whom do not want their property to be considered for overflow parking and others who will take it into consideration. Discussion followed.

Executive Session:

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment:

Council Member Teagle moved to adjourn the September 13, 2021, Town of Sharpsburg Council Meeting. Council Member Puckett-Pike seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn the September 13, 2021 passed 3-0-2 with Council Members Good and Patten not present.

The September 13, 2021, Town of Sharpsburg Council Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, Town Clerk

