

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

July 1, 2019

A regular meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, July 1, 2019, at 6:00 pm, at the Sharpsburg Recreation Center.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the June 3, 2019 Council Meeting were reviewed. Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The minutes of the June 12, 2019 Called Council Meeting were reviewed. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good seconded the motion. Council Member Stan Parten abstained from the motion. Motion carried by majority vote.

Mayor Cole discussed the contract with Coweta Monument. Michael and Karen Lassiter explained the A & O Bridges Recreation Center plaque, the Staley Park Memorial and the Mickey's Corner Memorial. After review and discussion of all documentation and dates, Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good made a motion to purchase the plaques and memorials as presented. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole asked Council Member Tom Teagle to discuss the next item on the agenda. Council Member Teagle stated that he attended the Census 2020 workshop in June put on by Three Rivers. Speakers included various officials from the Census Bureau out of Atlanta. They stressed the importance of getting a complete as tally as possible and generating enthusiasm for the Census. They want committees formed that would help identify issues in the community that might dampen participation in the Census. They show concern in the elderly, migrants, millennials and the children that were undercounted in 2010 by 1 million. Council Member Teagle stated that the Census Bureau is mandated by the US Constitution to get a count of all people residing in the US and territories every ten years. This number is used to divide the 435 Congressmen by State and used as a basis for much of the \$4 Trillion in federal funding, each person equates to \$1,300. The Census Bureau wants to send out mailers and get computer responses. Council Member Teagle suggested a computer in Town Hall or the Library to help people with this process. Mayor Cole suggested a community event. No action taken.

Mayor Cole discussed the Resolution to adopt the second reading for the new building permit fee schedule. After discussion and review, Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to

approve the Resolution to adopt the second reading for the new building permit fee schedule. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comments –

Polly Garlington suggested a plaque for Mr. Alvin Arrowwood. He was also a Mayor that was very active.

Karen Lassister suggested the fence in the playground to be repaired. The dirt is washing out from beneath going into the ditch.

Jeff & Sherri Woods, owners of The Frigid Frog and The Toasty Toad approached Council to get their ideas on a drive thru coffee shop. She explained how their business has grown and the property owner where their shop is located now is ok with the idea. There is some work to be done. They are looking at a portable building in case the land is sold, and they must provide a septic tank, which she doesn't own the land, so they wanted to meet with Council to get their feedback. They have discussed this with SafeBuilt having a drive thru only coffee shop. Monday thru Friday from 6:30 am to 10:30 am in the morning only. The Frigid Frog would continue to be a seasonal business which they wouldn't serve both products at the same time. They have also discussed this with the Town Engineer, Brennan Jones and there are a lot of ordinances to be followed. After discussion, Mayor Cole advised the Woods to bring back more detailed drawings and Council Member Tom Teagle wants to see schematic on the traffic flow.

Ansley Cole stated that she met an event planner here at the Recreation Center and she was very impressed with the facility and stated how important parking is for events.

Clerks Comments –

Town Clerk Deannia Roberson shared the number of phone calls received in May of 2019 were 751 and the number of phone calls received in June of 2019 were 604.

Polling of the Council –

- Tom Teagle –suggested the Town needs a part time maintenance man. The fence, gazebo, brick wall, storage room and a lot more things around Town Hall that need attention. He also discussed how he would like to see the back-parking lot get utilized by increasing the number of parking, walking trail, half court, hopscotch, water splash pad and to enlarge the playground.
- Cynthia Puckett Pike – shared a concern from a coworker that utilizes the playground wanting to have access to the outside restrooms, they are always locked. After discussion of recent vandalism and other towns being closed after hours, Mayor Cole stated he will look to see what can be done and told everyone that we had a request for the outside water fountains to be turned on and he found out they had never been hooked up.
- Stan Parten – N/A
- Elizabeth Good – N/A

Mayor's Minutes –

Mayor Cole advised everyone that Norfolk Southern Railroad will be repairing the culvert at Church Street on July 10th.

July 13th will be a Community Clean-up Day and he has scheduled some Church Congregations, and the Boy Scouts to help with the clean-up at the Corner of Hwy 154 and Terrentine Road. Waste Industries will be donating a dumpster.

Mayor Cole met E-Waste electronics recycling company at the GMA conference in Savannah last week and wants to have an electronic recycling event in the fall.

The speed tables/humps/cushions were discussed, and Mayor Cole will be getting a rough design before next council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good showed some concern about the speed tables; allowing county emergency vehicles and big trucks being able to bypass them at high rates of speed.

Mayor Cole discussed having received several resumes for the Library position. The position is a 12 hour a week at \$12 an hour position.

Mayor Cole announced that the Town of Sharpsburg is 148 years old and we have a new Instagram account. His daughters, Ansley and Isabelle Cole will be helping with posts on Instagram.

Mayor Cole is working on the street sign order.

He also discussed the new pictures we have received from Casey Green Photography, a professional photographer. These photos are on Facebook and will be on the website soon. He has also registered Town Hall, A & O Bridges Recreation Center and Staley Park to Google maps. The playground had some damage from some bigger kids; the slide was laying on the ground Monday. Council member Tom Teagle repaired the slide. Thought it was vandalism at first.

The Mayor also discussed adding Mayor and Council compensation; whether it be compensation, adding money to retirement, options need to be looked at.

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


Deannia L. Roberson, Town Clerk

