

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

December 2, 2019

A regular meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, December 2, 2019, at 6:00 pm at the A & O Bridges Community Center.

Present were the following members: Mayor Blue Cole, Council Member Tom Teagle, Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike, Council Member Stan Parten and Town Clerk Deannia Roberson. Absent were the following members: Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good.

The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the November 4, 2019 Council Meeting were reviewed. Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4th Council Meeting as written. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole introduced Julie Crudo-Stroud to everyone. She is our newest part time employee. She will be working twelve hours a week as Deputy Clerk to help Deannia out with various projects, answering phones and clerical duties. She lives in Senoia, is a member of the Sharpsburg Piecemakers quilters and has been volunteering for a few weeks in the office. She brings with her 30 years of corporate experience and is very excited in being here. Everyone welcomed Julie.

Mayor Cole discussed having visitors and wanted to hear the public comments prior to going straight into new business. He welcomed Ms. Shelby Garlington to approach council. Shelby is a member of the Poplar Road Elementary Road Junior Beta club and is required to volunteer service hours to a civic organization and asked if she could volunteer at the library. Shelby stated that she could write very well and could put labels in the children books as well as other duties. Council Member Tom Teagle made a motion to allow Shelby Garlington to volunteer at the Library. Council Member Cynthia Puckett Pike seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole introduced Michael McPherson, Lobbyist for GMA. Mr. McPherson thanked the Mayor and Council for their service and everything they do. He stated that the legislative session is about to start in mid-January and their lobbying efforts start with elected officials. Mr. McPherson is here visiting his first City to invite everyone to the Capital during the legislative session. We need to show our new Representative our faces, voice our concerns for small towns, just to maintain a relationship. They will be covering items like short term rental regulations, residential building design standards, local maintenance improvement grants and the regulations for e-scooters and the use of right of ways. They will also be discussing cyber security and interest groups like the Chamber and Realtors. He also reminded everyone that parking is free at GMA.

Mayor Cole stated that the next item on the agenda was about the instructors at the Community Center. Deannia and I have met with Rachel Ferguson, dance instructor and Kay Stanley, art instructor about next years rates increasing, sign in sheets to be used so we can track the number of people we have coming thru the community Center for grant requests and getting payments on a regular basis. Some pay monthly, others pay quarterly. The Mayor stated that the instructors haven't had an increase in fifteen years or so and with costs of operating the center has gone up over the years. Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Stanley couldn't make the meeting but Sam Conner, owner of Newnan CPR attended and spoke. Mr. Conner said he has only been here about four and a half years and thanked everyone for the opportunity. He truly enjoys being here at the Town of Sharpsburg and has classes every other Friday. His classes are very small classes and asked that Council reconsider a rate increase. Council Member Tom Teagle requested Town Clerk to calculate costs and get an average cost per day to see if we could recover some of the rising costs. No action taken.

New Business -

Mayor Cole asked for a motion to amend the agenda so he could discuss the Building and Construction Code ordinance. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike made a motion to amend the agenda. Council Member Stan Parten seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole discussed the Building and Construction Code Ordinance. He stated for us to be able to apply for a GEFA loan next year for sewer, our ordinance has to be revised and adopted with two readings to add "and to adopt O.C.G.A. §8-2-3 Requirements for toilets, showerheads, faucets and other high efficiency plumbing fixtures;". Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to approve the first reading to amending the Building and Construction Code Ordinance as presented. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. Council member Tom Teagle opposed. Motion carried with a vote of 3 - 1.

Mayor Cole discussed Serenbe Playhouse - Sharpsburg production plans. Mayor Cole has met with the production crew about coming in the Town of Sharpsburg with The Jungle Book. They are celebrating their 10th year of plays musicals and other theater productions. We could have two shows on April 4th and April 5th of 2020. They would partner with East Coweta High School Drama Club and has agreed to take a portion of their production fee and donate it to ECHS. The tickets that sell will go toward the production costs and we'll split any ticket sales beyond the production fee of \$2500. They have their own sound system and he has asked the church in assisting in serving refreshments. Mayor Cole wants to get started with marketing and promotion of the show. We could use SPLOST monies to pay for them coming in and sales would be split after that. After discussion with the Public and Council, Council member Stan Parten made a motion to approve payment not to exceed \$2500 to Serenbe Playhouse for next year's showing of The Jungle Book. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole discussed the sign and logo votes he received on Facebook as well as Town Hall. Two pictures are attached to the Council packet that the public voted on and would like to use these for new entrance signs next spring. No action was taken.

Mayor Cole asked the Town Clerk to discuss the quotes for cleaning the floors in the community Center. Town Clerk, Deannia Roberson stated that they have received three quotes for cleaning the Community Center floors which are as follows:

Matthews Cleaning Service quoted \$695.00

Jones Carpet Cleaning quoted \$987.00

Peachtree Carpet Cleaners quoted \$1,225.00

After review and discussion, Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to award the job to Jones Carpet Cleaning in the amount of \$987.00. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole and Council discussed the sign variance request for Corbin's Corner. Chip Garner with NZI Services presented a picture with measurements on an existing sign and the proposed new sign. He is asking for a variance at 6594 GA Hwy 54. After brief discussion, Council asked the Town Clerk to get with Safebuilt on the proposed drawing. No action taken.

Old Business -

Mayor Cole and Council discussed the 2019 end of year budget. Town Clerk, Deannia Roberson stated that she presented a report with an estimated end of year figure. She would receive 118% of the budget and expenditures would be estimated around 91% for the year. She also stated that in January 2020 Council will need to amend the budget as needed. No action taken.

Mayor Cole and Council discussed the traffic study options. Town Clerk, Deannia Roberson presented a report itemizing all speed humps, speed cushions and speed tables. After this being on the agenda since August of 2019, Council Members are ready to make a decision. Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to award the job to the Parking Place with the speed tables for \$20,925.00 as presented. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Mayor Cole also asked for a motion to approve 50% of the purchase price more for signage and installation of the speed tables to be approximately \$10,000.00 total. Council Member Tom Teagle made a motion to approve paying another \$10,000.00 for installation and signage for the speed tables making the total job approximately \$30,000.00. Council Member Stan Parten seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Polling of the Council -

- o Cynthia Puckett - N/A
- o Elizabeth Good - N/A
- o Stan Parten - N/A
- o Tom Teagle - Tom discussed the Department of Juvenile Justice being here on Saturday to clean out the container. The Clerk asked if they would put all the old Christmas decorations in the gazebo.

Clerks Comments -

Town Clerk Deannia Roberson discussed with Council that the Sharpsburg Piecemakers Quilters has donated \$200 for Christmas ornaments. She also advised everyone that she and Deputy Clerk, Julie Crudo-Stroud has sent out thirty 2020 Occupational Tax packets as well as three 2020 alcohol Licenses packages and has received all the alcohol licensing fees and applications. The occupational taxes will be due February 18, 2020.

Mayor's Minutes -

Mayor Blue Cole told everyone that his wife Missy was collecting jackets for the homeless. Coweta residents will be served first. She will be putting a box at the library and Town Hall for donations. Mayor Cole stated that the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and Three Rivers Regional Committee will be hosting a water and sewer financing workshop December 16, 2019 from 9 am to noon at the UGA Coweta County Cooperative Extension Conference Room located at 255 Pine Road in Newnan. He wants Town offices to be closed so everyone can attend. Mayor Cole discussed the public input session meetings he has set dates for. These will be meetings where the public will come in and tell us what they want as far as classes, sports teams and public amenities. The meetings have been scheduled for January 10, 2020, prior to the February council meeting and on April 14, 2020.

Mayor Cole asked for a motion from the floor to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike made a motion to approve to enter executive session. Council Member Stan Parten seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole asked for motion from the floor to approve Town Clerk's 2020 health insurance. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike made a motion to approve health insurance for The Town Clerk for 2020 as presented. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There being no further business coming before the Council, Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to adjourn, Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.



Deannia L. Roberson, Town Clerk

