

**TOWN OF SHARPSBURG
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

September 22, 2008

A work session of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, September 22, 2008, at 12:00pm, at the A&O Bridges Recreation Center.

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

Mayor McElwaney called the session to order at 12:00pm.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

Special Events/Festivals

- ECHS Homecoming parade - The ECHS homecoming committee decided to move the homecoming parade to Senoia.
- Vendors - Per the attorney, Lessee/Renters have the same rights as the property owner, unless the signed lease states otherwise.
- Grand Opening (Resident Open house) - Saturday, November 8th has been set for the resident open house. The time will be 4pm-7pm. The Mayor and Council will be on hand to meet and greet the citizens of Sharpsburg.
- Arts & Crafts Show - Will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2008.
- Handicap Parking at Festivals, Parades - Handicap lines will be added in front of the Library for use during special events. Scott Barrett of Latimer and Hughes has agreed to put the lines in front of the Library.
- Noise Control -
- Street signs/Town Entrance Signs - Everyone was encouraged to look at different signs in their travels to get an idea of what they would like to see in Sharpsburg. The street sign at Main Street and Hwy 54 is the responsibility of GDOT. They will be contacted to replace sign.
- Street cleaning after special events - Prices for parking lot sweeping on a quarterly basis will be obtained and presented at a later date.
- Christmas Activities - Coweta-Fayette EMC will be contacted to see if they will take down the Christmas lights after the holidays. The tree is partially lit from the previous year and new strands of lights will need to be purchased due to vandalism.

Streetscapes Update

- Parallel parking lines - Will be provided by the contractor for the streetscapes.
- Handrails - Have been ordered and shipped. Waiting on arrival.
- Streetlight timers - Should be set to stay on all night. Including the parking lot lights. The light on back of the Library needs to be fixed/replaced.
- Landscaping - Will begin in October. The excess dirt around the tree at the corner of Main/Terrentine Street needs to be removed. Mr. Floyd Smith of Turin Water will be contacted.

- Mr. Bridges was asked if the Town could plant a tree on his lot at the corner of Main/Terrentine Streets, across from Finders Keepers. The Town is offering to put a red maple tree close to the corner on his lot. Mr. Bridges agreed to the offer.
- Intersection Marker - The granite marker with the Town logo will not be installed at the intersection. The price for the marker is \$2800.00. It is feared the marker would be easily damaged by traffic.

Building, Roads, Streets & Sidewalk Maintenance

- Haines Trail - The ditch at Haines Trail needs to be fixed. There will be a request for proposals.
- Stovall Street - The drain at the end of Stovall Street (near the railroad tracts) needs to be unstopped and redesigned. There will be a request for proposals. Mr. Bridges entrance to his lot on Main Street will also be included in the proposals.
- Grass Cutting - There are currently two bids for grass cutting. Happy Day proposed \$400.00 per cut. Yard Pro proposed \$500.00 per cut. The bids will be considered when the budget is discussed.
- Town Hall Office Construction - There are currently three bids for the office construction. Mike Kruse proposed \$10,039.00. Latimer & Hughes proposed \$19,261.00. Hyde Properties proposed \$16,500.00. The decision on the bids will be made after the Streetscapes is closed out.
- Skateboards, Bikes, Etc. - Signs need to be placed around Town to keep skateboarders, bicycles, etc. off the sidewalks and stairs leading to the recreation center.

Code Enforcement/E&S Control

- Level 1B Certification - Per the attorney's advice, current Council Members should not serve as the Code Enforcement/E&S Control. Mr. Floyd Smith currently does the Code Enforcement for the Town of Turin. Mr. Smith will be contacted to see if he would be interested in serving as the Town's Code Enforcement Officer for the interim.

Potential Adoption/Amend Ordinances & Policies

- Special Events Ordinance - No changes at this time. The definition of property owner needs to be added when the ordinance is amended.
- Personnel Policy - There is currently not a personnel policy. This policy will be discussed at a later date.
- Sign Ordinance - The amendment of this ordinance was put on hold by the Town's attorney a couple of years ago due to an ongoing lawsuit. Town Clerk will discuss with attorney to see if we are ready to start discussions on amending the ordinance.
- Low Speed/Alternative Vehicles - A copy of Senoia's ordinance was handed out to all Council Members for their review.
- Charter - A Charter amendment will be a very long process. Copies of the current charter were given to all Council Members and asked to read and make notes, changes of anything they see that needs to be addressed during this process.

Budget Schedule

- Budget timeline - A copy of the Town's Budget Policy was given to all Council Members. The budget will be presented to the Council no later than Dec. 1st. Adopt by Jan. 31st with Public Hearing no later than one week before adoption.

Council Comments

- Keith Rhodes - Likes the newsletter that is being distributed.
- Gordy Anderson - We need audio/visual equipment for meetings. The Town has a projector that is offered when someone is addressing the Mayor and Council.
- Connie Turner - The weeds around the fire hydrant and ditch next to Haines Trail need to be cut.
- Polly Garlington - Council Meetings need to be held on the first Monday of the month regardless of how many items are on the agenda.

Public Comments

- Eric Richards - Mr. Richards would like to see signs posted before every Council Meeting to let the public know when and where the meetings will be.

There being no further business before the Council, the work session was adjourned.

Donna M. Camp
Town Clerk