

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

January 12, 2009

A regular meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, January 12, 2009, at 7:00pm, in the Town of Sharpsburg at the Bridges Recreation Center.

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

Also in attendance were: Gwen Lyons, Eric Olsen, Eric Richards, Cindy Neal and Herb Bridges.

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

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

Mayor McElwaney called for a motion to amend the agenda to add Lt. John LaChance of the Coweta County Sheriff's Department. Council Member Garlington motioned, Council Member Anderson seconded. Motion carried by show of hands, unanimously.

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on December 1, 2008, Worksession held on December 11, 2008 and a Public Hearing on January 5, 2009 were reviewed and approved.

Lt. LaChance spoke to the Mayor and Council about the traffic concerns in downtown Sharpsburg. The Town needs to be put on the State of Georgia's list for approval for the use of speed detection devices. The list is updated every three (3) years. Lt. LaChance will apply for an amendment to include the roads of Sharpsburg to the list. Lt. LaChance will install comprehensive traffic analysis boxes on Main/Terretine Streets to see when the most efficient times will be to provide speed detection devices when added to the State's list. When the results are ready from the speed devices, he will forward to the town. For traffic complaints, the Sheriff Department has a website where you can register traffic complaints. Lt. LaChance will notify the Town of the State's decision on the amendment to their list.

Mayor McElwaney called for a motion to approve a resolution to adopt the 2009 General and SPLOST fund budgets. Public Hearing was held on January 5, 2009. Council Member Rhodes motioned to adopt 2009 budgets as submitted. Council Member Anderson seconded. Council Member Garlington stated some areas of the budget need some adjustments like the Capital Projects and Personnel Services. Council Members Garlington and Turner voted no to the budgets. Mayor McElwaney broke the tie with approval of the budgets.

Mayor McElwaney called for a motion to approve a resolution to establish and adopt the 2009 Property Tax Millage Rate at 2.8 Mils. Council Member Garlington motioned, Council Member Rhodes seconded. Motion carried, unanimously

The Mayor and Council discussed the property on Highway 54 that was purchased for the reason of placing a water tank when the Pathway Development was being considered. A letter will be sought from the Town's attorney on the validity of the purchase of the property without a bond referendum.

Two Council positions are up for election on November 2, 2009. Qualifying fees must be set and published before February 1st. Council Member Garlington motioned to set qualifying fees for both positions at \$25.00 each. Council Member Turner seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Public Comments

Eric Richards - Asked the Mayor and Council to give updates on the budget during the year.

Polling of the Council

- Gordy Anderson - Having been a victim of tough economic times, can't take any money from anybody at this time. Accept proposed budget as it stands.
- Connie Turner - n/a
- Polly Garlington -
 - GDOT came and looked at the hole on Hwy 54 and said they would be back to fix it and replace the street sign that was taken down during the construction of the intersection of 54/154.
- Keith Rhodes - Don't understand the controversy over salary. Need a good reason for cutting salary like performance issues. Known what it is like to have salary cut.

Clerk's Comments - n/a

Mayor's Minutes -

- Mayor apologized for being late to the meeting.
- If and when there are any complaints in Town, please call the office so they can be handled immediately.
- The new town hall office is now open.
- Will be meeting with the new Mayor of Turin Alan Starr in the near future.

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

Donna M. Camp
Town Clerk