

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
A & O Bridges Community Center
105 Main Street, Sharpsburg GA
December 2, 2024

POST AGENDA

6:00PM

Call Council Meeting to Order: At 6:00PM Mayor called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Good led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Establish Quorum: Mayor Good asked Administrator Jones if there was a quorum and he responded in the affirmative.

Presentations: None.

Review/Approval of Minutes:

1. **November 12, 2024, Minutes** – Council reviewed the minutes. Council Member Pike moved to approve as written, and Council Member Garlington seconded the motion. All in favor 5/0/0.

Public Hearing:

1. **First Reading- Fiscal Year 2025 Budget** – The proposed budget was presented by Administrator Jones, noting that this is for a First Reading. No vote was taken at this meeting. This is an opportunity for the public and Council to provide direction on the budget. The second reading of the budget will be held on 1/6/2024, at which time the Council may vote on adopting the budget. Town Administrator Jones highlighted that what is presented is an increase of 2% over the 2024 budget. Salaries, Employer Taxes, Professional Services, Accounting Fees, and Contracted Services, Utilities, Insurance, and Trash Services are some of the increases. Again, he asked Council Members to make an appointment to meet with him to discuss the budget further.

New Business:

1. **Bank OZK- Security Agreement / Custodial Security Agreement** - Bank OZK has asked for a new Security Agreement for our bank account there because the Town is over collateralized. Over their 110% of their requirement. They are asking for a signed agreement which releases the excessive collateral. These agreements were signed in previous years, but current staff have not been authorized to sign said agreements. Staff are requesting authorization to sign said agreements. After a brief clarification by Administrator Jones, Council Member Teagle moved to authorize staff sign said agreements and Council Member Edge seconded the motion. All in favor 5/0/0.
2. **Ratification of Change Order- Concrete by Design** – Administrator Jones called each member seeking authorization of a change order for the replacement flooring in the Community Center. While removing the old floors three layers of old flooring were discovered and not anticipated by or reflected in the original quote. Staff requests that Council ratify its decision to authorize the Change Order with Concrete by Design and to authorize staff to expend an additional \$3,250 from SPLOST 2019 Funds. Council Member Teagle moved to ratify the change order and Council Member Garlington seconded the motion. All in favor 5/0/0.
3. **Consideration of Work Session – January 2025** – A discussion about when to hold a work session was held. It was decided to hold it on January 6th, 2025 prior to the next Council meeting at 4:30 PM in the Community Center. **Old Business:**

Public Comments: John Reidelbach of the Coweta County Commission was in the audience and was introduced by Mayor Good. He dropped by to say hello to everyone.

Polling of Council: Council Member Garlington expressed her happiness with a work session being scheduled. Council Member Teagle announced that the library will be open on December 3rd. The new hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9AM until 2PM. He will be teaching the volunteer staff Hoopla, the new application for the Library. Also, a new, used bookcase will be delivered.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Jones gave some early January 2025 highlights as to goings-on at Town Hall, in particular: the packing up of Town Hall offices for the new flooring installation, new furniture delivery dates. He requested a consensus for four old floor fans and an old chair cart be scrapped - no vote taken but it was agreed that it would be put on a resolution at next month's meeting. Administrator Jones also gave a review on HB518 by his understanding. If the Town wants to take an exemption it would require three public meetings and announce a tax increase, and a vote would be taken in November of 2025. A resolution would then be sent to the Secretary of State of Georgia by March 1, 2025. Bob Reidelbach contributed information and will be sending Administrator Jones materials on the bill. Attorney Sears reminded Council that Qualifications for the 2025 Town Council elections are coming up for Seat #2 currently held by Alex Edge and Seat #4 currently held by Polly Garlington.

Mayor's Updates: Mayor Good will be bringing playground ideas to the January work session. The DDA will hold its 2nd Winter Festival on December 20th, 21st, and 22nd bringing back the very popular ice skating rink, vendors, and food trucks. Council Member Garlington interjected that she thinks a food truck event(s) would be a good idea to bring to Sharpsburg, noting the popularity at the Town of Turin. It sparked interest among Council and the Town Administrator; it will be discussed in January.

Executive Session: None.

Adjournment: With all business covered Mayor Good asked to end the meeting. Council Member Edge moved to end the meeting and Council Member Pike seconded it. All in favor 5/0/0. The meeting adjourned at 6:56PM.

Julie Stroud
Deputy Town Administrator

