

**TOWN OF SHARPSBURG
MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY-CALLED
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

March 27, 2020

An Emergency-Called Town Council Meeting was held Friday, March 27, 2020, at 8:00 pm, at Sharpsburg Town Hall via teleconference to discuss the Pandemic COVID-19 virus. Mayor Blue Cole was at Town Hall along with business owners, Tony Brown, Justin Key and Eddie Looney with Crossfit Coweta. The following Council Members called in:

Present on the teleconference call were the following members: Mayor Blue Cole, Tom Teagle, Council Member; Elizabeth Good, Mayor Pro Tem; Stan Parten, Council Member; Brad Sears, Town Attorney; Deannia Roberson, Town Clerk; Julie Stroud, Deputy Town Clerk.

Absent: Cynthia Puckett-Pike, Council Member; Brandy Phelps, Librarian.

The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

Mayor Cole discussed the Emergency Called Meeting and explained it is essential for the governing authority of the Town of Sharpsburg to act immediately in order to minimize the spread of COVID-19 virus resulting from the public health crisis. Mayor Cole read the ordinance to the Council Members and to the public. He pointed out in Section 2, the Mayor and Town Council hereby declare a public health state of emergency within the Town because of the proliferation of COVID-19 in the United States and the State of Georgia.

In Section 3, Mayor Cole discussed all public and private gatherings of more than ten (10) people occurring outside of a household or living unit are prohibited.

In Section 4, Mayor Cole stated that restaurants and other eating and dining establishments where food is served must cease offering dine-in services but may continue preparing and offering food to customers via delivery, drive-through or take-out services. Patrons, employees and contractors of the establishments must maintain at least six (6) feet of personal distance between themselves as much as possible given the physical constraints of the premises. If a restaurant is licensed to sell beer and wine for on-premises consumption, such restaurant, during the effective days of this ordinance, shall be authorized to sell unopened bottles or cans of beer or wine for take-out consumption off-premises.

Section 5 states that social clubs, amusement facilities, bowling alleys, pool halls, theaters, massage parlors, nail salons, and other similar facilities used for entertainment, social, grooming, or general health and wellbeing purposes, must close and remain closed for the duration of this emergency. Indoor recreational facilities in the Town including gyms, physical fitness centers and dance studios, shall be closed for the term of this executive order except where not more than ten (10) persons are present at any one time and can maintain at least six (6) feet of personal distance between themselves and others and also must implement procedures to provide the recommended personal distance at concentrated locations such as check-out registers, customer service desks and break rooms.

Section 6 states that all establishments not covered in these sections which remain open during the emergency must post signage on entrance doors informing customers to maintain at least six (6) feet of personal distance between themselves and others and shall not allow more than ten (10) people into such establishment at any one time if such social distancing cannot be maintained.

Mayor Cole discussed in Section 7 that the governing body of the Town request that all persons within the Town consider voluntarily sheltering at home and not leave their homes, except when a person is on an errand due to an emergency or procuring an essential service; when a person is traveling home from lawful employment; when a person is procuring essential food, medicine or medical care and for personal or family activities such as walking, jogging or cycling.

Council Member Tom Teagle asked about Section 10 and Attorney Brad Sears said that section can be removed; it was inadvertently left in from preparing the City of Newnan's emergency ordinance.

Mayor Cole stated this Ordinance shall be effective beginning at 8:00 am on Saturday, March 28, 2020 and ending at 12:00 (midnight) Wednesday, April 8, 2020.

Council Member Tom Teagle made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented but striking out Section 10. Council Member Stan Parten seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole asked for final comments from Council, business owners and residents. No one had any questions or comments. Copy of the ordinance attached.

There being no further business coming before the Council, Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem, Elizabeth Good seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.



Deannia L. Roberson, Town Clerk