

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
A & O Bridges Community Center
105 Main Street, Sharpsburg GA
January 5, 2026

MINUTES

Call Council Meeting to Order:

Mayor Good called the January 5, 2026 Council Meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Establish Quorum:

Town Administrator Jones reported that a full quorum was present for the meeting.

Organizational Meeting:

Certification of Election Results:

1. **Resolution 2026-01: Certification of the Results of the Town of Sharpsburg's Municipal Election held on November 4, 2025.**

Councilmember Edge moved to adopt Resolution 2026-01: Certification of the Results of the Town of Sharpsburg's Municipal Election held on November 4, 2025. Councilmember Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Oaths of Office:

1. **Alex Edge- Council Post 2**
2. **Polly Garlington- Council Post 4**

County Attorney Sears administered the oaths of office to Alex Edge (Council Post 2) and Polly Garlington (Council Post 4).

Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem:

1. **Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem**

Councilmember Garlington moved to appoint Councilmember Edge as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Teagle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations:

There were no presentations on the agenda.

Review / Approval of Minutes:

1. Approval of December 1, 2025 Minutes

Councilmember Garlington moved to approve the December 1, 2025 Minutes. Councilmember Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing:

1. Second Reading / Resolution 2026-02: Adoption of Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

Mayor Good stated that the proposed budgets had been presented and discussed at the December 1, 2025 meeting. She noted this is the first time in known Sharpsburg history that the town was funding two full-time staff members.

Mayor Good opened the floor for public hearing. No one of the public spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposed budgets. Mayor Good closed the public hearing and called for a vote.

Councilmember Garlington moved to adopt Resolution 2026-02, thus adopting the budgets for Fiscal Year 2026. Councilmember Teagle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. Resolution 2026-03: Amendment of Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

Town Administrator Jones stated that the amendment to the budget shows the line items that have been overspent throughout Fiscal Year 2025. He acknowledged that Fiscal Year 2025 had significant, unforeseen expenses. He added that those expenses had been brought to Council and approved as the year progressed. This amendment was not for new expenses but was an acknowledgement of the total extra expenses for the year. He further added that the amendment amount had increased since the time the agenda was published due to a last-minute invoice.

Councilmember Edge moved to adopt Resolution 2026-03 amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. Councilmember Teagle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion concerning Business License Fees

Town Administrator Jones stated that the town is projected to receive a significant amount of funds from the Floating Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST). He said FLOST is designed to offset property taxes, but there had been some discussion about lowering or removing business license fees except for the \$25 administrative charges for business licenses.

County Attorney Sears provided Council with several methods that could be taken that would lower or reduce the fees. It was understood that any method taken would retain the \$25 administrative charges.

Councilmember Edge moved for staff to look into and present options on lowering business license fees, with potential changes to be advertised for adoption, to suspend the collection of business license fees for the current time, and to not charge penalties on late payments until this matter can be further considered. Councilmember Garlington seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion concerning Alcohol License Fees

Town Administrator Jones stated that Sharpsburg Pizza and Pub has paid \$5,000 each year for its 2024 and 2025 business license. These payments add up to \$10,000. In discussion with the owner of Sharpsburg Pizza and Pub in connection with renewing its 2026 alcohol license, there had been discussion about the amount of renewal fee and why it was so expensive.

He researched the matter and found that in 2018, the Council had adopted Ordinance 18-01 lowering the alcohol license fee from \$5,000 to \$2,500. This means that Sharpsburg Pizza and Pub has overpaid \$5,000. However, Sharpsburg Pizza and Pub also owes \$2,500 for its Alcohol License for 2026. He recommended that the town apply \$2,500 of the overpayment to Sharpsburg Pizza and Pub's 2026 Alcohol License and provide a refund in the amount of \$2,500 for the remaining overpayment.

Administrator Jones recommended the alcohol license fee be reconsidered and potentially lowered.

Councilmember Puckett-Pike moved to authorize staff and the attorney to investigate the Alcohol Ordinance for potential revisions, to apply \$2,500 of Sharpsburg Pizza and Pub's overpayment for its 2026 Alcohol License renewal, and to refund Sharpsburg Pizza and Pub \$2,500 for the remainder of its overpayment. Councilmember Teagle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

There were no items of Old Business on the Agenda.

Public Comments:

Town Council congratulated Mr. Walter Sprouse for winning his election for the Mayor of the Town of Turin.

Polling of Council:

Garlington: Councilmember Garlington asked for a Work Session meeting to be held to discuss various town projects. Council agreed to have a town Council meeting on Monday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Administrator's Report:

Comprehensive Plan: Town Administrator Jones stated that the town will need to renew its Comprehensive Plan in 2026. He has spoken with Three Rivers Regional Commission who will be working with the town in this effort. He stated more details will be forthcoming, but he wanted this on the Council's radar.

Package Sales of Alcohol: Town Administrator Jones stated some discussion had be held regarding the package sale of distilled spirits in the Town of Sharpsburg and asked if there was any direction from Town Council on whether to pursue placing this matter as a referendum on the General Election ballot. Discussion followed. Council agreed to consider placing this matter for a referendum in November.

Executive Session: Town Administrator Jones informed Council there was a need for Executive Session for Real Estate, Legal, and Personnel matters.

Mayor's Report:

There was no Mayor's Report given.

Executive Session:

Councilmember Teagle moved to enter Executive Session to discuss Real Estate, Legal, and Personnel matters. Councilmember Edge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council entered Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 7:40 p.m.

Employee Incentive Fund:

Councilmember Edge moved to approve an Employee Incentive Fund and, effective immediately, to pay the Town Administrator \$2,000 and the Community Center Coordinator \$750. Councilmember Garlington seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

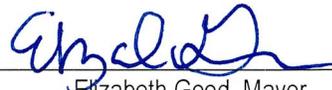
Adjournment:

Councilmember Edge moved to adjourn the January 5, 2026 Town Council meeting. Councilmember Garlington seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The January 5, 2026 Council meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Floyd L. Jones, Town Administrator



Elizabeth Good, Mayor

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council, in Sharpsburg, Georgia, on the 2nd day of February 2026.



Floyd L. Jones, Town Administrator