

**TOWN OF SHARPSBURG
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

March 10, 2008

A regular meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, March 10, 2008, at 6:30pm, in the Town of Sharpsburg at the Bridges Recreation Center.

Present were the following: Derrick McElwaney, Mayor; Keith Rhodes, Council Member; Polly Garlington, Council Member; Connie Turner, Council Member; Gordy Anderson and Donna Camp, Town Clerk.

Mayor McElwaney called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was delivered.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on February 4, 2008 were reviewed and approved.

Dr. Matthew Davis addressed the Mayor and Council about Kids Day America/International. Kids Day is an International Health, Safety, and Environmental Awareness Day that educates local families and communities. Dr. Davis is asking that the Town of Sharpsburg become an official participant by signing a resolution. The date for Kids Day America is May 17, 2008. Dr. Davis asked if several of the Council Members would participate in the events. The location is still being considered and the Town will be notified when a location has been chosen.

Mr. Marty Reardon of Coweta Fire & Safety did not attend the meeting.

Mayor McElwaney presented a resolution to proclaim May 17, 2008 Kids Day America/International. Council Member Garlington motioned, Council Member Turner seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Mayor McElwaney called for a motion to except a bid from Eager Beaver Tree Care to remove an oak tree on Main Street. The amount of the bid is \$1350.00 to remove tree and stump removal. The Mayor and Council are still waiting on additional bids to trim the remaining three trees on Main Street. Council Member Garlington motioned, Council Member Rhodes seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Public Comments -

- Gwen Lyons - Requested that an additional street light be put on Church Street. She stated that a previous Mayor and Council approved the street light and when it was installed it was put in the wrong location. Council Member Anderson motioned to have Georgia Power install a new street light on Church Street. Council Member Turner seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.
- Herb Bridges - Asked that the Mayor and Council reconsider the removing the oak tree on Main Street. Mr. Bridges also distributed a project update list, before the meeting, to Council Members to be addressed at this meeting. Those items will be discussed.

Mayor McElwaney polled the Council for comments -

- Council Member Anderson - No comments.
- Council Member Garlington - The Garden Club hopes to take a vote at their next meeting to decide if they will be returning their meetings to downtown Sharpsburg. They have concerns about the picket fence, flower boxes and their sprinkler system. Council Member Garlington will keep the Council updated.
- Council Member Turner - No comments.
- Council Member Rhodes - No comments.

Clerk's Comments -

- The Livable Centers Initiative program was not awarded to the Town this year by the Atlanta Regional Commission. The town will be able to submit their application again later this year.
- The town's request for a Georgia Recreational Trails Grant was not approved for funding. The grant is offered by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Another funding cycle is to begin in the fall of 2008.
- The equipment to update the tennis courts has been ordered. The windscreens and benches are made to order and will take several weeks to arrive.
- The intersection of Main Street and Terrentine Street will be closed starting March 24, 2008 thru June 30, 2008. The streetscapes project will be under construction during this time.

Mayor's Minutes -

- The construction contracts for the Streetscapes projects have been signed. The pre-construction meeting was held on March 5, 2008. In attendance was: GDOT, USDA, Latimer & Hughes, Jon Benson & Associates and Town representatives.
- The Town's occupational taxes (business licenses) are configured by the Department of Labor's Standard Industrial Classification System. Depending on the classification of the business, that sets the amount of the occupational tax. If anyone needs any further explanations, contact Town Hall or call the Mayor.
- The property on Highway 54 that the Town owns is an interest only loan. The property and its potential uses will be discussed between the Mayor and Council at an upcoming work session.

Mayor McElwaney called for a motion to convene into executive session to discuss potential litigation. Council Member Garlington motioned, Council Member Rhodes seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Council Member Garlington motioned to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting of the Council. Council Member Turner seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Mayor McElwaney called for a motion to accept the terms of the agreement for the beer excise tax with LaGrange Grocery. The details of the agreement can be disclosed when all parties have

signed the agreement. Council Member Rhodes motioned to accept the agreement, Council Member Anderson seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Council Member Anderson motioned to authorize Mayor McElwaney to execute the agreement on behalf of the Town with LaGrange Grocery. Council Member Turner seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

There being no further business coming before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Donna M. Camp
Town Clerk